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COCKS, 8/6 upwards; hens, 5/6 upwards; winning strains, numerous letters of appreciation; stamp: Halhead, 18, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley. (168)

MONSTER yellow Norwich cock, with very large buff hen, breeders warranted, 17/6: Philip Vincent, 11, Prospect-place, Aylesbury, Bucks. (170)

GIVING up. Bargains. Big yellow cock, 10/-; unflighted ditto, 8/6; two unflighted buff hens for 7/6: Salter, 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby. (168)

NORWICH and Yorkshires, including recent winners under Messrs. Norman and Gardner, from 10/6: Saunders, 117, Boyson-rd., Waltham. (169)

McKAY, 73, Grace-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, single pairs, state requirements; stamp; approval. (140)

A REAL bargain, two grand yellow cocks, 7/- each; one yellow hen, one buff hen, 5/- each, or 22/6 the lot: Taylor, 105, Parliament-st., Burnley. (174)

SEVERAL fine young Norwich hens, strong and healthy, 2/6 each; yellows, 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterloo-st., Hove. (177)

WILLIAM PHIPPS, for splendid, typical, massive Norwich, winner over 100 prizes, also cups; approval: cold: 16, Millplat-ave., Isleworth. (111)

HURGESS, Eastover, Bridgewater, old exhibitor, offers large prize-bred Norwich, pairs 15/-, buff cocks 10/-, hens 5/6; approval; exchange new suit. (172)

SYMONS BROS., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, can spare some of the largest Norwich in the Fancy, from 10/- upwards; seen any time; approval. (168)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, for cash; same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (172)

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (11)

A FEW good Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, single or pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- pair; approval; deposit: W. Harris, 120, Smeinton-rd., Nottingham. (179)

FEW smart typical birds; cocks from 10/6, pairs 15/- upwards; perfect health and plumage; approval: Keynes, Kingston St. Michael, Chippenham. (171)

GRAND pair large yellow variegated cock and clear buff hen, 30/-; clear yellow 1915 cock and buff hen, 30/-: McNaughton, Dumfries, Larbert. (172)

FOR sale, a large stock of Norwich, all bred from prize stock, a few special good buff hens, reasonable; approval: Wm. Jeffrey, 73, River-ak, Brechin. (182)

G. DOWELL, breeder of high-class Norwich, has few grand birds for sale, cocks from 10/6; hens from 5/-; approval, deposit: Spread Eagle, Langport, late Yeo-vil. (179)

FOR sale, Norwich marked buff cock, clear yellow hen, also variegated hen; all unflighted: the lot 19/6: Henry Darby, Albert-st., Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. (164)

FEW pairs of Crests, buffs, reasonable; odd cocks; no odd hens; approval, stamp: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (160)

THREE Crests and four Crestbreds, good stock birds, from 10/-; approval; state wants: Adams, 24, Willey's-avenue, Exeter. (167)

LARGE heavy Crest cock and Crestbred hen, 14/-; three Crestbred hens, 3/6 each; approval, deposit:—Combin, Outfitter, Portland. (182)

UNFLIGHTED green Crest cock, champion strain, beautiful bird, heavily feathered, 21/-: Snow, 37, Wellington-rd., Bournemouth. (167)

LARGE clear 1914 Crest-hred cock, good head feather, £2, or exchange for Crested hen: C. F. Dart, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple. (170)

SKYLARK, singing day and gaslight; exchange for Crest cock or Crestbred hen; sell 7/6: Wright, Tyne-st., Newcastle-upon-Tyne. (179)

SYMONS BROS., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, have a grand selection of Crests and Crestbreds for sale; seen any time; approval. (168)

WANTED 2 yellow Crestbred hens, unflighted; must be large birds: George Chadwick, 83, Ham-Carron-rd., Larbet, Strilingshire. (181)

STOCK Green Crested cock, variegated Crest-bred hen, Green Crest-bred cock, clear body Crested hen: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (170)

MATCHED pairs from 50/-; Crest cocks from 41/-; Crestbred cock, 15/-; stamp reply: Angus McDougall, Carron-rd., Larbet, Strilingshire. (181)

CRESTS and Crestbred cocks from 12/6, pairs from 25/-, bred from prize stock; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (58)

NOTICE: Grand lot Crests and Crestbreds, several winners, reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKaand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (89)

SPECIAL, good Crested cock, 3rd Norwich Alliance, 25/-; grand Crest-bred hen ditto, 20/-; pair, 40/-; approval: Garner, 32, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (170)

GREEN Crested cock, 1014, 20/-; few pairs, 25/-, 30/- upwards, worth double; bred from high-class birds: Keynes, Kingston St. Michael, Chippenham. (171)

ABOUT 40 Crests and Crestbred, each from 7/6, pairs from 15/-; healthy birds, bred from prize stock; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-aven., Forest Gate, Essex. (104)

CRESTBREDs. Good birds, also Norwich and Norwich-Roller cross; all coldroom bred, 1915; particulars to: Joseph Bulson, Hilperton, Trowbridge, Wilts. (182)

LARGE cinnamon Crested hen, 10/-; large dark Crest, wing-marked hen, 6/6; good green Crested cock, 8/6: A. J. Underwood, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (173)

FOR sale, 2 pairs splendid Crests, bred from prize stock; also Yorkshire cock, and two double breeding cages complete: Owen, Newbury-st., Whitechurch, Hants. (165)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, 35 years breeder of the best, many winners sold; some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (17)

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CREST cocks, grand stock birds, bred from and related to winners, 15/-, 20/-, and 25/- each; Crest hens, 15/-; approval: Worrell, "Ravenswood," St. James's-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (153)

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EVINS BROS. offer yellow Crest cock, 70/-; yellow C-B. cock, 1915, 20/-; buff Crest cock, 30/-; ditto, 20/-; another, 10/-; buff C-B. cock, 15/-; approval; no others for sale: 259, High-st., Exeter. (173)

DARK Crested Norwich cocks, 1915 birds, 10/6, 12/6, hens 8/6; also Norwich plainheads, cocks 7/6, hens 4/6; typical Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; approval: A. Thompson, 197, Bradford-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (174)

GRAND pair Green C-B. cock and Grey Crest hen, 1915, full sister to my Glasgow winners, 70/-; buff cock and even marked dark Crest hen, winner of many prizes, 70/-: McNaughton, Dumfries, Larbert. (179)

LARGE unflighted wing-marked dark Crested cock, 35/-; unflighted lightly marked Crested cock, 22/6; ditto lightly marked, 10/6; ditto nearly green, 12/6; approval: Mr. Hayling, 5, Moorend-terr., Cheltenham. (179)

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CLEAR body yellow, dark Crest hen, 40/-; variegated, 40/-; clear body buff cock, 50/-; variegated from 30/-; Crest-bred hens, yellow and Buff, from 20/-; variegated cock yellow, 50/-; approval, deposit: J. Carlton, 253, Dereham-rd., Norwich. (177)

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TWO yellow cocks, 12/6 each; two buff, 10/6 each; two buff hens, 5/- each; one buff, 8/6; one yellow, 6/-; stamp reply: W. Connolly, 128, Henderson-st., Kinning Park, Glasgow. (173)

FEW smart stock Norwich buff yell. cocks, 10/- to 20/- each; hens, 6/- to 10/- each, no higher prices; approval with pleasure: James Barnes, 30, Factory-row, Whalley, near Blackburn. (178)

BIG marked wing yellow cock, 1914, 15/-; good stock; 2 yellow, 2 buff unflighted hens, 4/6 each, 15/- the four; colour fed; stamp; approval: E. Blaney, 19, Oliver-st., Mexboro. (179)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Norwich, offers exceptional bargains; many winners; all large; inspection invited; letters only. (59)

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HANDSOME rich yellow and variegated young Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each; every bird guaranteed: Harris, 55, Beak-st., London, W. (178)

CINNAMON Norwich for sale, 3 buff cocks, 1 buff, 1 yellow hen, unflighted, prize bred, cold room; no reasonable offer will be refused; on approval: 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Docks, Durham. (181)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 25 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colburn-st., Nottingham. (182)

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HOLDEN'S noted Norwich, for disposal, good birds at reasonable prices, yellow and buff cocks and hens, winner at all the principal shows in the North, N.X. points trophy for 1915: 59, Hartington-st., Gateshead. (175)

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UNFLIGHTED buff cocks, see reports at Newcastle, Blaydon, Haltwhistle, Darlington, etc., from £1 to £2, a few pairs 30/-; unflighted Crest and Crested, 1/-; approval: W. Smalles, Radcliffe, Acklington. (182)

SEVERAL unflighted Norwich for sale, yellow cocks, buff variegated cocks and hens, buff hens, no yellow hens, winning strain; approval, deposit; stamp for reply: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (179)

FEW pairs of Norwich for sale at 7/6 per pair, all last year's birds; also some grand marked cocks on full song at 6/- each; Miss L. Parkinson, Black Brook, Reservoir, Shephard, near Loughborough, Leicestershire. (183)

NORWICH, unflighted, 5 buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-; marked buff hen, 7/6; two clear yellow hens, 15/-, 7/6; all have book cards but three; approval, cash or deposit: Smith, 208, Bechtown-road, Halifax, Yorkshire. (169)

RELATED to cup winners, 2 large 1914 buff cocks, vigorous birds and good stock getters, 41 each; unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; few songsters and small hens cheap; approval: stamp reply: Gears, 73, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield. (157)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has several winning Norwich for disposal, including the Scotch National winning buff cock, now in excellent form; several fine variegated buff hens bred from him, rare type and colour produce; approval. (182)

CHAMPION Norwich, few d. cent. size birds, good heads and necks, buff and yellows, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; pairs, 12/6, 15/6, 20/- upwards; six days' approval, cash or deposit: Editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (183)

EVERY bird on approval: bred from my winners at Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford, Scotch National, and all leading shows; cocks, big heads, grand type, size, quality, from 10/-; hens ditto; pairs from 15/-; Rev. Name, 96, Victoria-rd., Dundee. See Cinammon. (172)

SEVERAL large, buff, unflighted Norwich cocks from 7/6 to 10/6; extra large hens, 5/- to 7/6 each; bred same as prize winners, Leicester, Coventry, Birmingham, Doncaster, etc., 1914; approval: deposit: J. Foxon, Boot Dealer, Hinkley, Leicestershire. (170)

SPECIAL—22/- offered for large colour-fed buff hens; 27/6 per doz. for ditto yellow hens; 72/- per doz. for large colour-fed cocks; or exchange good British, or bicycle, suit girl age 9, sell 45/-, equal to new; approval: Morgan, 33, City-rd., Cardiff. (170)

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Grand unflighted yellow Norwich cock, a beauty, 12/6; lovely buff hen to match, 7/6, 19/- the pair; a bargain, beautiful unflighted buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; state wants; inspection invited; approval, cash or deposit: Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds. (174)

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HIGH-CLASS Glucke, Randall and Walton; hens, 3/6; approval: Lloyd, 140, Gresty-rd., Crewe. (495)

GRAND singing cocks, 6/-, hens 2/6; must clear: Seymour, 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (182)

SINGING Canary, in new wire cage, 5/6; bird alone worth money: 167, Broadway, Bexley Heath, Kent. (180)

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, 10/6 and 12/6; hens, 2/6; cold-room bred: J. Cavis, 17, Roman-rd., Preston. (180)

NOTICE. Grand lot Rollers, cocks 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McEneaney, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (160)

GRAND cocks, singing night and day, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (173)

HIGH-CLASS, British Rollers, -tout in song; inspection invited: Stapleton Bros., 123, East-st., Waltham. (174)

ONE buff and three green Rollers, three green Norwich, 1915, 25/-; Mr. Shanks, 37, Church-st., St. Albans. (176)

GRAND dark Rollers, in full song; best strains: 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; John Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge. (157)

GLUCKE Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, splendid value, at 12/6 cocks, 3/6 hens: Hys. Layland, 94, Holloway-head, Birmingham. (177)

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TWO Roller hens, Randall's, 5/6 or 3/- each; schoolmaster, 15/-; approval: E. Ellis, Canbury Park, Kingston, Surrey. (168)

ROLLERS, Randall's strain; cocks from 15/-; hens, 10/-; member B.R.C.C.: N. Clouting, 27, Somers-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W. (182)

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SALE or exchange, 9 cock Linnets and Goldfinch Mules for H.M. Goldfinches or Siskins: **N. Finlayson, 6, Irwell-terr., Salford.** (174)
LIGHT muling Canary, buff, 12/6; I have bred many light Mules from same strain: **John Hector, 11, Polmuir-rd., Aberdeen.** (180)
FINE large dark Linnet Mule, nice yellow, £1, bargain; approval: **Robert Murray, 145, Common Row, by Auchinleck, Ayrshire.** (182)
SALE: (white) cock Goldfinch Mule, 1915, on song, 12/6, a beauty; week's approval: **Carter, 110, Shaftesbury-st., Newport, Mon.** (177)
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LARGE yellow or buff Norwich hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, or will exchange for cock Mules; approval: **G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.** (157)
LARGE Linnet Mule, cock, 7/6, or exchange for Roller hens or Foreigners; no rubbish wanted: **Mahony, 3a, Fountain Buildings, Bath.** (151)
1915 COCK Goldfinch, yellow Mule, pure wild note, smart catchers, bargain, 12/6; warranted healthy: **Lambert, Bawdeswell, Dereham, Norfolk.** (175)
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WANTED, big yellow var. Norwich hen, exchange big yellow Sib. or cinnamon hen; approval: Williamson, Devonshire, Fairfield, Buxton. (161)

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WANTED, for prompt cash, any quantity Bullfinches, Siskins, small Softbills, and other birds: Aviaries, 614, Fulham-rd., London. (155)

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WISHAW.

Annual New Year show, in Watson's Hall, Young Street, Jan. 1. The hall is a very suitable place for the purpose, being well lighted, free from draughts, and kept at a fine temperature. Birds were neatly staged all round the four sides, with a tier up the centre, leaving plenty of space for visitors, who turned out well. The management was all that could be wished, working like niggers, bringing up birds from the station, staging them, and giving them all possible care and attention. Entries were left open till the morning of show, and with a strong, experienced committee everything was in good order, and judging started in fine time. Entries came up fairly well despite the counter attractions in Glasgow, Paisley and Edinburgh. The management refrained from collecting specials at this, the time of economy; however, fully 400 birds were entered, which was considered very satisfactory. Borders came up strong, equalling last year's entry, and quality was of a high class, many past winners putting in an appearance. The patronage of the B.F.C.C. was granted both to champion and novice, which helped to swell the entry. British were down from last year, still there were some grand exhibits put down. The Goldfinch class was a strong one, very little separating the first seven birds. Light Mule and Hybrid class was a fine one, and contained a very nice Albino Cinnamon Chaffinch which a few well-known fanciers were keen on purchasing. The class also included the supposed Yellowhammer-Canary, and there still seems to be a doubt about it, and another Clear Mule which we make a Border Fancy Canary. However, the above three were cardless. Norwich were rather disappointing this year; still there were some typical birds in the cards. Yorkshires were few, but good. The officials all did their part well. Secretary Jas. Watson was kept busy taking entries, and had all arrangements made beforehand. He was assisted by Mr. Andrew Rae, and they were ably supported by Pres. Wm. Cringles; Vice-pres. Robt. Gemmell, and a strong committee of well-known fanciers in Messrs. D. McPhee, R. Richmond, A. Allerdice, junr., D. McAllister, J. Nimmo, T. Dickson, Jas. Sheen, D. Morrison, H. Sheen, John Wilson, John Cringles, and Wm. Reid. The judges were: Borders, Mr. John Calderwood; Norwich, Mr. Edward Barron; British and Foreign, Mr. James Gentleman.

BORD. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Agnew, capital col. and qual., fine round head and body, nicely filled in at neck, good wing and carr., pipe tail, splendid cond.; 2, Spott, lovely qual. and col., well-braced flights, tight as a drum, nice style and cond., wee bit flat on back; 3, D. Watson, rare short tight feather of best qual., nice col., fine round one, shade thin at neck; 4, Millar; 5, Nairn; 6, W. Watson. **HEN**: 1, sp. Nairn, wee beauty, fine gentle carr., rare feather of lovely qual., nice round head and body, best of wing carr., col. and cond.; 2, Sandilands, behind qual. only, fine head and body, beautifully moulded, nice carr., col. and cond.; 3, Darroch, sweet, clean and tidy, good style, qual., col. and cond., shade fuller in body, otherwise wee gem; 4, Reid; 5, Haddow; 6, McClue and Hilson. **BUFF CK.**: 1, W. S. Wilson, marvellous qual. and col., round as a billiard ball, fine weight, carr. and cond., wins well; 2, Nicholson, lighter build, finely rounded, capital qual., col. and cond., neat wings and tail; 3, Reid, splendid qual., fine and tight in feather, nice style, crosses at times; 4, Sandilands; 5, Robertson; 6, Haddow. **HEN**: 1, Sandilands, wonderful qual., tight as a drum, fine round one, nice col. and cond., flights well braced, pipe tail; 2, Millar, fine short close-fitting feather of nice qual., rare wings and tail carr., lovely order; 3, Nairn, extra qual. and cond., nice style, fine round one, close race here; 4, Egerton; 5, McLaughlin; 6, McClue and Hilson. **EVEN MKD. CK. OR HEN**: 1, Nicholson, 4-pointed yell., excellent qual. and col., wings well braced, lovely cond.; 2, Allardice, junr., 4-pointed buff, best balanced mkg. in class, neat shape, rare qual. and cond., close up; 3, Sewill, 4-pointed yell., looking a bit dumpty when taking notes; 4, Sandilands; 5, A. Harper; 6, Elliott. **YELL. VARIEG. CK.**: 1, Nairn, fine one for qual. and col., neatly braced wings, nice shape and style, well put down; 2, Hutchieson, eye, wing and rump mkd., lovely qual. and col., best of wing carr. and cond., fine type; 3, A. Harper, heavier mkd., good col. and style, finely rounded head and body, best of wing carr., qual. and cond., very close up; 4, Nicholson; 5, Hutchieson; 6, A. Harper. **BUFF**: 1, Wilson, eyes and wing mkd., nice qual. and col., rare boxy feather, tight as a drum, fine style and cond., well braced wings, wins; 2, Spott, heavier mkd., extra qual., fine sheen, best of wing carr., lighter build than winner, good style and cond.; 3, Nairn, grizzled head and flights, rare boxy feather, lovely qual., nice free carr., right type, close up on yell.; 4, Egerton; 5, McClue and Hilson; 6, Nairn. **YELL. OR BUFF VARIEG. HEN**: 1, Wilson, yell., eyes, right wing and tail mkd., wee beauty for qual. and type, fine sheen on feathers, rare style, col. and cond., lovely staging; 2, Nairn, same mkg., only cinn. yell., capital qual. and col., nice weight, carr. and cond.; 3, Dick, heavier cinn. mkd., yell., lovely qual., col. and cond., correct weight, sweet shape, grand order, in hot competition; 4, McClue and Hilson; 5, Haddow; 6, McPhee. **GREEN CK.**: 1, Kilpatrick, yell., sound ground col., well laced back, fine qual. and cond., neat wings and tail, typical; 2, Reid, yell., nicely laced, nice col. and cond., nice weight, style and cond., close up; 3, Johnstone, shade paler in col., good lacing on back, fine carr. and cond.; 4, McClue and Hilson; 5, Linton; 6, Reid. **GREEN HEN**: 1, Reid, yell., rare rich col. and qual., fine round body, neat head, well filled in neck, nicely braced flights, pipe tail, fine style and cond.; 2, Lees, yell., capital qual. and col., nicely laced back, right type and weight, neat flights and tail, pressing; 3, Johnstone, yell., rich col., fine qual., neat wings and tail, jaunty carr., right type, in keen competition; 4, R. Lambie; 5, W. Lambie. **CINN. CK.**: 1, McFarlane, yell., rich sound ground col., very typical Bord., nice flights, carr. and cond.; 2, Wilson, shade paler in col. than leader, correct type and weight, best of wings, fish tail, A1 cond.; 3, Stobo, yell., fine style and cond., neat wings, well braced, nicely rounded head and body, in class company; 4, R. Lambie; 5, Nicholson; 6, Darragh. **HEN**: 1, A. Harper, yell., excellent qual. and col., neat shape, perfect wing carr., fine cond.; 2, 3, Wilson; 2nd, yell., rare qual. and col., nice type and cond., fine short, close-fitting feather, neat style; 3rd, buff, again capital qual. and col., right type and cond., presses on stable companion; 4, Glass; 5, Darragh; 6, Kilpatrick. **NOVIE BORD. A.V.**: 1, sp. meda, L. neck mkd., yell. hen, fine and round, capital qual. and col., inclines to crouch, neat flights and tail; 2, Robertson, cl. buff hen, nice wing carr. and qual., sweetly made type, fine style; 3, McMillan, varieg. buff hen, capital qual., fine round head and body, faulty in wing carr.; 4, 6, Stobo; 6, Ferguson. **SPLIT** (obs. 7, 9, hens 5/8, all claimed): 1, Spott; 2, Anderson; 3, Agnew; 4,

McClue and Hilson; 5, Taylor; 6, Reid. **YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.**: 1, 2, Lee; 1st, grand length, well up on leg, rich qual. and col., good pos. and type, nicely tapered, pipe tail; 2nd, capital length, qual. and col., fine slim type, nice pos.; 3, 4, Ferguson; 3rd, rare close fitting feather, fine round head and body, grand length and pos., lovely qual. and col. **BUFF**: 1, 2, McKenna; 1st, fine length and pos., good slim type and qual., rough in breast; 2nd, sans fault, nice length and qual. **YELL. HEN**: 1, Ferguson, lovely qual., length and style, well up on leg, capital wings and col., nice one. **BUFF**: 1, 2, Lee; 1st, fine slim type, stands well on good legs, grand tight-fitting feather of fine qual., nice round body, stylish bird; 2nd, scarcely the length, capital qual., nice round head, good length of wings and tail. **SELL**, 12/6: 1, Ferguson. **NOR. CL. YELL. CK.**: 1, Scobbie, fine size, good head, neck and front, hot col., capital qual., pressed by 2, Harper, cl. fine qual. and col., rare head and type, neat flights and tail, shade lighter in build; 3, Davidson, good size and subs. of body, nice short flights and tail, shade weak in head properties; 4, McFadyen, capital qual. and col.; 5, Bell; 6, Pentland. **BUFF**: 1, Kerr, rare head and neck, fine deep front, nice size, qual. and col.; 2, Hardy, better size and subs., grand head, neck and front, nice flights and mealing, shade coarser in feather; 3, Marshall, nice head, neck and front, fine qual., neat flights; 4, Hamilton; 5, Lilly; 6, Marlin. **YELL. HEN**: 1, Scobbie, yell. varieg., grand size, qual. and col., neat flights and tail; 2, Cringles, cl. good size, qual. and col., fine deep front, behind in head properties; 3, McFadyen, good size and col., fine head, fails qual., nice short body, flights and tail; 4, Lilly; 5, Pearson; 6, Watson. **BUFF**: 1, Marlin, cl. Hamilton winner, rare head, neck and front, extra qual., nicely mealed, fine short cobby spec.; 2, Naismith, capital qual., fine head, neck and front, nice one; 3, Cringles, marked head and neck, good qual., fine size and subs. of body; 4, Pearson; 5, Hardy; 6, Gemmell. **UNFLIG. CK.**: A.V.: 1, Gemmell, cl. good size, good head, neck, front, qual. and col., short flights and tail; 2, Scobbie, rare size and subs. of body, fine qual. and col., weak in head; 3, Harper, buff varieg., good head, neck and size, fine qual.; 4, Bell; 5, Davidson; 6, Kerr. **HEN**: 1, Harper, cl. yell., grand head, neck and front, extra qual., rare size, nice col., wins; 2, Cringles, almost green buff, rare size and subs. of body, fine head and neck; 3, Marlin, cl. buff, nice short cobby spec., nice qual., good head and neck, behind size only; 4, McCallum; 5, Purdie; 6, Harper. **NON-FED CK.**: 1, McGregor, cl. buff, Hamilton winner, fine head, neck and subs. of body, nice qual., good size, neat wings and tail; 2, Marlin, buff varieg., Hamilton 2nd, good size and qual., fine cobby body, behind in head; 3, Ferrier, cl. yell., good size and subs., fine qual., short flights, weak in head; 4, no name. **HEN**: 1, Godfrey Bros., heavily marked buff, soft when taking notes, lucky; 2, Marlin, cl. yell., fine head, neck and front, extra qual., rich col., we liked, fine cond.; 3, Kerr, cl. buff, fine qual. and size, nice head; 4, Taylor; 5, McGregor; 6, Craig. **SELL**, 12/6: 1, Scobbie; 2, McGregor; 3, Pentland; 4, Renwick; 5, Hardy; 6, Pearson. **CRESTED CK.**: 1, 2, 3, 4, Watson; 1st, grizz crest C.B., nice spread and droop, neat centre, good size and subs. of body; 2nd, green, good size and subs. of body, nice centre and droop of good qual.; 3rd, varieg., fine size and subs., neat crest, fine length of droop, close up; 5, 6, Mitchell. **HEN**: 1, Cringles, D.C., mkd. wing, fine top piece, neat centre, plenty of feather, good size and subs.; 2, Nimmo, green, good size and subs. of body, neat centre and crest, could be better groomed; 3, Watson, green, useful bird, nice top piece of good qual. **CREST BRED CK.**: 1, Cringles, varieg., fine wide skull, good entrance, lovely lashing, fine size; 2, Watson, green, good size and subs., narrower in skull, nicely lashed, fine qual. of feather; 3, Watt, grizzled head, good size and subs., fine wide entrance, well browed; 2nd, varieg., good size, nicely lashed; 3, 4, Nimmo; 3rd, cl. buff, fine broad skull, good size, qual. and cond. **SELL**, 12/6: 1, Watt; 2, Dawson; 3, Watson; 4, McKenna. **BRIT. GOLDF.**: 1, Niven, rare raised plush face, brilliant col., fine width, square cut, richly tanned body, good size and shape; 2, McLaughlin, big face, scarcely the width of winner, grand col., good size, shape, cond., and steady; 3, Boag, grand blaze, full bloom, fine tanning, good size and shape, in hot company; 4, Hardy; 5, White; 6, Trotter. **BUFF**: 1, Clark, good col. F.M. spec., splendid cap, prominent wing bars, good size; 2, Webster, F.M., good col., size and shape. **HEN FINCH**: 1, W. P. Campbell, fine big Bullf., dense cap, good bars, fine light col. breast, cobby shape, fine cond. and staging; 2, Perrie, Greenf., great size, rare head, neck and chest, fine col., shape and cond.; 3, Webster, Bramblef., rich col. and qual., nice shape, fine cond., and steady; 4, Taylor; 5, Marlin; 6, Ballantyne. **LINNET. H.M.**: 1, Naismith, Hamilton winner, rich col., finely laced front, grand size, shape and cond.; 2, Anderson, better lacing, full of work, not so rich in col., good size and shape, fine whites; 3, Hyslop, more open in breast, fine col. and size, steady; 4, Main; 5, Hamilton; 6, Clark. **F.M.**: 1, Neilson, not the biggest, but wonderfully steady, grand breast, full of work, nice col. and cond.; 2, Martin, fine col. and lacing, smaller in head; 3, Naismith, grand breast and col., good size; 4, Naismith; 5, Kerr; 6, J. Campbell. **GREENF.**: 1, Pirrie, grand size, shape and col., rare head, bold front, nice qual. flights and tail; 2, W. P. Campbell, grand col. and qual., scarcely the size or subs. of winner, rich flights and tail; 3, J. Campbell, rich col., flights and tail, good head and size, fine qual., and steady; 4, Parker; 5, Clark; 6, Liddell. **LESSER TOLL. H.M.**: 1, Boag, great size for a Lesser, well laced breast and flanks, nice col. bib and head, fine cobby shape, in good order; 2, Kerr, rare bloom, fine, nicely laced faint bib, A1 col. and cond.; 3, Renwick, bigger than 2nd, finely laced, good head and cond., nice bloom, behind col.; 4, R. Lambie; 5, Campbell; 6, Anderson. **F.M.**: 1, 2, Neilson; 1st wins in size, lacing, good bib, nice cobby shape, and cond.; 2nd, better col., well laced flanks, good bib and cond., steady; 3, Metcalfe, fine size, col. and bloom, neatly laced; 4, 5, 6, R. Lambie. **TWITE. ETC.**: 1, Neilson, not the biggest, but wonderfully well laced breast, hot col., shows whites well; 2, Anderson, better size, fine col., nicely laced front, fine shape and flights; 3, Perrie, close up, fine shape, col. and cond., behind lacing a little; all above Twites; 4, Hardy; 5, Cringles. **SISKIN**: 1, Neilson, we heard Hamilton winner, yell., nice col., rare size, shape and flank marking, marvellous cap, well put down; 2, Marlin, Hamilton 2nd in new hands, F.M. spec., grand one in the making, size, shape, col. and mkg.; 3, Clark, fine size, shape, col., cap and bib, behind lacing; 4, White; 5, Thomson. **CHAFF. OR BRAMBLEF.**: 1, Raine, rare size, shape and col., grand whites, fine blue head, A1 cond., and steady; 2, Trotter, shade smaller, fine col., rare whites, good shape and cond.; 3, Webster, fine col. and whites; 4, Stewart; all Chaff. **A.V. BRIT**: 1, Clark, fine rich col. Yellowhammer, nice size, shape and mkg.; 2, A. Stobo, hen Reed Bunting, capital

concl. nice size and col. **LIGHT MULE OR HYR.**: 1, Brown, Greenf.-Bullf., grand size and col., well made, nice cap and wing bars, Greenf. back, rattling cond., singing well; 2, 4, 5, Heron; 2nd, almost cl. Goldf. Mule, last year's winner, looking well, rich Goldf. wings, rare qual. and cond.; 3, W. P. Campbell, Hamilton 2nd, grand big Greenf.-Bullf., rare head and front, hot col., fine bars and flights, grand Hyb.; 6, Taylor. **DARK A.V.**: 1, Hanney, grand big rich col. Siskin cross, fine cap, nice shape and cond.; 2, Heron, Goldf., fine size, grand rich face, rare flights, nice shape and cond.; 3, Hamilton, rare col. and size Linnet, fine size and cond., unsteady; 4, Clark; 5, Ballantine; 6, Clark. **FOR. GOLDF.**: 1, Agnew, rare broad face, clean cut, brilliant col. Brasso, pure in whites, grand size and shape; 2, Jenkins, shade narrower in skull, fine size, shape and col.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Open show of Border Fancy Canaries in the Cathedral Hall, Albany Street, Edinburgh, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The hall is well suited for a cage bird show. The exhibits were staged on the tier principle right round the hall, which was nicely heated. Unfortunately the weather was very bad; rain fell practically all day, and owing to the dullness the birds were judged mostly in artificial light, which is not desirable when colour is being judged. The entry was disappointing, there being exactly 400 exhibits, which might easily have been doubled had the members supported the show, as they ought to have done. There was a good turnout of visitors, especially on the second day. The officials were a hard-working lot and comprised the following well-known fanciers: President and show manager, Mr. S. Buglass; sec. and treas., Mr. J. Lumsden; committee, Messrs. J. Aitchison, J. P. Dewar, W. Dods, J. Hay, D. Hughes, J. Hutchison, W. B. Smart, and J. Weir. Everyone was at his post and left no stone unturned to make the show a success. The annual general meeting of the club was held in a side room, and there was about the usual attendance. Judging was finished in good time, and the following are the chief special winners: Novice medal, Mr. J. Lumsden. Open medal (Cl. or Varieg.), J. Patterson. Open medal (Gr. or Cinn.), J. Johnston. Championship gold medal, best bird, J. Johnston. Patterson cup for three nominated birds, G. Bennet; 2nd most points for Patterson cup, Wm. Dods. 3rd ditto, J. Calderwood. The open Dewar cup, by Jas. P. Dewar, for most points over the show, to be won outright, J. Patterson. The judges were Messrs. H. Bennet, J. Nicholson, and 1. Hamilton, and their awards were well received. The quality of the birds was considered to be up to the usual standard seen at the Scottish National

CL. YELL. CK. (20): 1, Craig, very rich col., well-rounded body, neat head, wings, and tail, full size; 2, Bennet, sweet head, nice col., neat wing and tail carr., sweetly-moulded body, jaunty carr.; 3, Crabb and Finlayson, grand exhibit, sweet shape, lovely pose, well tapered body, neat head, wings and tail, we liked; 4, Patterson, sweet mould, nice col., good head, wings and tail, nice carr.; 5, Bennet; 6, Dods; 7, Craig; a good class. **HEN** (21): 1, Bennet, sweet shape, lovely model, good head, wings and tail, well cut-away, well staged; 2, Craig, sweet mould, nice carr., good col., neat head, wings and tail, grand qual.; 3, Patterson, nice col., neat head, shade soft when taking notes; 4, Hook; 5, Calderwood; 6, Smart; 7, Bennet; grand class. **CL. BUFF CK.** (22): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Patterson, sweet shape, grand col., lovely feather, good wings and tail, well staged; 2, Bennet, sweetly moulded body, lovely qual., good head, wings and tail, in the pink; 3, Patterson, grand col., nicely rounded body, neat head, wings and tail, well tapered behind, close up; 4, Wilson; 5, Spence; 6, C. Bennet; 7, T. McCredie. **HEN** (21): 1, Dods, sweetly-moulded body, neat head, grand wing and tail carr., sweet one; 2, Bennet, sweet shape, lovely qual., nicely braced wings, good head and nicely piped tail, good col.; 3, Bennet, very similar to 2, a close run; 4, McCredie, sweet little lady, lovely shape; 5, Craig; 6, Purves; 7, Laidlaw. **EVEN MKD.** (20): 1, Rintoul, well-known 4-point buff, often described, looking well, grand exhibit; 2, Jamieson, sweet 4-point buff, an old winner, lovely mkg., good feather, sweet exhibit; 3, Orton, well-known 4-point yell., lovely shape, grand col. and qual., neat head, wings and tail, fails little in eye mkg. to those in front; 4, Patterson, another lovely 4-point yell., lovely mkg.; 5, Watson; 6, Docherty; 7, McClue and Hilson. **UNEV. OR VARIEG. YELL. CK.** (18): 1, Craig, lovely eyes, wings and neck mkd., grand shape, lovely col., rare qual., neat head, wings and tail, a good one; 2, Bennet, well-known grizzle, mkd., lovely type and qual., neat head, wings and tail, close up; 3, Patterson, grand eyes, wings, shoulder mkd., lovely shape, good col., nicely tapered body, neat head, wings and tail, grand qual.; 4, Wilson; 5, Elliott; 6, Middleton; 7, J. Patterson. **HEN** (10): 1, Patterson, lovely eyes, wings and neck mkd., sweet shape, rare col., grand qual., neat head, wings and tail, nicely moulded, a sweet one; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, grand eyes, wings and head tkd., good col. and feather, nicely rounded head, good wings and tail, not so sweetly moulded; 3, Aitchison, nice eyes, wings, head and neck tkd., nice col., type and qual., sweet shape, neat head, wings and tail, close up; 4, Aitchison, lovely 3-point, sweet shape; 5, Smith; 6, Moreland; 7, Linton. **BUFF CK.** (18): 1, Rintoul, well-known, eyes, wings, and neck mkd., often described, needs no comment, wins; 2, Bennet, grand eyes, wings and shoulder mkd., lovely qual., grand feather, rare col., neat wings and tail; 3, Patterson, nice eyes and wings mkd., broken over one eye, lovely col. and feather, sweet mould, nice qual., close up; 4, Spence, mkd.; 5, Stirling; 6, Dods; 7, Moreland. **HEN** (13): 1, Calderwood, sweet little 3-point, nice col. and feather, good head, wings and tail, just a shade small; 2, Craig, grand eyes, wings and head mkd., sweetly moulded, nice col. and feather, neat head, wings and tail, close up; 3, Patterson, lovely eyes, wings, mkd., slightly broken on one eye, lovely col., type and qual., sweetly tapered, close up; novice medal, 4, Lumsden; 5, Robertson; 6, Montgomery; 7, Spence. **HEAV. VARIEG. CK. OR HEN**, three-parts Dark (7): 1, Patterson, broken yell. cinn., grand col., type and qual., neat head, wings, and tail; 2, McColl, heav. varieg., nice mould, good col., neat head, wings and tail, bit rough in feather; 3, G. Paterson, broken cinn. buff, sweet shape, nicely moulded, neat head, nice col., good carr.; 4, J. Patterson; 5, Sewell; Nos. 1 and 5 wrong class. **TKD. YELL. OR BUFF CK. OR HEN**, 1 or 2 Marks (20): 1, Wilson, lovely buff, eye and wing tkd., lovely shape, nicely rounded, best of heads and wings, wins; 2, Craig, nice eye tkd. buff, grand col. and feather, nicely moulded, sweet head, wings and tail, close up; 3, J. Patterson, eye tkd. buff, sweet shape, lovely col. and feather, neat head, well put down; 4, Wilson; 5, Dods; 6, McCredie; 7, Bennet. **VELL. GR. CK. SELF OR FOUL** (16): 1, Johnston, grand rich grass-green, rare depth of col., lovely mkg.,

sweetly tapered body, neat head, wings and tail, wins; 2, Montgomery, another bird of rare col. and mkg., rare body, just beaten in head, close up; 3, Forrest, sweetly moulded, rare head, wings and tail, nice col. and mkg., just a wee shade light at throat; 4, Middleton, rare mkg.; 5, Baxter; 6, Greenwell; 7, Kitchen. **BUFF** (16): 1, B.F.C.C. Green or Cinn. medal, spl. and championship gold medal best in hall, Johnston, wonderful depth of col. and mkg., nicely rounded body, lovely qual., the best green out this season; 2, Baxter, nicely rounded body, rare head, wings and tail, rare depth of col. and nicely mkd., well put down; 3, Middleton, another of same stamp, showing plenty of lacing, scarcely so well rounded in chest, yet a good one; 4, Montgomery; 5, Greenwell; 6, J. Patterson; 7, Gillies. **YELL. GR. HEN** (15): 1, J. Patterson, sweet little lady, nicely rounded body, neat of heads, rare wings and tail, rare depth of col., distinct in pencilling, a wee beauty, wins; 2, Johnston, another sweet one, rare depth of col., rare mkg., neat head, wings and tail, scarcely so well rounded as leader; 3, Montgomery, nice little hen, sweet shape, nicely mkd., neat head, wings and tail, scarcely so sound in col.; 4, Aitchison; 5, Greenwell; 6, Smith; 7, Smith; a grand class. **BUFF** (10): 1, J. Patterson, rare model; nicely rounded, nice tone of col., grand mkg., rare wings and tail, wins; 2, Johnston, another grand hen, nicely rounded body, neat head, shade darker tone of col., plenty lacing, just beaten wings; 3, Middleton, rare-bodied hen, nicely moulded, nicely mkd., good head, wings and tail, good col., scarcely so well finished; 4, Baxter; 5, Greenwell; 6, Montgomery; 7, Smith. **YELL. CINN. CK., SELF OR FOUL** (10): 1, Dods, grand rich cinn. tone, nicely moulded body, sweet head, neat wings and tail, good type and qual., wins; 2, Middleton, well-known winner, much same lines as winner, often described, beat beaten to-day; 3, Bennet, sweetly moulded body, neat head, wings and tail, just beaten in col.; 4, Baxter; 5, J. Patterson; 6, S. Buglass; 7, Murray. **BUFF** (8): 1, Gillies, grand rich cinn. tone, lovely type and qual., neat head, wings and tail, sweet exhibit; 2, Montgomery, much same lines as leader, just beaten finish; 3, Forrest, sweet shape, nicely rounded body, neat head, wings and tail, nicely tapered, just beaten col.; 4, Buglass; 5, Craig; 6, J. Buglass; 7, Hannah. **YELL. CINN. HEN** (11): 1, Baxter, sweet little lady, neat head, wings and tail, nicely tapered, jaunty carr., rare col.; 2, J. Buglass, another sweet one, nice shape, sweet head, well-carried wings, just beaten col.; 3, Middleton, grand hen, nicely shaped body, neat head and neck, nicely tapered behind, just tips wings a little; 4, Blackie; 5, Dick; 6, Gillies; 7, Dods; a grand class. **BUFF** (7): 1, J. Buglass, sweetly moulded, nice front, neat head, well tapered body, nice col., wins; 2, Baxter, nice bodied hen, well-rounded body, nice head, wings and tail, nice col., beaten finish; 3, Bennet, sweet little lady, nice tone and col., sweet head, nice shaped body, inclined to crouch; 4, Middleton; 5, Colbeck; 6, Simpson; 7, S. Buglass. **NOV. CK. ANY COL.** (33): 1, Frame, nice yell.-gr., nice col. and mkg., neat head, nicely tapered body, well-carried wings, wins; 2, Hay, cl. buff, nicely moulded body, neat head and neck, well-carried wings and tail, nice col. and feather; 3, Watson, cl. yell., nicely moulded body, sweet head and neck, tips wings slightly; 4, Scott, jun., varieg. buff; 5, Holmes; 6, Lees; 7, Allison; a creditable class. **HEN** (21): 1, Hughes, cl. yell., nicely rounded body, sweetly tapered, good col., nice qual., neat head, wings and tail; 2, Hood, cl. buff, nicely moulded body, neat head, wings and tail, nice qual., good col., close up; 3, Dalgleish, cl. yell., nicely rounded chest, well tapered behind, neat head, nice col. and feather, tips wings a wee bit; 4, Milne; 5, Forster; 6, Frame; 7, M. Forster. **GR. OR CINN. SELL**, 10s.: 1, Simpson, buff green ck., nice col. and mkg., good type and qual., neat head, good wings; 2, Bennet, yell. cinn. ck., nice col., nicely tapered body, neat head and neck, close up; 3, Murray, buff green ck., nice shape, neat head, good wings and tail, fair col. and mkg.; 4, Higgins; 5, W. Murray; 6, M. Jamieson; 7, A. Murray. **SELL CK.**, 10s.: 1, Brown, grand cl. yell., rare model, lovely type and qual., sweet head and neck, good wings and tail, a topper; 2, Bennet, buff tkd. on head, nicely moulded body, neat head, lovely feather, good qual.; 3, Schooler, varieg. buff, nice model, good type and qual., neat head, nice bird; 4, Rintoul; 5, Crass and Finlayson; 6, Sewell; 7, Hughes; some cheap birds in this class. **SELL HENS**, 8s.: 1, Hughes, cl. yell., nicely rounded body, good col., neat head, wings and tail; 2, J. Patterson, cl. buff, nice little hen, sweet shape, neat head and neck; 3, Schooler, varieg. buff, nicely moulded, nice col. and feather, neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Brown, grand qual.; 5, Schooler; 6, Donaldson; 7, Bennet; some cheap birds in this class.

WINCHBURGH C.B.C.

Annual show, Winchburgh, Nov. 27. A record entry of 315 birds were staged. Mr. John Rodgers, Leith, judged the Scotch and Border Fancies, and Mr. W. R. Finnie, Edinburgh, the remainder. A feature of the show was R. Williams's team of Border Fancies.

SCOTCH FANES, 1915. **YELL. CK., ANY COL.**: 1, 2, 3, sp. Duncan. **HEN**: 1, 2, McFarlane. **BUFF CK.**: 1, 2, Duncan; 3, McFarlane. **HEN**: 1, 2, McFarlane; 3, Duncan. **OLD COCK**: 1, sp. Aitken; 2, 3, McFarlane. **HEN**: 1, sp. Aitken; 2, McFarlane; 3, J. Russell. **CRESTS. YOUNG CR. CK.**: 1, 2, sp. Bishop; 3, Begbie. **HEN**: 1, 2, sp. Bishop; 3, Sharp. **C.B. CK.**: 1, Sharp; 2, 3, Bishop. **HEN**: 1, 2, 3, Bishop; 4, Old CR. CK.; 1, sp. Bishop; 2, Begbie. **HEN**: 1, 2, 3, Bishop. **NOR. OLD CR. CK. OR C.F.**: 1, sp. Robb; 2, Oliver; 3, Frame. **HEN**: 1, Oliver; 2, 3, Sharp. **C.F.**: 1, 1, Robb; 2, 3, Turnbull. **HEN**: 1, 2, Turnbull; 3, Robertson. **OLD CR. OR HEN. C.F.**: 1, sp. Sharp; 2, 3, Robb. **N.F.**: 1, sp. Robb; 2, Begbie; 3, Turnbull. **SELL**: 1, Southern; 2, Robb; 3, Sharp. **BORD. FANES**, 1915. **CL. ETC. YELL. CK.**: 1, Williams; 2, Boag; 3, Murray. **HEN**: 1, Williams; 2, Boag; 3, Murray. **BUFF CK.**: 1, sp. Williams; 2, Murray; 3, Boag. **HEN**: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Stewart. **YELL. VARIEG. CK. OR HEN**: 1, Boag; 2, Murray; 3, Williams. **BUFF**: 1, sp. Williams; 2, Murray; 3, Boag. **EV. MKD.**: 1, Frame; 2, Williams. **GREEN CK. OR HEN**: 1, 2, Boag; 3, Paterson. **CINN.**: 1, Aitken; 2, Frame; 3, Anderson. **OLD BORD. CK.**: 1, sp. Bishop; 2, Frame; 3, Hood. **HEN**: 1, 2, Stewart; 3, Murray. **SELL**: 1, sp. Williams; 2, Boag; 3, Murray. **MULE OR HYB.**: 1, sp. Russell; 2, Southern; 3, Haldy. **SISKIN. REDFOUL OR TWITE**: 1, Robertson; 2, 3, Southern. **LINNET**: 1, 3, Southern; 2, Aitken. **GREENF.**: 1, 3, sp. Sharp; 2, Southern. **CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE**: 1, 2, Southern. **SOPHIE**: 1, Southern; 2, 3, Aitken. **GOLDF. OR BULF. BRIT.**: 1, sp. 3, Aitken. **FOR.**: 1, sp. Aitken; 2, 3, Southern. **GIFT**: 1, sp. Turnbull; 2, Duncan; 3, Hood.—A. Bishop, Sec.

GLASGOW RED CROSS SHOW.

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THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

All the successful birds of the year put in an appearance in the Yorkshire section, and keen rivalry was displayed in battling for the much-coveted red ticket, but Mr. Heggie captured the majority of leading positions, while he was hotly pursued by meritorious specimens, staged by leading exhibitors from both sides of the Border. The unshaken activity of the members of the Scottish Yorkshire Club has done much to stimulate and quicken the growth and popularise the breed throughout Scotland. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 6, no name; 1, great length, capital qual., lovely hot even col., neat, well drawn, clean cut body, fine leg, good pos., swanky; 2, Cochran, hard up for length, type, carr., clean fronted, well rounded body, fails depth col. only; 3, Miller, lovely even col., grand feather, top length and carr., stylish, not quite so tight in feather; 4, Bingham and Furness, fine type, nice qual.; 5, Heggie; 7, Peters. BUFF (11): 1, Heggie, beauty all over, fine length of side, neat legs, clean cut, beautifully rounded body, well braced, neatly folded wings and tail, staged in perfect fashion; 2, Thomas, sweetly built, hard up for col. and qual. of feather, beaten in length; 3, Cochran, good all round, presses hard up on 2nd; 4, no name, good specimen, in the pink, nice length, good col., stylish, not quite so beautifully rounded; 5, Pinnock; 6, Bingham and Furness; 7, Martin. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Heggie, fine length, grand level col., rich qual. feather, neat, clean cut, well drawn, staged in full bloom, but rather unsteady; 2, no name, trifle smaller, but well drawn, clean cut, nice bottle-shaped barrel, fine taper, faultless carr., runs well up; 3, 6, Park, fine length, proper type, nice pose, steady, scarcely so hot in col.; 4, Miller; 5, Martin. BUFF (8): 1, Heggie, length, capital qual. and shape, close tail, inclined to cross at times; 2, Thomas, lovely type and qual., neat all over, and winning when we made our notes; 3, no name, fine exhibit, good type, rare style, neatly rounded, well drawn body; 4, Park, all there for length, type, quality, but unsteady; 5, Gibb; 6, Cochran; 7, Tansey. VAR. CK. (7): 1, Thomas, buff, swanky, grand length, proper shaped body, neat clean front, finely braced wings, nice pose, in the pink; 2, Heggie, also buff, nice qual. feather, good type, cl. ctunae; shrdlu shrdl shrdl feather, good type, clean cut; 3, 7, no name; 3, yell., fine col. and qual., very slim and swanky, not just so clean cut as those in front; 4, Cochran; 5, Park; 6, Gibb. HEN (4): 1, 3, Heggie, leads with yell., top length, fine, grand stamp, neatly rounded, well drawn, carr. of the best, A1 order; 3, Cunn. mkd. buff, rare type and qual., very shapely, might have gone up a peg; 2, Gibb, nice qual., proper shape, finely tapered, nice carr., fails length only; 4, Bonlett. YELL. CK., 1915 (8): 1, Heggie, sweet cl., grand length, hot even col., capital qual., A1 type, clean cut, well braced, faultless cond.; 2, Walkden, nice type and qual., good sound col., fails carr. and tightness feather; 3, McLellan, nice cl., presses hard up on 2; 4, Cochran, grand length, nice qual. feather, good carr. and style, shown faultless cond., close up; 5, Thomas; 6, Park; 7, Bingham and Furness. BUFF (6): 1, Heggie, wing and eyes mkd., fine stamp, rare length, top qual., very wavy appearance, grand shape, sweet taper, nicely braced, in the pink; 2, Mason, fine cl., clean cut, very shapely, well drawn, fails col. only; 3, no name, nice qual. clear, presses hard up; 4, Cochran; 5, McLellan; 6, Peters. YELL. HEN, 1915 (6): 1, Heggie, sweet, clean cut cl., capital type, A1 qual., nicely shaped body, closely folded wings, tail, in winning form; 2, McLellan, length var., nice style, pose, scarcely so close in feather or steady as leader; 3, Bingham and Furness, neat, well drawn, clean cut, fails col., presses hard up; 4, Pinnock, nice qual., well shown, fine type, clean cut, fails a trifle wing carr., style; 5, Walkden; 6, Gibb; 7, Findlay. BUFF (9): 1, Cochran, fine cl., length, neat, well rounded, clean fronted body, well braced, stylish, steady; 2, Heggie, el. body, dark cap, fine type, grand texture feather, closely laid on, nice leg and pose, beaten in length; 3, Park, nice level col., rich qual., shapely body, faultless wings, tail might be better at top end; 4, Gibb, not quite so hot col. but line qual., better type, we liked; 5, Pinnock; 6, Tansey; 7, McLellan. NOV. (12): Grand turn-out here, the quality being quite on a par with that displayed by the "knits"; 1, 2, 4, McInnes, grand team, leader clean cut, typical all over, fine length, style, grand stamp, fit for open classes; 2nd, good grizzle cap, staged in creditable order, presses close up; 4th, yellow frizzled wings, nothing behind in type and qual., may be a trifle behind in length, a fine trio, put down with credit; 3, Ross, clear yell., nice type and build, neatly drawn; 5, Findlay; 6, Bonlett; 7, Steel. SELL. (19): 1, 2, Heggie; 3, Mason; 4, Wood; 5, Heggie; 6, no name; 7, Dunn. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Rukin, pair clear cap Lizards, nice col. and spangling, well shown; 2, Whyte, smallish Scots Fancy, nice style, action, fine reach, free worker; 4, Jackson, nice Cinn. Nor., good type, fine col. and pencilling; 5, Whyte.

The Mule section was well supported by the cream of the fancy, many specimens of the latest crosses, some hitherto unseen at a Glasgow show, being on view, and many really meritorious specimens, which could hold their own in respectable company, were left careless so keen was the competition. Hybrids which but a few years ago were considered a rarity, and even their authenticity doubted in certain cases, now appear to be common. (CL. TKD., ETC. MULE (4): 1, Heggie, well known clear Greenie, in the pink, needs no comment; 2, Crone, even mark Goldie, lovely marks, fine size and col., perfect feather, very steady without bluish; 3, McAtter, similarly mkd., rare cond., steady, beaten in subs. only; 4, Findlay and McGilivray, cinnamon mark, very nice. VAR. CAN. (8): 1, Heggie, neck mkd. Greenie cross, splendid subs., A1 cond., wins in topping style; 2, McQuiston, eyes and wings mkd. Goldie, nice size and subs., rich col., perfect in feather, presses hard up; 3, Hogg, var. buff, nice feather, but wild; 4, Andrews, fine feather, steady, well staged; 5, McClymont; 6, Wilson; 7, Blacklock. DARK GOLDF. CAN. (7): 1, 2, McQuiston, leader monster jonque, well known winner, in rare order, often described; 2nd, fine example of the cross, in perfect feather, top col., just fails a shade in subs.; 3, Parlett, another fine exhibit in faultless feather, hard lines to run 2nd and 3rd; 4, Nicoll, in the pink, nice col. and size, hard race here; 5, Roy; 6, Crone; 7, McLean. LARK LINNET CAN. (11): 1, McQuiston, well known jonque leads, grand size, hot col., perfect feather, hard to heat; 2, Crone, hard up for size and col., fails steadiness, well staged; 3, A. Steel, nice exhibit, in rare feather, fails subs. and steadiness; 4, Crone, good size, col., and markings, not quite so hot col.; 5, Miller; 6, Wilson; 7, Naismith. DARK GREENF. CAN. (10):

1, McQuiston, monster jonque often described, hot col., in lovely bloom, very steady; 2, Hogg, rare cond., perfect feather, nice sound col., beaten in subs.; 3, Funnie, nice for size and steadiness, fails col. and cond. only; 4, Roy, rare cond., fine col., perfect feather, lacks only subs.; 5, Wilson; 6, Stanger; 7, Crone. A.O.V. CAN-MULE EXCEPT CAN. BULLE. (13): 1, Crone, line jonque Siskin, lovely depth of col., fine markings, nice size, perfect feather, steady, well staged; 2, McQuiston, line jonque Twite, nice size, fine feather, good col., nicely pencilled, in the pink; 3, Goodall, faultless cond.; 4, 6, Crone, fine jonque Siskin, in good feather, fails size and steadiness; 5, Andrews; 7, Smart. DARK BULLE-Hyb. (11): 1, 2, Crone, leads with massive Greenie-Bullie, clinking col., well blended, perfect feather, rare bloom, very steady; 2nd, grand Redpoll-Bullie, blaze of col., nice size, rare cond., shows the cross well, in the pink; 3, 5, Alexander, 3rd line specimen of the Goldie cross, nice subs. and build, grand col. and cond., perfect feather; 4, 7, Wilson, Greenie-Bullie, well staged, nice size, good feather, not quite the intensity of col. of leader; 6, Henderson. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (12): 1, 6, Wilson, Bramble-Chaff, shows cross nicely, faultless cond., steady; 2, McQuiston, Goldf-Siskin, sweet little exhibit in perfect order, fine col., steady; 3, Heggie, nice Greenf-Chaff, good size, perfect feather, well staged, in rare bloom; 4, Andrews, Greenf-Redpoll, more sombre in col. than some, still interesting, nice feather; 5, Crawford; 7, Crone. NOV. (15): 1, Campbell, 4-pt. Goldie Mule, in the pink, creditable exhibit; 2, Alexander, Linnet-Bullie, good size and col., nice markings, steady; 3, Connelly, clear hen Goldie, growth on throat, staged in nice feather; 4, Hamilton, good Greenie Mule, in nice col. condition; 5, Campbell; 6, Brown; 7, Melvin. SELL. (10): 1, 2, McLean; 3, Strachan; 4, Fyfe; 5, Parlett; 6, Webster; 7, Roy.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS.

The British Hardbill section reminded one of olden days. The classes were not conspicuously large, but quality was represented in the highest possible degree, numbers of excellent birds which were capable of winning anywhere under ordinary circumstances being perforce left out, not only from the money prizes, but even of the commendation cards. In this section Mr. Jamieson, Glasgow, judged the odd numbers and Mr. R. Bald, Bathgate, the even numbers. This section was surrounded by such numbers of the public that close examination of the exhibits was a lengthy and difficult problem. A greater feast of beauty than was presented by the first-class specimens on view could scarcely be imagined, and those who missed this section of the mammoth exhibition, missed a sight worth a long journey to see. The birds mustered 220 in 14 classes, and with a few exceptions inevitable in such a task, the decision met with general approval.

GOLDF. (25): 1, Wallace, nice square face, of nice rich clear col., well set back, grandly buttoned wings, 3rd Ayr, etc.; 2, Stobles Bros., good shape and carr., fine expanse of under, loses in col. and tans; 3, he, Chick, grand size and type, nice deep tans, face bit small only fault; 4, Crone, largest body in class, col. wee bit brassy, otherwise good; vhc, Hutchison; c, Connelly. BULLE. (10): 1, McQuiston, well known winner, looking his best to-day, rare large broad front, very pure col.; 2, Hardie Bros., smaller in build, shade dark in breast col., grand cond.; 3, Thomson, nice size and col., grand chubby type, front and thighs, bit rough; 4, Robertson, shade lengthy but all there for cap and col.; vhc, McClymont; he, Dale, our choice for 3rd; c, W. McClymont. LINNET, H.M. (15): 1, 3, McQuiston, medium sized, rare nutty fronts, leader exels in work and head; 3rd, bit snaky on top; 2, Campbell, model of type and col., chest full of grand fine work, well worth his place; 4, Oldham, smaller, and fails head; vhc, Neilson; he, Calder; c, Cook and Brownie; No. 14, Parlett, late for judging, looked an easy winner, hard lines. F.M. (27): 1, Fairhurst, we could not find; 2, Storie, all there for size and col., very steady, shows well; 3, Hector, splendid throat and eye marks, good tone of col., shade narrow on head; 4, Connachan, bit dark, and hard in col., great wealth of pencilling on chest; vhc, Davidson; he, Young; c, Smurthwaite. SISKIN (10): 1, Connachan, rare size, dense cap, and very large black hih, clear eye marks, fails slightly in thigh work; 2, Dalton, as good in size as leader, shows bib faintly, great abundance of thigh marks, well worth his place; 3, Steele, excels back work, grand deep col., very erect stand, rare chubby type; 4, Skyes, similar to 3rd; vhc, Webster; he, McGavin; c, Cranna. MEALY POLL OR TWITE (8): 1, McQuiston, Twite, Yorks. type, bit scarce in front work, very rich col.; 2, Neilson, Twite, rare size and shape, nicely mkd., lacks col. of leader; 3, Berrie, Mealy, very pure col., large jet bib, grand size, might have gone up; 4, Oldham; vhc, Fairhurst; he, Webster; c, Findlay. REDPOLL LESSER (17): 1, Steele, monster for size, grand shape and col., very steady, only faint scarcity of front markings; 2, Calder, beautifully clear and well-defined breastwork, jet bib, loses in size only; 3, Connachan, grand chubby build, very full head and neck, nice fiery col.; 4, Dale, another good Poll; vhc, McQuiston; he, Chick; c, Craig. F.M. (23): 1, Lambie, gem, right little cart horse, very short chubby body, nicely shaped head, grand rich col.; 2, Crawford, we could not find; 3, Perrie, again very thick set, splendid thick head, shade wild; 4, Dale, fails size and col.; vhc, Cook and Brownie; he, Steele; c, Adamson. GREENF. H.M. (17): 1, Davidson, blaze of col., grand size and shape, very large broad wing bars, a good win; 2, Parlett, another very rich coloured bird, equal to winner except in head properties; 3, McGavin, bit too slim built, right good head, very distinct bars; 4, Calder, not far behind; vhc, Fairhurst; he, Henderson; c, Skyes. F.M. (20): 1, Connachan, a monster, very thick set, good level col., staged in the pink of cond; 2, Thomson, loses in size and evenness of col., great full head and neck, good type; 3, Findlay, larger than 2nd, but too wild to do himself justice, very broad chest, correct type; 4, Craig, nicely built, should mount well; vhc, Campbell; he, Bell; c, Lambie. CHAFF-FINCH (11): 1, Skyes, almost perfect, great broad front, very clear whites, grand rich chest col.; 2, Henderson, loses in size and depth of col., very pure and bright col., lovely cap and bars; 3, Adams, smaller still, nicely mkd., steady to a degree; 4, Bolton, shade dark in chest col.; vhc, Williams, Jun., very clear and bright; he, Manson; c, Macpherson. BRAMBLE. (11): 1, 2, Skyes, leader, wonderful size and markings, rich distinct hood, chest col., carried well down, wealth of flank marks, back beautifully rowed, 2nd, will make a good successor, losing only in size; 3, Chick, beaten here to-day, small compared with winner, very sweet flanks, clean well defined rowing; 4, Oldham, nice shape, beautiful qual., lacks chest col.; vhc, Smurthwaite; he, Richardson; c, McQuiston. YELLOW BUNTING (14): 1, Strachan, beauty for size and

col., slight variegation on head, beautifully put down; 2, Chick, best head in class, very pure and clear skull, perfect V mark, losing in size only; 3, McAtter, bit darker in markings, very rich chest, good size; 4, Crone, just deficient in size, good head and front marks, beautiful cheeks; vhc, Lloyd James; he, Watson; c, Allan. A.O.V. (12): 1, E. Skine, grand large Hawlinch, very rich head and face, large jet bib of correct shape; 2, Crone, Hawlinch, loses in face and head, slightly fuller body; 3, Henderson, beautiful Bunting, clear distinct col., grand size, very upstanding; 4, Berrie, Corn, rather clouded in markings, fine shape and size; vhc, Chick; he, Skyes; c, Fairhurst.

SOFTBILL, SMALL (3): 1, Davidson; 2, McLean. LARGE (10): 1, Taylor; 2, A. Crawford; 3, Adams; 4, J. Crawford; vhc, Fletcher; he, Vassie; c, Henderson. BULLE, HEN (15): 1, c, Cowan; 2, Caunt; 3, Mills; 4, McQuiston; vhc, Steel; he, Mark. A.O.V. HEN (20): 1, McQuiston; 2, Skyes; 3, R. and J. Gentleman; 4, Crawford; vhc, Webster; he, c, Chick. NOV. (9): 1, 2, he, no name; 3, Hyslop; 4, Hamilton; vhc, Brown; c, McClymont. (Our report on the Softbill Classes has, by some mischance, gone astray, and we are only able to give the awards as above.)

The Foreigners were the centre of attraction to many of the visitors, so varied was the variety on view. The gorgeousness of the plumage of the many little gems of beauty in the collection, and the perfection of feather were evidence of the great care and attention paid them by their owners. GOLDF. OR BULLE. (10): All Goldies; 1, Crone, fine size, grand face, rich square blaze, fine whites, nice tans, rich yell. wings, nicely buttoned, well defined markings, perfect, steady; 2, Henderson, well up for size and purity of markings, nice feather and steadiness, not just the squariness of blaze; 3, Drummond, nice Finch, well up in col. and markings, fails trifle in subs.; 4, Mills, very similar to 3, and little to choose between them; 5, G. G. Henderson; 6, McLean; 7, Fyfe. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (4): 1, Arnott, pair Peach-faces, in lovely order; 2, Nisbet, Blooding, in grand feather; 3, Proudfoot, well known King looking quite his usual; 4, Wilson, pair Green Budgies, in nice feather. SHORT-TAILS, ETC. (3): 1, Gardner, Eclectus hen, in nice cond.; 2, 3, Wilson, former Ceram Lory, nice exhibit, on friendly terms; 3rd, "Jacob," the talking Macaw, very sober like, takes a stately survey of the surroundings. SMALL SEED-EATERS, ETC. (6): All the honours going to Mrs. P. Arnott, with a wonderful team; 1, Golden-breasted Waxbills; 2, Laven-der Finch; 3, Cordon Bleus; 4, Steel Finch; 5, St. Helena Waxbills; 6, Ribbon Finch. A.O. SEED-EATER (7): 1, 2, 4, 6, Arnott, Black-faced Waxbills, Melba Finches, Jackson's Whydah, and Paradise Whydah respectively, very creditable lot indeed; 3, 5, 7, Macready, Green Cardinal, Red Gouldian, and Rainbow Bunting, likewise well staged, and a creditable display. A.O.V. NOT CLASSED (10): Some rarities here out of the tickets; 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, Arnott, a glorious team, 1st Zosterops, first time exhibited here, 2nd well-known Yellow-wing Sugar-bird, 3rd Golden-fronted Honey-sucker, 4th Scarlet Starling, 6th Yellow-wing Sugar-bird, 7th Scarlet Tanager; the condition and steadiness of above team speak volumes for Mr. Arnott's skill and attention in dealing with such delicate specimens; 5, Burgess,

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

Second annual open show on New Year's Day in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. This society was formed 5 years ago, and is composed of a set of hard-working members, who all did their best to make the show a success. Entries totalled 160, which the secretary states was fairly satisfactory considering the war crisis, but I think if the classification had been better, especially in the British, and the prize money fixed on a smaller basis, entries would have come up much better. However, the secretary informed me that these things might be rectified another year, and if that is the case, I hope they will have a most successful time. 12 entries were received from Wales, 2 hampers from Aber-gavenny were sent at 6 p.m. on Thursday, and arrived at Bishop Auckland at 9 a.m. on Friday. The birds were in good condition, and were kept over the week-end. So there must be some plucky exhibitors in Wales. Nine members of this society are at present serving in H.M. forces, 5 being or having been at the front. One sad case, however, is that of Mr. Brownson, who has been seriously wounded, and is now in Aberdeen Hospital. The secretary informs me that he has had to have an arm and a leg amputated. I'm sure all fanciers will sincerely sympathise with him, and wish him a safe recovery at least. There was a rumour that an attempt was made to influence the Judge, Mr. Crawhall, who promptly wrote and gave the individual a bit of his mind. I may say he was not a member of the Bishop Auckland Society, and Mr. Crawhall brought it to the secretary's notice immediately. Two birds were disqualified by the judge. One for being in the unlighted class, which was not unlighted, and the other being, in the judge's opinion, a cock bird entered in the hen class. The president opened the show, and made a very good speech. Those who assisted to carry out the arrangements were the chairman, John Burton, assisted by the following stewards: Messrs. Cox, Burns, Wilson, Hornsby, Nattress, Swinburne, and Collingwood. Mr. W. Crowther was a hard-working secretary, and had everything in apple-pie order. Everyone worked hard and willingly. The hall was very suitable for the occasion, being very cosy and free from draughts. There was a good attendance of visitors, and everyone seemed well satisfied. Mr. T. C. Crawhall's awards appeared to give general satisfaction. The silver cup for most points throughout the show by a member was won by Mr. Nattress. This is the first year for the cup, which has to be won 3 times in succession before it becomes the property of the winner. Mr. Nattress also won the rose bowl for the best unlighted Yorkshire bred by a member. This now becomes his own property, he having won it twice in succession. He also won the special for the best member's Yorkshire. Quite a field day for him, and a good start for the New Year. Special for the best British bird, Mule, or Hybrid was won by Mr. Wilson with a Goldfinch. YORKS. YELL. CL. ETC. (3): 1, Stewart, cl., fine upstanding bird, grand col., in the pink of cond.; 2, 3, Nattress, var., not quite the length of winner, but grand type; 3, cl., nice qual. BUFF, CL., ETC. (5): 1, 3, Stewart, cl., buff, leading, grand position, fine qual. of feather; 3, another cl., nice shape, fails in qual.; 2, Wearmouth and Hodgson, another cl., not far behind leader, well drawn, very shapely; res, vhc, Nattress. YELL, ETC., UNFLIG. (6): 1, Wearmouth and Hodgson, cl., nicely tapered, good level col., nice head; 2, Stewart, cl., larger than first, and sounder col., might have changed places; 3, vhc, Nattress, nice bird, fails slightly in col. and shape to leaders; he, Crowther. BUFF. (5): 1, res, Tindall, both clears, winner beautiful shape, good wings and tail,

nice qual., latter fine shape and subs., fails qual.; 2, Mather, cl., nice length, grand shapely bird, runs close; 3, Wearmouth and Hodgson, tek. back of head, good col. and pos. (No. 1 disqualified, not unlighted.) HEN, ANY COL., (5): 1, vhc, Nattress, good shape and type, nice qual., wins; 2, Tindall, good length, grand pos., not much to choose between the two; 3, Wearmouth and Hodgson, nice exhibit, good pos. and length, fails size; res, Steward. NOV. CK., (6): 1, Nicholson, nice yell., good col., type, and style; 2, Goodenough, well packed wings, grand pos.; 3, Warrington, nice exhibit, not far behind leaders, grand qual; res, Allan, vhc, Burton; he, Priest. HEN, (6): 1, Nicholson, nice lady, grand col. and qual.; 2, Warrington, pressed hard, good length, grand shape, worth its place; 3, Gale, loses slightly in qual., nice pos., good wings and tail; res, Goodenough; vhc, Burton; he, Carr. NOR., YELL., CL., ETC., (6): 1, Greaves, cl., grand col., good head well filled neck, wins; 2, he, Morrison, another cl., splendid qual., nice cobby bird, fails slightly in col.; 3, Hornsby, good head and neck, well balanced, put down in good order; res, Fleck; vhc, Mathewson. BUFF. CL., ETC., (7): 1, Greaves, cl., grand type and qual., good size, nicely mounted throughout, good order; 2, res, Morrison, cl., shade smaller than winner, grand type and qual., well staged; 3, Hornsby, nice specimen, grand shape and carr.; vhc, he, Bailes; c, Smith. YELL., CL., ETC., UNFLIG., (2): 1, Crowther, cl., grand type of bird, good head, well balanced, grand col. and qual.; 2, Bailes, cl., fails size and qual., still a nice bird, good shape. BUFF. (5): 1, Priestley, cl., good shape and carr., line head, nice qual. bird; 2, Fleck, eye tkl., nice shaped body, good head, similar to leader, close race; 3, Priest, cl., good col. and qual., nicely moulded, fails slightly in head to winner; res, Briggs; vhc, Morrison. HEN ANY COL., (10): Best class in the show. 1, Briggs, cl., nice hen, splendid col. and qual., good chest, grand carr., wins a good class; 2, vhc, Mathewson, another cl., not the col. of leader, or would have pressed hard, grand shape and carr., splendid head; 3, Bailes, cl., another good one, similar col. to second, good type; res, he, Morrison, leader nice var., might have been higher; c, Priestly. NOV. CK., (4): 1, Burns and Collingwood, cl. yell., nice build, good qual. and carr., well put down; 2, Ticker, another cl., grand col., good shape, well moulded head, pressed hard; 3, res, Haydn Owens, all the way from Wales, cl. yell., leading, other cl. buff, both nice exhibits, good frames, nice head and front. HEN, (4): 1, Burns and Collingwood, nice bird, grand shape, good head and neck, stands well; 2, Haydn Owens, cl. yell., pressed hard, real good type, grand qual., rich col.; 3, Priest, var., nice type of bird, stands well, worth its place; res, Goodenough. CREST, ANY COL. (2): 1, 2, Richardson, dk. var., bird leading, plenty substance, rare crest, perfect order, followed by a nice buff, dark crest, fails size to leader, beaten top piece. C. BRED, ANY COL., (1): 1, Richardson, good subs., buff, nice qual. feather. MULE OR HYBRID, (3): 1, 2, Rev. C. R. Appleton, winner, nice fight var., Linnet Mule, real good exhibit, fit to win in better company, nice feather and cond., well staged; 2, a fine dk. yell. Goldf. Can., well up in col. and cond., good size, rich face, real nice exhibit; 3, Adams, var. Goldf. Mule, sweet bird, nice cond., fit to beat a lot, well put down. LINNET, (3): 1, Rohson, nice col., small in head, mks rather smoky, wins a poor class; 2, Priest, very small, heavily pencilled, very hen looking, poor col.; 3, Wilson, also lacks size and col. BRITISH SMALLER THAN LARK, (3): All Goldies. 1, Wilson, Goldf., nice blaze, good size, well tanned; 2, Rev. C. R. Appleton, good shape, good blaze, nice tannings, pressed hard; 3, Jobson, small, it. col., fails blaze. SELL., 20/-, (3): 1, 2, Morrison, nice pair Nor., leading, 3, another pr. Nor., fails size to leaders; 2, Orton, nice var. crest. SELL., 15/-, (7): 1, Wearmouth and Hodgson, yell., Yorks; 2, Burns and Collingwood, var., Nor.; 3, he, Morrison, pair Nor.; res, Crowther; vhc, Orton; c, Gale. SELL., 10/-, 1, Gale, cl. buff Nor.; 2, Morrison, var. Nor.; 3, Crowther, var. Yorks; res, Richardson; vhc, Wilson. GIFT (6): 1, Crowther; 2, Nattress; 3, Swinburne; res, Wood; vhc, Hornsby; he, Burton. MEMBERS, YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC., (2): 1, 2, Nattress. BUFF, CL., ETC., (4): 1, 2, Nattress; 3, 4, Crowther. YELL., ETC., UNFLIG., (4): 1, 2, 3, Nattress; res, Burton. BUFF, ETC., UNFLIG. (4): 1, Nattress; 2, res, Crowther; 3, Burton. HEN, ANY COL. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Nattress; 3, res, Crowther. NOR., YELL., CL., ETC., (4): 1, Hornsby; 2, 3, Burns and Collingwood; res, Nattress. BUFF, CL., ETC. (4): 1, res, Burns and Collingwood; 2, Hornsby; 3, Crowther. YELL., ETC., UNFLIG. (1): 1, Hornsby. BUFF, (2): 1, Hornsby; 2, Burns and Collingwood. HEN, ANY COL., (5): 1, res, Burns and Collingwood; 2, Nattress; 3, Hornsby. (No. 1 disqualified as being a cock bird.) BRIT. (one and two exhibits from these classes entered in open). LINNET, SISKIN, REDPOLL, OR TWITE (5): 1, 2, vhc, Swinburne, all Redpolls; 3, Burton, another Redpoll; res, Wilson, Linnet. GOLDF. OR BULLE, (1): 1, Wilson, Goldfinch. A.O.V. BRIT. SMALLER THAN LARK, (5): 1, 3, res, Swinburne, yell. Bunting, Bramble, and Greenie in order named; 2, Wilson, Greenfinch; vhc, Burton (Bramble). MULE OR HYBRID, (2): 1, 2, Swinburne.

CHARLOTTEVILLE F.S.

Show, held at St. Paul's Institute on Boxing Day, which entailed a lot of extra work at Christmas time upon the excellent Hon. Sec. (Mr. C. H. Pope), but he willingly gave his time to the task. There were close upon 100 birds staged, and the quality all through was excellent, many of the winners having acquitted themselves with distinction at open events during the exhibition season now rapidly closing. Mr. Cooke won special for best Yorks., with a lovely buff hen, and Mr. Killick accounted for the British bird special by the aid of a topping Siskin. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and gladly discussed any point raised by exhibitors afterwards. Yorks. CK.: 1, 4, vhc, he, Killick; 2, 3, res, Cooke; 3, Cooke. HEN: 1, sp. best Yorks., res, he, Cooke; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Killick. Bred 1915, CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Cooke; res, vhc, he, c, Killick. Non-Fed: 1, 4, res, Cakeread; 2, 3, Cooke. NORWICH: 1, 4, Pope and Jopson; 2, res, Cakeread. BORD.: 1, c, Pope and Jopson; 2, vhc, Cakeread; 3, 4, he, Killick. A.O.V.: 1, Pope and Jopson; he, Cakeread. GOLDF.: 1, 4, Ede; 2, Killick; 3, Rackcliffe; res, Cakeread; vhc, he, Pope and Jopson. BULF.: 1, Pope and Jopson; 2, Ede; 3, Cakeread. LINNET: 1, 3, Killick; 2, Rackcliffe; 4, Cakeread. SISKIN: 1, sp. best British, Killick. Redpoll: 1, Ede; 2, res, Pope and Jopson; 3, Killick; 4, Cakeread. A.O.S. Hardbill: 1, 2, 3, 4, res, Cakeread; vhc, Killick. A.S. Softbill: 1, Ede; 2, Lympos. Mule or Hybrid: 1, 2, Cakeread; 3, Avers; 4, Pope and Jopson. SELL. 7/6: 1, 3, Killick; 2, 4, Cakeread.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, on Jan. 8, 37 birds were entered for three good prizes, and some very good singing was heard. The winners were: L. W. Watkiss; 2, S. Morley; 3, G. Worrall. Look out for our next special sing. All will be welcome.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY.

Dove Inn Lark and Linnet C., Doncaster Road. 20 birds entered for four prizes, when some very good singing was heard in 4 min. time singing: 1, Jones, 3 min. 26 sec.; 2, Hardman, 3 min. 18 sec.; 3, Brushy and Fishwick shared 3rd, 3 min. each, and all birds did some singing except two. 45 members now—number limited to fifty.—J. Hardman, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Weekly Linnet Contest Club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefear, Dec. 8. 24 birds competed for three good prizes, 3 min. time singing: 1, Pugh; 2, Jones; 3, Scott. Open sing, Dec. 9, 44 of the best birds in Yorkshire sang for four good prizes, 3 min. time: 1, 3, Watkiss; 2, Pugh; 4, Morley. There was also a match between Mr. Morley, of Castleford, and Mr. B. Nelson, of Pontefract, and they sang to a crowded house, both birds doing splendid time, Mr. Nelson winning; scores: Mr. Nelson, 134; Mr. Morley, 127.—S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest, held Old Bird House, Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Jan. 9. 28 birds competed: 1, Jarman; 2, Laycock; 3, Blackburn. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and J. Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Open contest, Jan. 8, for quality Linnet singing, held at the Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, when 16 birds sang for three prizes: 1, 2, A. Binns; 3, W. Wharm. Judges, Messrs. S. Butterfield and J. Hutchinson. Jan. 9, 21 of the best birds in Leeds sang for four prizes, and some grand singing was heard: 1, A. Binns; 2, A. Parker; 3 and 4 shared, W. Lipman and A. Binns. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, J. Hutchinson, and W. Ward.—Hon. Sec., W. Lipman.

Quality Linnet and Canary singing, Glassmakers' Arms, Greyhound Place, York Road, Jan. 8. Linnet Contest, 17 birds: 1, Richardson; 2, Stockhill; 3, shared, Richardson and Butler. Canary contest, 12 birds: 1, Johnson; 2, Ridgeyard; 3, Oley. Jan. 9, Linnets, 23 birds: 1, 2, Hirst; 3, Shaw. Canaries, 16 birds: 1, Wharm; 2, 3, Johnson and Pratt, shared. Open contest for Linnets the first Sat. in Feb., hoping that all the champions will appear; 3 medals will be given.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Jan. 8; 14 birds sang, 1, Mrs. Tennant; 2, Sissons; 3, Hirst; consolation prize, T. Ward. Judges, Jennings and Hayes. Jan. 8, Roller contest, 14 birds sang, 1, S. Johnson; 2, T. Johnson; 3, 4, Condliffe. Judges, Appleyard, Parker, and Taylor. Jan. 9 Linnet contest, 19 sang, 1, Mrs. Tennant; 2, 3, Sissons; consolation, Ward. Jan. 9, Roller contest, 16 sang, 1 and 2 shared Lacy and T. Johnson; 3, Smith; consolation prize, Johnson. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, and Hayes. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Saturday next, Jan. 15, at 8. Extra special prizes, including leg of mutton, for 1st prize. Fees as usual.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.—(Adv.)

Club Reports.

HALIFAX O.S.

A meeting was held Dec. 11. Decided to alter the smoger and presentation date from Jan. 13 to 15 owing to many of the members working overtime. Nomination of officials and new rules were brought forward, and members please note that there will be two new secretaries. Mr. Clegg cannot stand the strain and anxiety of an open show. Mr. Burdick also has had a severe illness, and is only recovering slowly.—Harry Clegg, Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 6, at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Mr. Cooper was chairman. There were a good number present at a very nice meeting. The auditor's report for the last year proved very satisfactory, considering the present times. It was decided to hold a pair show shortly. Officers elected for the coming year: President, Mr. H. Campion; Vice, Mr. H. Mortimer; Chairman, Mr. J. Parfitt; Treasurer, Mr. J. Parfitt; Sec., Mr. Wm. Newell; Assist. Sec., Mr. E. Mould; Committee, Messrs. Hyde, Blackmore, Webber, Cooper, Morton, Selby; Auditors, Mr. Bibbings and Mr. A. Parfitt.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 7, Mr. Jones, chair. A fair number turned up to witness washing competition. Messrs. Sparks, Pickering, Austin, J. Woolhouse, Sisson and Varley competed. Each competitor handled the birds differently, and some amusement was caused at the way one or two rinsed the birds. Mr. Woodhouse was the successful member, and Mr. Varley (novice). Mr. Furness acted as judge. Decided to have a social sometime in March and support was promised; further particulars next meeting. It is hoped members will do their best to make the effort a success and bring their friends. Messrs. Hartley, Gifford, Wasden, and Walls elected members. Next meeting, matched pair show; two classes only; novices competing with members; four money prizes.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

READING C.B.S.

General annual meeting at Palmer Hall, Jan. 5, and a good attendance. Election of officers for year: Pres., Mrs. Geo. W. Palmer; vice-pres., Messrs. L. G. Sutton, A. Palmer, A. W. Sutton, W. H. Palmer, C. E. Keyser, T. Munton, and Lieut. Col. Wilson, D.S.O., M.P.; auditors, Messrs. W. H. Pyke and A. J. Foster. Managing committee: Chairman or treas., Mr. G. Munday; vice-chair, Mr. J. Brooker; Messrs. T. Yates, F. Dearlove, R. Meadowcroft, P. Eggleton, G. Larkome, W. Frewin, W. H. Pyke, A. J. Foster, F. Wilson, G. E. Towndrow; secretary, A. C. Smith, 73, Audley Street. Secretary read letters from two members on active service, thanking all members who had subscribed towards cigarettes which were sent to them for Christmas. Arrangements were made for pair show on Feb. 2, when Mr. J. Polson will judge and give a lecture on birds. Balance-sheet was passed, and was considered good under the present circumstances. Subs. are now due; all not paid before March will be charged 3s. This rule is to be enforced in future.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting Jan. 8, Mr. J. Admitt chair, and a good attendance. Five members elected: G. Gratton, H. Holmes, L. Purkin, G. Hayes, and E. Bradley. Decided to have members' show on Feb. 12; T. Barbow judge. Special in each section. Birds staged 4.—Geo. Sawyer, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Jan. 8, Joiners' Arms, Bolton, Mr. Wareing presiding over large attendance. Two new members were elected. Decided to hold annual meeting as usual at Headquarters on Jan. 29. Unanimously agreed to fall in with the suggestion of the Leeds Roller Club to try and form a Central Control Board for the ring and other matters concerning the Fancy. A meeting of all Roller clubs will be held on Feb. 5, at the Old Board's Head, Manchester, when all clubs may send two representatives. Notice will be sent to clubs at an early date. Will members send in points scored at all shows, to enable sec. to complete young birds competition?—J. T. Smith, Sec. pro tem.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Results of Competitions for 1915-16.

Halifax show brought the Union competitions to a close for the season; 13 Union shows have been held at which 3,688 birds entered. Amat. gold medal winners: J. S. Sharpe, 136 points; W. Helliwell, 102; S. Midgley, 71; and W. H. Dibb, 56. Nov. gold medals, Yorks: W. H. Synes, 202 points; J. Taylor, 194; S. Ratcliffe, 182; A. Gledhill, 172; N. Raynor, 140; F. Hanson, 139. Nor.: Spencer and Maiden, 157; G. A. Simonett, 139. Errington's colour-food prizes: Champ, Thos. Bennett, 156 points; and P. Mason, 76. Nov., F. Hanson, 134 points; N. Raynor, 123. Any competitor finding the above points do not agree with his own reckoning should write me immediately. Secretaries of Union societies please note that Union judges are to be nominated this month, and that new rules, alteration to rules, and Union officials must be nominated on or before Feb. 1 to be placed on the ballot papers.—S. Midgley, Hon. Sec.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.

Meeting Jan. 5, at secretary's residence. Balance-sheet read and passed to general satisfaction. An account of the work during the year was read and showed good progress. The account of the annual open show of Nov. 17 and 18 was next read, and showed an increase of 60 entries over last year, and there was a grant to the Wounded Soldiers' Cigarette Fund of 30 per cent. of the gate, amounting to £1 4s. The balance of the year's work shows an increase of 10s. 5d. A proposal was made by the chairman, Mr. E. Cook, that a nomination fee of 6d. should be paid by new members joining the society. This was carried unanimously. Votes of thanks were given to those of the committee who made our annual show such a success, and to the secretary and assistant secretary. We have had to alter our headquarters on account of the military authorities. All meetings will now be held at the secretary's residence. Next meeting Jan. 17.—J. Alderslade.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting, at headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Jan. 4, Mr. T. Dawn, presided. The committee suggested a syllabus for 1916 which, after a discussion, was adopted. The chief suggestions were as follows: That, owing to the continuation of war, the number of men on munitions and guns, and the number that would not doubt be called up under the Group System in due course, it was considered advisable to drop the N.F. show for 1916, and in place run a large number of table shows, with increased classification and fixed prize money of 3/-, 2/-, and 1/-; this was adopted. The next suggestion was the changing of headquarters; all approved this, but the difficulty was getting a suitable place in the centre of the city. Eventually we secured the Rotherham House Hotel, which has been rebuilt. The club room is one of the best in the city. Members note, the meeting for Feb. will be at the new headquarters, Exchange-st., immediately opposite Mr. J. Mace's shop.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Corres.

SHEFFLESTON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Good Templars' Hall, Jan. 8, Mr. E. Taylor presiding, and a good turnout. Balance sheet for 1915 was adopted, showing a balance of £11 7s. 6d. on the right side, after holding over £1 13s. for club funds, which was considered very satisfactory, while six of our members are serving the King. Prize-money for annual show paid. Meetings were altered from second Saturday to second Wednesday, at 8. Office-bearers for 1916 elected: Pres., Mr. E. Taylor; vice-pres., Messrs. J. Hood and W. Lunn; sec. and treas., Mr. S. F. Wood; committee, Messrs. R. S. Jarvie, C. Divens, J. Johnstone, R. Davidson, and W. Carrick; auditors, Messrs. J. Kirkwood and J. Hawkie. Decided to hold monthly meeting and pair show, Good Templars' Hall, 511, Main-st., Feb. 12, at 4. Members can invite friends. Classification: Crest or C.B., Nor. yell. cock, buff hen, buff cock, yell. hen; Bori., ditto; Yorks., ditto; Scotch Fancy, ditto; Muling pairs; Hyb. pairs. Entry, 3d. Drawings to be divided between the best three pairs in hall, after deducting expenses.—S. F. Wood, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Waterloo Hotel, Jan. 4, Mr. W. G. Fellows chair, and a good attendance. Balance-sheet and report passed. The report outlined a very full and successful year's work, and the accounts showed a balance of £8 10s. to the good, in addition to which the society now possesses seven challenge cups. Honorary was voted to the Hon. Sec., together with a well-earned vote of thanks, the fact of balance-sheet being prepared, audited, printed, and in the hands of members by Jan. 1 (although the annual show took place as late as December), showing the hard-working zeal of the never-tiring Hon. Sec. Vote of thanks passed to the other officers and committee for able work, which ensured the success of past season. A large number of voting papers had been sent in, showing the interest taken by members in the working of the society, but the result was very gratifying to the officials, as showing their efforts in the past had given satisfaction to members, the count showing the practically unanimous re-election of the Chairman, Mr. W. G. Fellows; vice-chair, Mr. J. B. Hayter; Hon. Sec., Mr. W. L. Page; Assist. Hon. Sec., Mr. G. J. Slade; and Treas., Mr. A. G. Washer. The committee were also re-appointed, with the exception of two vacancies (one serving with the colours, and one resignation), which were filled by the two leading novices of 1915. Auditors were re-appointed (Mr. A. A. Winter and Mr. W. J. White). A good programme for 1916 was approved, including lectures, table and F.F. shows, and outing, concluding with annual show, Nov. 29 and 30 (open if possible). Judge for annual show was discussed and final arrangements left to committee. Vote of thanks to Press, local and fancy, closed the proceedings.—O. J. Slade, Assist. Sec.

S.W. LONDON C.B.S.

The New Year commenced Jan. 1, and a special appeal is now made to all lovers of cage birds living in Battersea, Wandsworth, Putney, Tooting, Balham, Merton, Streatham, Sutton, and Norbury. Meetings are held monthly at the Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction. Many new members are required to take the place of those who are in the army or working for the Government. All members have a voice in the management, and a programme for the meetings will be arranged, providing members will support them. Fanciers should write for rules and particulars of membership to W. Lilley, Treas., 17, Hminster Gardens, Lavender Hill, S.W.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Results of the competitions for 1915-16, promoted by the Y.C.C.—"Ogden's trophy," value 10 gns.: 1, Dr. W. Craig, Sheffield, 1-3 points; 2, L. Dykes, Bradford, 147; 3, C. Morrison, Brighouse, 117; 4, H. H. Towers, Crosshills, 109; runners up: Messrs. Ogden Bros., Bradford, 65. "Ramsden Cup," value 7 gns.: 1, L. Dykes, 160 points (wins cup outright); 2, Dr. Craig, 145; 3, Ogden Bros., 121; 4, L. Dyson, Skelmanthorpe, 117; runner-up, H. H. Towers, 90. "Amateur Competition": 1st prize value 21/- (presented by Mr. L. Dykes), W. Helliwell, Bradford, 79 points; 2nd value 15/- (presented by Mr. H. H. Towers), J. T. Sharpe, Halifax, 68; 3rd value 10/- (presented by Mr. C. Morrison), S. Midgley, Clayton, 34; 4th (presented by Mr. H. H. Towers), value 6/-, W. H. Dille, Guiseley, 23; runner-up, H. Mitchell, Thornton, 32. I hope to give winners of "Junior Novice Competition," and winners of 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th birds, cash prizes, next week.—John Greaves, Sec.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

General meeting, Crown Hotel, Jan. 6, Mr. Chas. Broome chair. Balance-sheet was read by the auditors, W. J. Lapworth and W. Jones, and met with applause. It showed a balance in the bank of £16 2s. 11d., which all consider a credit, the society only having been in existence for twelve months. Decided to hold our open show for 1916, Nov. 9, Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham, judge. Five new members elected: J. Pitt, S. Daniels, D. Daniels, P. Watkins, and J. Howells, so we are going on well for another year. Officers elected: W. J. Lapworth, chairman; C. S. Latham, vice; D. Morris, treas.; and G. Broome, sec.

Members' show for Norwich, Yorks, and Bord. Geo. Broome judged. Nor. (12): 1, 2, 3, he, c, C. Broome; 4, Thomas and Durham; vhc, Pitt. Yorks (10): 1, 2, 4, vhc, c, Latham; 3, he, Jones. Bord. (12): 1, 2, c, Lapworth; 3, 4, vhc, Jones; he, Daniels. There was also a judging competition, the three members with most points to receive 6lbs. of canary seed, and there is a silver medal for most points gained with birds for three shows, Jan., Feb., and March.—Geo. Broome, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.

General meeting held Jan. 4, at headquarters, the White Swan, when the following officers for 1916 were elected: President, Mr. Gibbins; Vice-Pres., Messrs. Hulse, Allen and Gilbert; Trustees, Hulse and Allen; Auditors, Messrs. Sturgess and Pearson; Treasurer, Mr. Moores; Committee, Messrs. Neal, Jolly, Wholton, Deakin, Brooks, Herbert, Start, Pole, Freestene, Henney, Kilsby, and Bert; Joint Secs., Messrs. Day and Roberts. Medals were handed to winners: Messrs. Hulse, Henney, Deacon, and Brooks. It was decided to hold our annual charity show in aid of the children's hospital. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers for their services, to which our President suitably replied, giving us a little of the history of the society.—Founded in 1870, it had had its ups and downs, once being as low as five members, but today he had no hesitation in saying that with a membership of over forty and a bank balance of over £18, this society stood second to none, and that so far as fellowship among members was concerned, although he had held the office as President for something like 23 years, he had never known any real unpleasantness to exist. No doubt this was due to the flourishing condition of this society. Messrs. Hulse and Allen supported.—Day and Roberts, Joint Secs.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

The seventh annual general meeting of the above society was held at headquarters on Wednesday, Jan. 6. There was only a poor attendance. The minutes of last annual meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman put the balance-sheet forward for adoption. This shows the receipts for the year amounted to £84 17s. 2d., and the expenditure £83 18s. 5d., which leaves us with balance from previous year (£12 7s. 5d.), a total balance of £13 6s. 2d. for the year. It may be noted that the society handed over to the local Red Cross Fund the sum of £5. Major S. C. Ferguson was re-elected president. Messrs. Holmes and Lowry were added to the committee in place of Messrs. H. C. Palfrey and R. Macartney, who have left the city. The Treasurer (Mr. G. Davidson) and the Secretary (John C. Bell) were re-elected and thanked for their past services. The date for the open show was fixed for Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25 and 26. Secretaries please note. These are the original dates on which we have held all our shows. Six gentlemen were nominated, and on a vote being taken Messrs. John Robson (London), T. McCreddie (Dumfries), and W. Nicholson (Stockton-on-Tees) were elected judges, and the Secretary was instructed to write asking for their terms, etc. Before the close the Chairman moved a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sowerby for the use of the room. Members kindly note that in future monthly meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month—not the first as originally, and the officials would like to see more members take an active interest in the work, and not leave all to two or three.—John C. Bell, Hon. Sec.

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Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Jan. 13, St. Thomas's Old schoolroom, 8. Annual general meeting, election officers, alterations of rules.—J. Spencer. Burnley C.B.S.—Jan. 23, 75, Lindsay-st., 7. Quarterly and yearly balance-sheets; election of officers and new members.—James Moorhouse.

Bramley O.S.—Jan. 15, Carnival Rooms, 2.15. Entries for last winter show; birds staged 2.30; club business; subscriptions.—P. Page. Birkenhead C.F.A.—Jan. 18, Ablett's Cafe Rooms, Market Street, 8. Election of officers and night show of Yorks. and Nor.; judge, Mr. J. M. Moss.—A. E. Lloyd.

Barnsley and Dis. B.F.A.—Jan. 17, Bailey Mow, 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers; balance-sheet; proposed new rules, etc.—J. Nicholl. Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 18, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Supper; presentation of prizes; consideration of Union rules, and judges.—J. Spencer.

Burnthorpe C.B.S.—Mr. Game's Jaw Blades, 4.30. Supper and social evening; be in time, the more the better.—J. W. Robson.

Chorley C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Balance for year's working; election of officers; other special business.—J. H. Welch.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 17, 60, Paddington-st., 8. Annual general meeting.—V. Wynn.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Lamb Hotel, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers, and other business.—A. S. Treasure.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Maskell's Hotel, 8. To elect judge; fix classification for pair show; also table show of Yorks., and balance-sheet of open show.—E. Thomas.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Jan. 20, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Balance-sheet and election of officers.—Wm. Kane.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 20, 8. Report and balance-sheet; election of officers, etc.; commence as soon as quorum is present.—W. A. Harwood.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Fountain Inn, 6.30. General meeting; election of officers, etc.; arrangement for supper, etc.; subs. for 1915 due.—S. Wilcock.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Cairn's Memorial Hall, George Road, 8. No meeting in January. Election of judges and classification for show; new members enrolled.—J. C. Charlton.

Fife C.B.L.—Jan. 29, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 5. Annual general meeting; handing over cup to winners.—J. Sneddon.

Guiseley, Yealand, C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Regent Hotel, 7.30. General meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers, and syllabus for 1916.—W. Rose.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Jan. 22, The Grange Congregational School, All Saints' Road, 7.30. Special meeting; business important.—A. Firth.

Garston B.B.A.—Jan. 19, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers, and syllabus for 1916, etc. New members invited; entrance free. Subs. 2/6.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Queen's Head Inn, 7. Election of officers and balance-sheet; other business.—R. H. Dixon.

Halifax C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Trafalgar Inn, 7.30. Report of open show; consideration of Union rules for alterations; nomination of judges for Union shows.—A. Sutcliffe.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 15, Plummet Line Hotel, 6.30. Annual smoker and presentation of prizes for members' shows; fanciers and friends invited.—H. Clegg. Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 22, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 5.30. Table show of F.M. cocks, Greenf. and Linnet, and Bullf. hen; Mr. Sam Ferguson's special for most over show, no entries after G.—Thos. J. McGregor.

Leyton C.B.A.—Jan. 17, The Parish Hall, Church Road, Leyton, 8. Annual general meeting.—A. W. Farmer.

Lochelly C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Bay Horse Hotel, 5.30. Table show: Breeding pairs, Can., Mule, or Hyb., also British classes.—R. Muir.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Jan. 18, The White Swan, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. H. J. Chick on British Birds; table show, Nor., Cl., or Tkl. Yell., unfig., Greenf.—Day and Roberts.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Jan. 20, at Kelvedon Hall, Waltham Green, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers and judges for ensuing season; balance-sheet read out; show dates fixed; also schedules for pair show.—H. F. Bowring.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Balance-sheet and auditor's report; new members invited.—A. Colley.

Oxford C.B.S.—Jan. 20, 58, George Street, 7.30. Annual general meeting.—A. F. Fiffeld.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Jan. 18, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, 8. Monthly meeting; election of committee, and other business.—W. Luscombe.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 15, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. (1) Show business; (2) all ticket money to be paid in; (3) specials out, etc.—John Peacock.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Wharf Hotel. Show for hens only, birds staged 7; judge, Mr. A. Barnes.—G. Mitchell.

South Shields C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Cyprus, 7.—W. L. Smith.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Jan. 14, Liberal Club, 8. Taking of entries for members' show, Jan. 15; judge, T. Bennett, Bradford.—W. Everett.

Sheffield O.S.—Jan. 25, Rotherham House, Exchange Street, Sheffield, 8.—E. C. Job.

St. Quintin Park F. and F.S.—Jan. 20, Street Traders' Institute, Portobello Road, 8.15. Questions. Visitors invited.—A. S. Tarrant.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Horse and Groom, 7. Arrangements for yearly meeting, and prize distribution.—W. Chapman.

Walkden Roller S.—Jan. 18, Stock's Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—E. Hibbert.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Horse and Groom, 7.—W. Chapman.

Winthill C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.45. Smoking concert; presentation from the Y.C.C. to a member; fanciers invited.—Taylor and Halliday.

Wigan Roller C.C.—Jan. 15, Legs of Man Hotel, 6.30. Show report and election of officers; intending members and friends invited.—P. Greenall.

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All matter intended for publication must be writ-
 ten or typed on one side of paper only, and must
 reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday
 if insertion in the next issue is desired.

Twitterings.

At Larkhall show, writes Mr. J. McEwan,
 sec., special in class 86 should read best in
 class 87, and sp. by Messrs. Brownlee and
 Cook should be best 4th in class 88.

We beg to thank the exhibitors who helped
 to make our show a success, and we have
 a nice balance to carry over to our next
 show, writes Mr. J. Stewart, hon. sec.,
 Whitehaven Yorks. F.S.

Owing to ill health and pressure of business,
 writes to Mr. H. H. Mortimer, I have re-
 signed the position of sec. of Abertillery
 C.B.S., and all correspondence should be sent
 to the new sec., Mr. W. Newell, 62, Princess
 Street, Abertillery.

I have received a remittance of three guineas
 from the Victorian Canary Society and Mr.
 F. White as a donation to the special prize
 fund of the London and P.O.S., which I
 hereby acknowledge with many thanks, writes
 Mr. J. W. Ramsden.

Mr. A. G. Cant, 30, Henslowe Road, East
 Dulwich, S.E., has been elected hon. secretary
 of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., and Mr.
 A. J. Clarke hon. treasurer. Headquarters,
 Peindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E.

GLASGOW and Western Counties Club Show of Nor-
 wich, Border, and Yorkshire Canaries,
 Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in
 Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, on Satur-
 day, 22nd January. Admission threepence. No
 taken birds on exhibition.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.,
 15, Alexander Street, Sandyford, Glasgow.

WINBLEDON

SHOW,
 TUESDAY, JAN. 18th.
 Queen's Hall. Judge, G. Robson.
 Admission 6d., including Catalogue.

Mr. Geo. Broome, sec. Blaenavon C.B.S.,
 writes that the open show of the Society has
 been fixed for Nov. 9 (Mr. J. H. Roe judge),
 and hopes that societies in Wales and West
 of England will try to avoid clashing.

An Address Wanted.

Will the gentleman who offered 23s. 6d. for
 a bird in the Novice Sell. Class at Larkhall
 open show, Jan. 8, please send his address to
 me, writes Mr. T. J. McGregor, 48, Sarah-
 ville Crescent, Larkhall.

Prize Money Paid.

We are informed that prize-money has
 been paid in respect of the following shows;
 if any winners have been overlooked, they
 should apply to the respective secretaries:—
 Bishop Auckland, Larkhall.

Mems for Canary Owners.

Let your perches be of different thick-
 nesses. The highest one to be half an
 inch broad and 3/4 inch thick, with top
 edges just chamfered off.

Moving from perch to perch of differ-
 ent sizes exercises the birds' toes, as in
 nature.

Paste a piece of fine sandpaper along
 the under side of the top perch. This
 will keep the claws from growing too
 long.

Cut the claws only when absolutely
 necessary; the more you cut them the
 more they will grow.

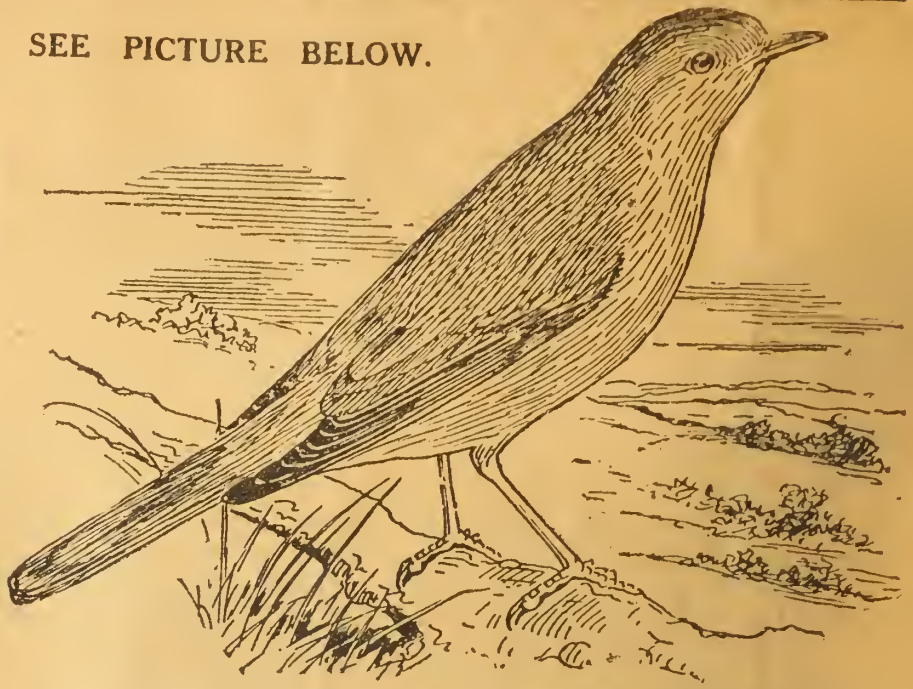
Into some water which has been boiled
 and allowed to cool put as much sulphate
 of soda as it will take up.

Bottle this, and add a teaspoonful of
 the solution to the drinking water occa-
 sionally; it keeps the bowels in healthy
 working order.

Read carefully the answers to Canary
 queries; they contain a fund of infor-
 mation.

Cut out and paste down bits that strike
 you; they may save you a lot of future
 trouble.

SEE PICTURE BELOW.



A Redstart with a Fine Record.

By CHAS BURROWS.

(See our Front Page Illustration.)

MY Redstart, a portrait of which appears
 on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, is
 now nearly four years old, and has
 been out three seasons. In many cases he has
 won at the same show for two or three years
 in succession, notably Reading, Coventry, and
 Watford. This season he has been placed
 first at Reading, Burton-on-Trent, Coventry
 (twice at separate shows), and Watford. He
 was second at Wolverhampton to a Chough,
 second at Birmingham to my own Waxwing.
 He has several other firsts to his credit this
 season.

First Thoughts Not Always Best.

At the tail end of the summer 1912 I had
 a Magpie, and kept a trap set to catch Spar-
 rows to feed him with, and one day this Red-
 start got in. I had a look at him, and came
 to the conclusion it was a young hen, so at
 once let him go. A few days later he got in
 again, and I then decided to keep him through
 the winter. In a place where I keep my
 "bike" I had a long flight cage with several
 Nightingales in it, so I put him in with the
 "Gales, and there he spent his first winter. By
 this time there was no doubt about his being
 a cock bird.

My method of colour-feeding I explained
 only a few weeks back in CAGE BIRDS—best
 ants' eggs dry as stock food, and the colour-
 food mixed with it dry. This was given him
 every day during the moult, and the result was
 very satisfactory, while the same can be said
 of his two following moults, only in a more
 marked manner. Having only so recently
 given my method of feeding and treatment of
 Softbills I will not repeat it now.

A Useful Hint.

Some years back there appeared in CAGE
 BIRDS, from the pen of the Rev. C. D. Farrar,
 directions for the making of food for Soft-
 bills. This was a really good food, would
 keep any length of time, and the birds would
 eat it all up, a thing which very rarely hap-
 pens with stock food, for in most cases the
 greater part is wasted; the only drawback was
 its cost. I cut the directions out, and have
 them by me now, and have many times made
 up the food and used it; but, as a rule, now I
 use only best ants' eggs as stock food.

As a proof that fanciers do keep and work
 to information gathered from the pages of
 CAGE BIRDS, I will just relate a recent hap-
 pening. A few weeks back, on the Saturday
 following the issue of CAGE BIRDS on the
 Friday, a fancier of this town, Mr. Batsford,
 came to me and said: "I say, Burrows, there
 is an article in CAGE BIRDS on the feeding and
 treatment of small Softbills, it will be very
 useful to you; I have cut it out for my own
 keeping." I said: "Thanks very much, but
 that particular article is my own work, and
 wins me 2s. 6d.; have a drink with me."

Kindly thank all exhibitors who responded
 to my call and supported Larkhall show,
 writes Mr. Wm. P. Campbell, hon. sec., as
 it has turned out a great success, thanks
 to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

At the Windhill O.S. smoking concert
 to-day, Saturday, Jan. 15, at 7, the com-
 mittee of the Y.C.C. will present to Mr. R.
 W. Alderson, Windhill, a gold-mounted walk-
 ing stick, as a slight recognition of twenty-
 one years' service as hon. auditor to the club.
 I am desired by the Windhill members,
 writes Mr. John Greaves, secretary, to
 extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers
 who would like to be present.

Foreign Classes at Holborn Hall.

I crave your permission to notify all
 members and keepers of Foreign birds, writes
 Mr. Allen Silver, that a big classification has
 been put up for their birds at the Holborn
 Hall on Feb. 2 and 3, and that a good num-
 ber of cash specials have come in, Lt.-Col.
 Horsburgh and Mr. Alfred Ezra having re-
 sponded handsomely. I'll leave it to them to
 justify the League's existence by making a
 good entry.

OUR ESSAY COMPETITION.

In our issue of Jan. 1 we set our readers
 the task of communicating their experiences
 for the benefit of fellow readers of CAGE
 BIRDS, and the result has been very gratify-
 ing. A large number of entries have been
 received, and the four ten shilling prizes
 have been awarded as follows:—British
 birds, Mr. J. A. Tonks, The Lawn, Hollies-
 drive, Wednesbury; Canaries, Mr. A. Moor-
 man, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight; Hybrids,
 Mr. A. W. Meek, The Vicarage, Hunstan-
 ton; Foreign, Mr. W. Lidgett, 76, Milner-
 st., Newark.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page
 illustrations, and of most other pictures ap-
 pearing on our pages, may be purchased by
 readers for framing. Terms for any picture
 will be sent on application.

How the Fancy Helps the Red Cross Fund.

The recent show at Hamilton resulted in
 a grand contribution of £60 to the Red Cross
 and Local Relief War Funds, and we hear
 that the officials of the Glasgow Red Cross
 expect to be able to hand over about £70.
 The committees desire to thank donors, ex-
 hibitors, and all others who in any way con-
 tributed to the success of the show.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. PEARSON, WIGTON.

I notify with regret, writes Mr. J. M. Sim,
 the death on Dec. 8 of Mr. John Pearson of
 Wigton, after a long and painful illness. Mr.
 P. was a prominent Border fancy breeder and
 exhibitor in Cumberland, and his loss will be
 felt keenly amongst fanciers in that district.
 The circumstances are the more distressing in
 that his wife also is in a very critical con-
 dition with a cancer in her throat. I am
 sure the Fancy generally will sympathise with
 the relatives of the deceased.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. R.
 Hutchinson, sec., Stanley Victoria F.F. and
 C.B.S., that I have to inform you of the great
 loss Mr. and Mrs. J. Keskeys have suffered
 through the loss of their child. I am sure
 all fanciers will join me in extending their
 deepest sympathy to the parents in their sad
 bereavement.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Larkhall O.S.—Public Hall, Jan. 29. Judge, Mr.
 James Mason. 14 classes: Brit. 6, Bord. 2, Com.
 Can. 1, Nor. 1, For. 1, Mule 1, Hen 1, Sell 1. Prizes,
 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry 1/6. Close Jan. 25 to J.
 McEwan, 89, McNeill St., Larkhall.



A BEAUTIFUL BRITISH SONGSTER

as seen by two of our artists at Watford.

This picture is by Mr. Goodchild, and the one at the top of the page is by Mr. Norman. The bird
 depicted won 2nd prize at Watford Show for Mr. G. Swain, of Watford.



BEAUTIFUL GREENFINCH HYBRIDS.

MY INDIAN WHITE-EYES (*Zosterops palpebrosa*).

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE NESTING OF THE FIRST PAIR OF THESE CHARMING BIRDS TO BREED IN ENGLAND.

BEFORE recording the doings of this species in my aviary, it may be well to pass a few remarks on White-eyes generally. The genus *Zosterops* is a large one, for it contains between eighty and ninety species, the largest of which is 5½ inches in length, and the smallest 3¼ inches. They have a very wide range, Africa, India, West Indies, China, Japan, etc., yet the general colour-pattern is pretty universal, viz.: olive-green for the upper parts and bright yellow and grey beneath, with a ring of chalk-white feathers round the eye, which gives them their popular name, "White-eyes."

In form they are slender and dainty, and as

long ones to me, and I eagerly awaited news from the different ports of call. From Marseilles the news was good, though the voyage had been an adventurous and stormy one for such mites; but in the Bay of Biscay there was a blizzard, and up the Channel fearful weather was encountered, so the steamer arrived several days late, with the result that only two White-eyes arrived alive. Nevertheless, my luck was not entirely out, for these two proved to be a true pair.

A day or two later, in Easter week 1911, they were brought to me, and together we took them into the flight, and opened the door of the cage. They hopped at once on to the door-sill, looked around, and then with happy chirps spread their wings and in a trice were searching the leaves and bark for insects. Shortly afterwards they were daintily sipping



INDIAN WHITE EYES AND THEIR NEST.

An episode in the aviary of Mr. W. T. Page.

active as Tits amid the branches when searching for their insect prey. No position comes amiss to them; in fact, one might almost say that there is no wrong-side-up with the members of this genus. Comparisons are not always odious, sometimes they are really helpful, and in this instance we may say that very many White-eyes very closely resemble the Willow-Warbler, but are brighter-coloured; in fact, these dainty sprites have the demeanour of the Willow-Warbler combined with the full acrobatic ability of the Tits. The diet in a state of nature consists of the nectar of flowers, fruit, small berries, and insects. It is beyond the power of pen to depict fully either their charm, daintiness, or beauty.

Z. palpebrosa (the Indian White-eyes) is one of the smallest species; scientific catalogues record him as four inches long, and when watching him disporting amid the trees and shrubs of a roomy aviary, you would put him down as about half that size. A skin from tip of beak to tip of tail actually measure 4 inches, but he very seldom stretches himself beyond the 3 inches as a living bird.

Now, just a word as to our illustration. This depicts an episode in my aviary in 1911, when my first pair of this species successfully reared three young ones. Mr. Goodchild's drawing is true, to life; the branch of the hawthorn tree was drawn on the spot, and he has most aptly caught the position of the birds as they hopped about and cared for their family. The drawing itself is in colour, and I consider it one of the best drawings Mr. Goodchild has turned out, which is sufficient praise.

A Rough Voyage.

As my Indian White-eyes were the only specimens in England at the time of their arrival, and for some months afterwards, a few words as to how I obtained them may not be out of place. Some little time previously a friend in India had written me that he was sending me twelve White-eyes in care of another friend, who was coming home on furlough. The weeks of that voyage were

the syrup-sop while we watched entranced, lost to all else.

The fates which had been so hard as to cause the burial at tea of ten of these fairy-like sprites, had evidently exhausted their spleen, for all went well after the arrival of the survivors. True, that sunny Easter-tide was succeeded by days of cold rain and many frosty nights, and during these the solicitude with which I watched my dainty little treasures may be understood, as this was my first experience with White-eyes out of doors, though I had kept more than one African species in an indoor aviary some years previously. I need not have been anxious, for they were evidently not so fragile as they appeared and suffered no discomfort. Fortunately the adverse weather only ran into a couple of weeks, and the remainder of the spring was charming and genial, and as spring was followed by a tropical summer luck was certainly not against me.

Charming Beyond Description.

Before completing the history of this pair in my aviary I must make the attempt (an almost impossible task) to describe their charming deportment in the rain. Their charm and interest are really beyond description, whatever feature one seeks to describe. In form they resemble the Willow-Warbler, their general demeanour is that of the Gold-crested Wren, and they are about the same size, perhaps a little larger. In an aviary such as mine, 30ft. square and nearly 15ft. high, one can watch them for hours without tiring; first to see them, creeper-like, examining bark and leaves, then swaying on a tall grass stem, then swooping (fluttering) to and fro, foraging on the wing, and again walking wrong side up on the roof netting of the flight in the eager search for small insect life. Except for one short siesta at mid-day, and for very short intermittent rests, this activity is kept up during the live-long day. When they do hop about a tree or bush apparently without an object they are more charming still.

(To be continued.)

Breeding and Preparing Yorkshires for the Show Bench.

(Continued from page 369.)

By
BIRD-LOVER.

This article, by an experienced exhibitor, tells the novice how he himself may achieve success in Breeding, Colour-feeding, and Exhibiting the Yorkshire Canary.

DON'T worry if they are not there, but leave the room quietly, returning later, and we will suppose find her off. Pick your courage up in both hands, sidle quietly up to the nest, and just peep. Hurrah! Balls of fluff greet your eye; young birds.

Take the nest out; they may not have all hatched. If not, return it immediately, and after giving fresh egg food leave her alone until the following morning, and again go through the same procedure. If any eggs remain unhatched, take each between finger and thumb, and hold it to the light. If clear, remove; but get some warm water and test those that are dark. Place eggs in it, and if they move there is still a chance, but if not, most likely the young birds are dead in shell. Put back doubtful eggs, however, and leave for one more day, and then if there is no result, throw them away.

Make sure she is performing her duty in the way of feeding; the egg food will show clearly in their necks if she is feeding properly. Give fresh eggs twice a day, to which after the third day add an equal part of bread or biscuit.

When to Give Green Food.

I don't advise green food until the youngsters are five days old, and then only in small quantity until fourteen days, then ad lib until they are removed from the hen, when gradually decrease.

As soon as the youngsters are on the perches, remove them and the mother to another cage, this ensures cleanliness, the most essential factor to success. If you care to return the cock at this period to help feed, you may do so, but to my mind and experience he is better left where he is until the hen is ready to nest again.

The young should be feeding themselves in twenty-eight days; if so, remove the hen, mate her up for a second round, and when the young birds are five weeks old, sprinkle a little summer rape over both the egg food and the seed in the hopper. You will find them soon cracking this and getting on to the more feeding Canary seed. Gradually diminish the egg until they are on plain biscuit; and this you will find soon discarded in favour of the seed. This system with the bath on fine days should rear you clean, healthy youngsters. If any are noticed slightly fluffed out, remove to another cage, and feed on bread and milk until well.

Begin Colour Feeding Early.

Now to moulting and colour feeding. A very old fancier of my acquaintance, on being asked how to colour feed young birds, remarked, "Oh, just push the stuff in as the feathers come out." In a way he is quite right, but I believe in pushing it in before they come out, then you are nearly sure of a nice, even colour.

After looking over the youngsters, and picking out the likely show birds, cage the latter off in couples, or singly if you can find room. The others put into flights, and some of them fed in the flights will come out quite as true a colour as the singles.

About a week after you have taken the egg food away, introduce it again, but this time add one teaspoonful of colour food (most of the advertised foods in CAGE BIRDS are good) to each egg you use, not forgetting the usual quantity of biscuit. Increase the colour food until you reach two heaped-up teaspoonfuls.

A little crushed hemp at this time will be found very beneficial, and more so on account of having been left out of the general diet from the nest. Hemp to my mind is too fattening, and many cases of being stuck in the moult could be traced, I am sure, to its use. At any rate, I don't like it, and my best results have been without its use.

Cover your cages with muslin by all means, but don't darken the room. Muslin answers the dual purpose of keeping them clean and obstructing the light to a certain extent. Give linseed in quantity when the moult approaches its end; this tightens them up, and puts the bloom on.

When the head and neck show the action of the colour food, begin to decrease until the birds are on egg food alone, gradually diminishing the quantity of the latter until they are on hard seed only. This should bring them a nice even colour.

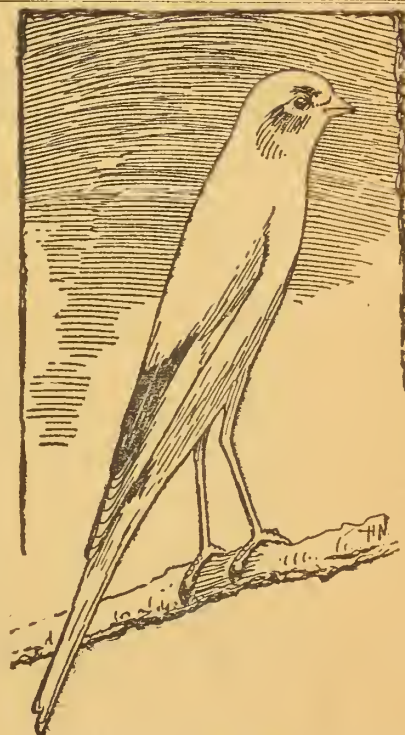
Preparing for the Show Parade.

Schedules begin to roll in, and we look likely birds up for training. After picking them out, cage off singly, hang on the front of each stock cage a standard pattern show cage, and your youngsters will soon find

their way in, especially if you put a little green food at the far end.

Get a small stick, a wooden knitting needle will do, and teach the bird to run in and out of cage as you place stick behind it. Be patient, don't hurry them, get them quite used to the "feel" of the show cage, and then lift it down with bird inside, holding it as far from you as possible, gradually drawing it nearer to you, speaking gently, and reassuringly all the time.

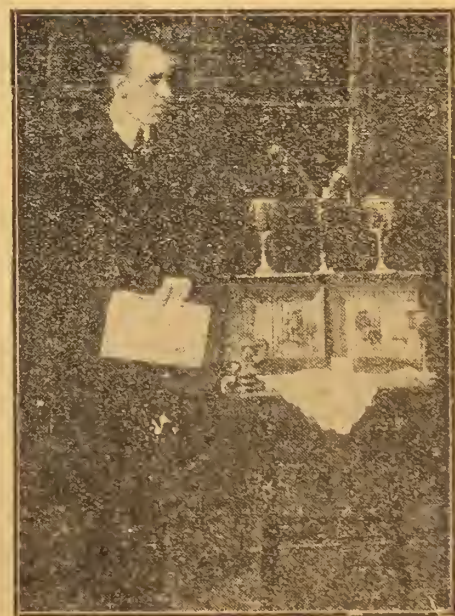
Run your nail gently along the side of the cage, and get the bird to draw itself up fearlessly, then quietly replace cage, and if this is done daily the bird will soon come to feel quite safe. Get your birdy friends also to handle them for you at times, and when your birds are picked up by the judge they will give of their best.



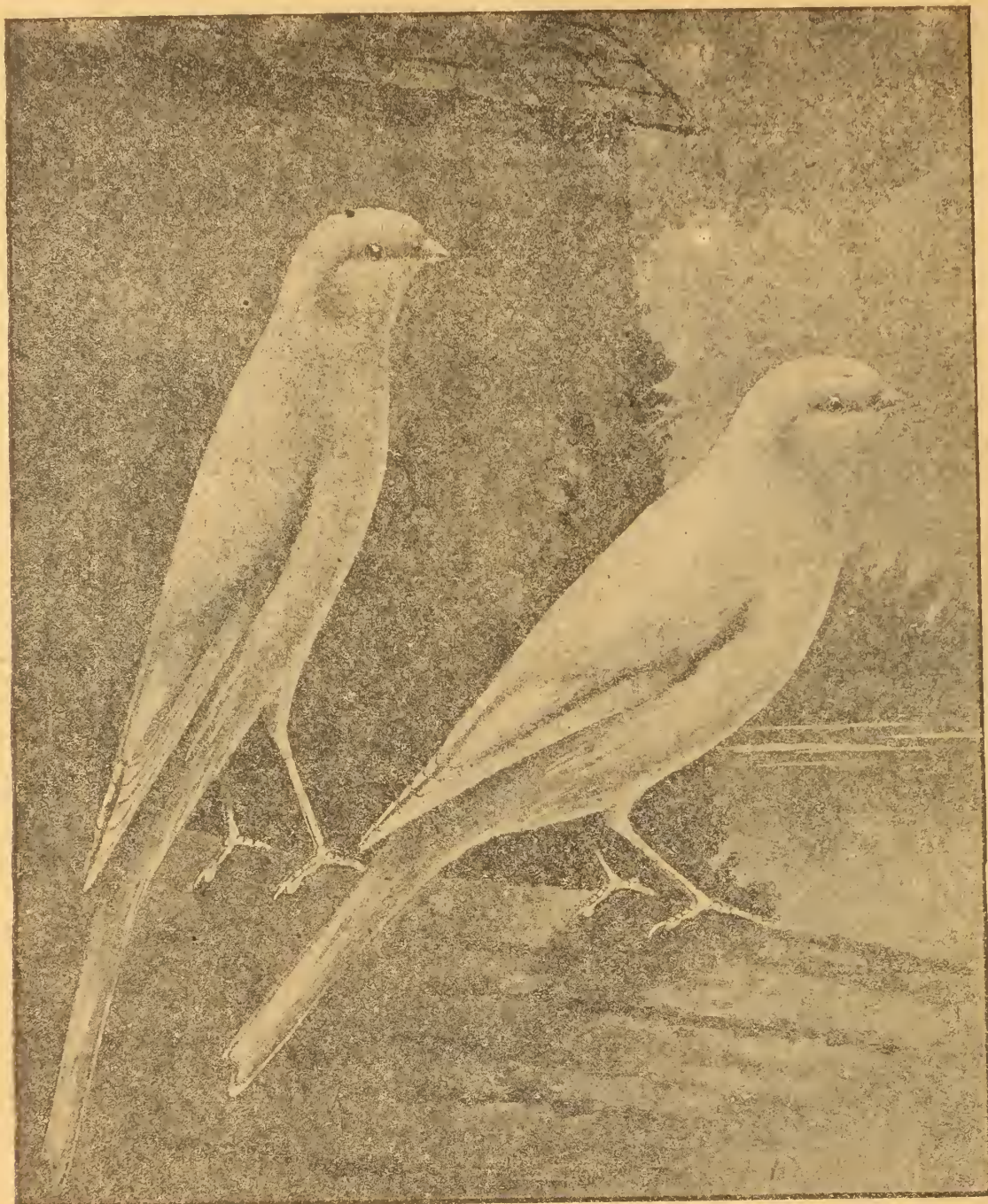
VARIEGATED YORKSHIRE CANARY.

3rd prize Clapham, exhibited by Mr. W. H. Walker.

Perhaps someone who is not a fancier will read these lines and murmur, "What a Jay! Who on earth is going to all that trouble? Why not buy a bird and show it?" Well, perhaps he may win first and special, but if I only get vhc in the same class, mine is the satisfaction; rather! Why I bred that bird, watched it from nest to maturity, and it is by my efforts that it is now in the tickets. Buy your birds if you like. I'll keep breeding mine.



MR. O. C. SMITH, the popular hon. sec. of Reading C.B.S., with two of his birds and some of his trophies won at Reading Show.



SOME RESULTS OF CROSS-BREEDING.

An interesting picture, reproduced from OUR CANARIES, showing the results of crossing the Lancashire Canary with the Yorkshire (bird on left) and with the Norwich (on right).

HOW I BECAME A SUCCESSFUL BREEDER OF NORWICH CANARIES.

By A. MOORMAN, Carisbrooke.

In this article, the prize-winning essay in the Canary section of our competition, the writer gives an account of his first season's proceedings, and the hints conveyed should be of great value to those who would follow in his footsteps.

FIRST of all I was lucky in possessing a suitable room, a spare bedroom facing due north. This I found answered my purpose admirably. In such a room, even though the weather be very hot, the temperature does not rise to above 70 degrees, and if you get your birds acclimatised to a north aspect, you will find they will be more healthy, and be able to stand the cold weather better.

Being handy with tools, I made my own cages, which are all one size, 6 feet long, 11 inches wide, 16 inches high, with three slides to divide them into three breeders for the breeding season. When the slides are removed the cages form a nice flight for moulting. I used punched bar for the wire fronts, for these are easily taken out to clean the cages, painted the inside pale blue with Hall's distemper, as this can always be touched up without hurting the birds, and then enamelled the outside with dark blue. Being now ready for the birds, I put myself into the hands of a prominent breeder to supply me with a few good pairs.

About the first week in April I put the birds together, as the weather was suitable, gave them plenty of old mortar and grit, a piece of cuttlefish to form the shells of eggs, hung the nest pans on the back of the cages, lining the nest; also a little lamp-wick cut up into suitable lengths, as they are

very fond of it, and it prevents them plucking the young.

About a week from pairing up the hens began to lay, and I took away the first and second of each, and when the third egg was laid I returned the first two the same evening, so that the young hatched all on the same day. As the cocks did not interfere with the hens I left them together to help rear the young, for I soon found that some cocks were good feeders, and were useful if the hen refused to feed, which is often the case when the young are about a week old.

About the thirteenth day, when the eggs were due to hatch, I gave them a little egg food, composed of yolk of egg and Osborne biscuit. The third day afterwards I increased the proportion of the biscuit to egg, and added the white, also gave a little watercress for green food, and gradually increased it as the young got older. On the seventh day I added a little hemp to the usual Canary seed, making sure the hemp was sound by crushing it.

When about three weeks old, the young began to leave the nest, and as the hens wanted to go to nest again, I put the young in a nursery cage, and let the old ones feed them through the wires, which also prevented them from being plucked. At four weeks they began to peck for themselves,

so I gave a little crushed seed as well as the egg food, and when I found they were doing well for themselves I removed them into a flight. At this age I found some of them a bit thick, so I gave a little milk rep, which soon put them to rights.

At about eight to ten weeks old the first nests of young began their moult, so I put them on colour food, which I gave them very weak at first, gradually increasing to the required strength. For colour feeding I use "Spratt's Canary and Cage-bird Food" instead of the usual bisquit and egg, for that I found was a lot cheaper and not so much trouble.

I mixed the food with boiling water to a nice crumbly paste, added the quantity of pepper and a little sugar to sweeten, also a pinch of salt. I found they ate it well, and came out a good hot colour. About three times a week I added a little linseed meal to help to put a sheen on the new feathers. If any of them did not take to the colour food readily at first I took away their seed for a time and added one drop of oil of aniseed to the colour food to tempt them, and when only the heads were left to finish moulting, I gradually reduced the strength of colour food.

Those of the youngsters which looked promising I caged separately to finish off their moult, and ran them into a show cage now and again to get them steady, and to those I had I gave a spoonful of colour food twice a week until the end of the show season, in case any feathers got knocked out.

I now looked them over and picked out the ones I intended to keep for next season's breeding. It is always advisable to keep some of the best, and by so doing I have got together a good, reliable strain that can hold their own on the show bench, and do credit in the breeding room. I ring all

my young birds, and enter their numbers up in my pedigree book, so I can always refer back to their breeding.

I regularly take CAGE BIRDS, and from this I have gained a lot of useful information, and find it a good paper in which to advertise any surplus stock. I advise all young beginners who wish to start in the Canary fancy always to get the best blood they can afford from a reliable breeder, and they will be laying the foundation of a good strain of birds, and with patience become themselves successful breeders and exhibitors of the Norwich Plainhead.

How to Succeed in Hybrid Breeding.

By A. W. MEIK, Hunstanton.

The prize article in the Hybrid section of our competition. It makes easy the first steps in a most fascinating hobby.

HYBRID breeding, though one of the hardest and most disappointing branches of aviculture, is the most interesting of all, and much patience is needed to encounter and overcome its many difficulties. The birds one intends to breed with should be got as young as possible, if from the nest so much the better, and should be all brought up together, as in this way you get them on the most friendly terms, which is the most important point of all. They are very steady, and you know they have never paired or bred with anything, and so will be more likely to take readily to a different species to themselves. You will find it also has a great deal to do with getting them into breeding condition, as they get quite accustomed to your method of feeding, and are far more easy to cater for than caught birds, who are used to a much more varied diet than we can readily supply.

Give very little green food until after the moult, when you can gradually increase it until the frost has touched it; then give fruit, apples, pears, etc., until the spring, when you can once more start the green-food, such as dandelion, chickweed, groundsel, etc., and, as they come on, thistles, hardheads, etc., gradually increasing them until your birds are having as much as they can eat, but taking care not to leave any stale about.

Keep your birds all together in as large a cage as possible, and as the spring approaches watch them very carefully. If you see any hen taking a fancy to a cock of another species, or vice versa, pair them together. If this does not happen by the beginning of May, you must pair them up yourself as you think best, and they will no doubt come together in due course.

A double breeder is the best to use for several reasons. The nest (I generally use an old Blackbird's nest) should be placed in one corner of a compartment, the bottom of this compartment should be thickly covered with bran or sawdust, and the perches put down to a level of the bottom rail. This prevents the eggs being broken, as many British Bird hens drop their eggs from the perch. The bottom of other compartment should be covered with coarse sand and old mortar, the cock should be shut in this overnight, as Finches can seldom be trusted with the eggs; they will want to know what is inside long before it is time to know.

Run the cock and hen together for a few hours daily, as when this is done they both seem keener. Take the eggs as laid and place under foster-parents to be hatched and reared. In the spring plenty of wild seed should be given, and a free use of the bath will keep them in good health and feather, and will go a long way towards getting them into breeding condition. I have now Goldfinches, Greenfinches, and a Linnet in tip-top breeding condition, and I look for eggs from the Bullies about the middle of May.

Although Hybrid breeding is full of disappointments, once you have tasted success, nothing will turn you from your hobby. This has been my method for the past seven or eight years, and I have had several successes in this time.

The Great Joint Show for London.

SIR,—As I had sent out a circular letter to the members of the L.C.B.A., stating the St. George's Hall was taken for the joint show, I should be glad if you will be good enough to point out in CAGE BIRDS that at the last moment we could not arrange for this, and have decided to hold the fixture at Holborn Hall, the date being definitely fixed for Feb. 2 and 3. I personally think the change a good one, and I hope members will bear in mind the great trouble officials have been put to this year, and respond accordingly with bumping entries.

ARTHUR J. WATCHAM, Hon. Sec.
London C.B.A.

A Great Joint Show for London.

SIR,—From the advertisement in your last issue I have received numerous communications from ladies and gentlemen wishing to join either the L.C.B.A., N.B.B. and M.C., or F.B.E.L. for the purpose of showing at this show on Feb. 2 and 3; a tribute to the circulation of your paper.

Many of them, however, do not seem exactly clear upon the point, and with your permission I would like to state that the subscription to the L.C.B.A. is 5s. plus 1s. nomination fee (ladies 2s. 6d.), to the N.B.B. and M.C. 5s., plus 1s. nomination fee, and to the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League 3s. 6d. Intending exhibitors have only to join one of these three societies to become eligible as exhibitors in any section of the show. The subscription holds good for 1916 season, and entitles the new member to all benefits. On this occasion there is no formality attached to joining, and therefore anyone wishing to show has only to apply for a schedule, and when entering birds send the subscription of the society to which they wish to become attached. This will be handed over to the respective secretaries, but all communications should be addressed to me. I hope those who can will do all in their power to make this the best London show of the year, and I should like to see at the show some of the old faces that attended the L.C.B.A. and the Palace in the past, just to show we are not downhearted. There will be a judge's luncheon at an hotel near, and if anyone would like to attend I should be glad if they will send in their names so that I can notify the caterer.

ALLEN SILVER.

7, Bampton Road, Forest Hill, S.E.

Is the British Bird Fancy Worth Catering For?

SIR,—I feel compelled to ask this question after my recent experience in trying to obtain financial or other help for our forthcoming members' show at the Holborn Hall, London, on Feb. 2 and 3 next. As the elected show secretary of the National British Bird and M.C., I have appealed by circular to each of the members, asking for support of our venture, and up to the time of writing have only received two replies offering help in any way, that is to say, in addition to the promises I had already received from members of the committee.

It is the same old tale, year after year. The same few friends help the fancy in every possible way of giving their time and money, while the greater majority, though willing to reap the benefit, do nothing. The N.B.B. and M.C. has been established for twenty long years, and during all this time it has always given back to its members far more than it has received in subscriptions. No specialist bird club ever existed that has attempted and successfully accomplished so much for the objects for which it was formed. Its subscription (5/-) is a low one, its work is great, and what is the result? From a membership of over 200 at one time it has dwindled down to about half that number.

Our club ought to be at least 500 strong. What is there wrong? We want friendly criticism. We appeal to all lovers of British birds and their hybrids to rally round the society which has done so much for them, and is anxious to do more, and any suggestions will have most careful consideration. We want more members, and we must have them. There will be no less than 24 classes provided for British birds and 7 for Hybrids at our joint members' club show, with 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6 prize money in each class for an entrance fee of 1/6, besides numerous special prizes—diplomas, medals, cash, etc., all open to anyone sending 5/- subscription before the 22nd inst.

Our section will have the personal attention of

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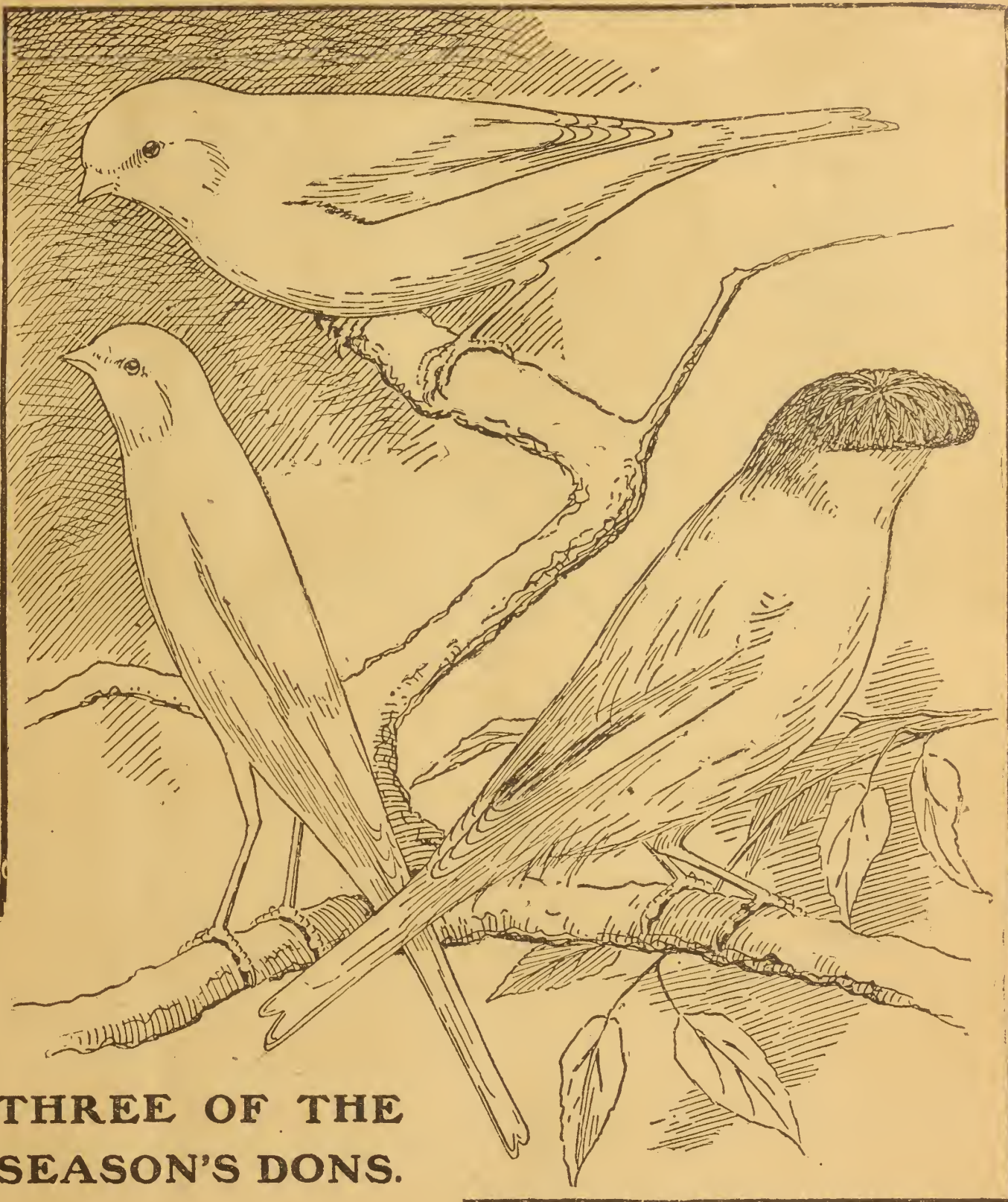
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THREE OF THE SEASON'S DONS.

The three splendid Canaries here depicted have all won 1st prizes at the London and P.O.S. and other shows. The Norwich at the top is the property of Mr. G. W. Saunders, Haslemere; the Yorkshire belongs to Mr. F. W. Ayres, London; and the Crest to Mr. J. Broad, Bordon.

Bird Friends.

How a Skylark was Trained.

SIR,—Mr. W. G. Woodall would like to know how I trained the Skylark (I have only had one) to stop springing. Here is the plan I adopted. I made a box cage 16 inches long, 9 inches deep and 13 inches high. Having cut out squares at each end I wired them like the front, dividing the wires sufficiently to allow the bird to put his head through easily. Having cut a piece of soft, thin, green material, I sewed tapes to each corner, put the material inside the cage, and tied the tapes to the wires nearest each corner, tightly enough to pull the cloth taut. The position would be level with the top of the bird's head when standing upright. Then I placed the bird in the cage, under the cloth, of course. He could not rise from the floor and he could not hurt himself in trying to do so. In about a week I pushed the tapes half an inch higher, and so on. Eventually he dropped the springing altogether, and for years he lived in the cage without any shield, except when I let him run in the room, which was very often. He would sing on the kitchen floor whilst running about. I got his confidence with a daily mealworm, which he took out of my hand at the end of the first week.

My reason for this plan is that I lived amongst miners, and saw scores of Larks in

cages. I came to the conclusion that many were wild and untameable, because they hurt themselves by spring against the top wires of the cages in use, and they never got over the scare. I hope this will assist your correspondent.

F. T. U.

An Appeal for an "Ideal" British Bird Classification.

SIR,—As a British Bird keeper, for years I have taken an interest in shows. I have been struck by the bad classification in general. I think improvement in this direction would prove profitable, too. It is one of the "stumbling blocks" to the British section. Fanciers who own good birds are backward at entering where the classification is against them. Every show should have a desirable and extended classification. Now, secretaries, buck up, and revise your classes in the British Section. Discontinue it as a "side-line," and put it on equal terms with the Canary section. Put your fears on one side about entries not popping up; they will if the programme is attractive. If entries fall short, even then, don't amalgamate, which is against bird and exhibitor, but pay out on the sliding scale. I beg to append an ideal classification: Goldfinch H.M., do. F.M.; Bullfinch H.M., do. F.M.; Linnet H.M., do. F.M.; Redpoll H.M., do. F.M.; Twite H.M., do. F.M.; Siskin H.M., do. F.M.; Greenfinch

H.M., fed, do. H.M., unfed, do. F.M.; Chaffinch; Bramblefinch; Hawfinch, Yellowhammer; any other variety, cock or hen; Bullfinch, hen; Greenfinch, hen; Goldfinch, hen; any other variety hen; Hybrid pairs; Softbills, as they are. What a show—an exhibitor's dream. We could even have buff and yellow classes. Such an ideal classification would make unpopular birds popular with exhibitors. They would say, now there is a class for Chaffinches, I must buy one, also Yellowhammer, Twite, etc. Corn Buntings, would increase, also the Hawfinch.

Here's another stunt. What are birds, doing (British and Mules and Hybrids) during May? Nothing! Mostly shelved. Wouldn't exhibitors welcome a National British Bird, and Hybrid show to be held about the centre of England? I sincerely hope those who pull the strings will wake up to the needs of the British section, and give exhibitors a run for their money. I would say, too, a word about cages. At every show I have visited I have seen a bewildering assortment of cages and namelling. Can't we have a recognised standard? I don't want to criticise, but Britishers must meet on equal terms. I am sure my appeal will be seconded by many, although probably ridiculed by some as "piffle." Anyway, I will be optimistic. If the conditions I appeal for are brought into force by some enterprising secretary, he can depend on my humble support.

F. COCKERILL.



AT THE GREAT GLASGOW RED CROSS SHOW.

The third figure on the right is Sir John Ure Primrose, ex-Lord Provost of Glasgow, who opened the show. Behind him are Messrs. J. MacLay and A. Maxwell, Vice-Presidents of the Society. Between these and the nurse stands Mr. J. F. Park, (Pres.). Mr. W. N. Turner (in the cap), and Mr. J. Winter (in spectacles), were judges, and at the end is Mr. A. Wilson, of the committee.

The Woodlark in Captivity.

By W. E. Teschemaker, B.A.

Continued from page 355.

A Further instalment of the best article on the Woodlark ever written. Previous instalments appeared in our issues of Dec. 18 and Jan. 1.

ASK you to compare the remarks of this seventeenth-century expert with similar utterances of twentieth-century experts. Did you ever hear one of the latter acknowledge a failure, or admit that there was anything that he did not know about birds? This is what was written two hundred years ago: "I have taken several of their nests with the resolution to bring them up, but could never do it (though I have brought up all sorts of other birds) for this reason; they either had cramp or else turned into a scouring in less than a week's time after I had taken them from the old ones; several that have been perhaps diligent than I have brought them up to feed, but I could never hear of any that kept them so long till they sung, and made them the least part of amends for their trouble and charge that they had been at."

It is significant that in Bechstein's work, written a century later, there is no mention of hand-rearing, nor do I know of modern instances. Yet the young of the Skylark are frequently hand-reared by a mere beginner. We are told that in a state of nature the young are fed on "a small kind of worm"; this may be correct, but the writer carefully watched a pair of Woodlarks feeding young in his aviary last summer, and noted that they selected small winged insects, beetles, etc. Perhaps they could not find the "small kind of worm" in the aviary. I shall, however, have something more to say about the natural diet of the Woodlark.

The Sexes Nearly Alike.

Sexing Woodlarks is rather a matter for an expert than for a beginner, and even our seventeenth-century expert was evidently not prepared to back his opinion in all cases. "The truest way that ever I could find is first, the largeness and length of his call; secondly, the tall walking of the bird about his cage; and, thirdly, at evenings the double" (repetition) "of his note, which we call cuddling, as if they were going to roost; but, if you hear him sing strong, you cannot be deceived, for hens will sing (only) a little. If a bird that is taken in January or February sings not within one month after, you may conclude him not worth keeping, or else for certain it is a hen."

The above passage was reproduced, with hardly the alteration of a single word, and yet without any acknowledgment whatever, in a book published half a century later—

Albin's "Natural History of English Song-birds," 1759—so, you see, the art of writing bird-books from other people's data is by no means a modern one. It may be of some interest, as showing what bird books cost in those days, to mention that Albin's work was published at half-a-crown, which does not seem out of the way for a book of 95 pages, with illustrations of the male, female, and eggs of all species described.

The above sexual distinctions are all useful, but do not include the one that I have found most reliable, namely, that the striations on the breast of the female are much more boldly marked. Notice also the buff stripe above the eye, which in the female sweeps boldly back, almost forming a band round the head. According to Howard Saunders, the wings of the hen are shorter than those of the cock. It is always difficult, however, to sex a single bird, if one has not another to compare it with, so the beginner is recommended to adopt the above song test.

A Vocalist of Renown.

We will now therefore discuss the song of the Woodlark, which caused this bird to be so highly valued by fanciers of the olden time, though in these days, such is the (ahem!) improvement in the musical taste of our illustrious nation, a gramophone finds plenty of purchasers at five guineas, whereas a singing Woodlark can be acquired for the moderate expenditure of two shillings and sixpence. In D'Urban and Matthews' "Birds of Devonshire," we are told that not so very long since a really good songster was worth from 15/- to 20/-, and that the demand was so brisk that in some parts of the county the trappers had made the species scarce.

Let us seat ourselves on the magic carpet, and allow ourselves to be whirled away through two hundred years from the days of gramophones, back to a sweet English countryside in the month of May. "Myself and a gentleman riding in the country in an evening, hard by a coppice or wood-side, heard a Nightingale sing so sweetly as to my thinking I never heard the like in all my life, although I have heard many in my time; for the place being a valley, and the coppice on the side of it, made all the notes of the Nightingale seem double with the echo. We had not stayed long but comes a Woodlark and lights upon a dead twig of an oak, and there they sang, each outvying the other. In a short space more, about an hundred paces off, lights another Woodlark, and under him, as near as we could judge,

was another Nightingale; these four birds sang with so melodious harmony, warbling out their pleasant notes for above a whole hour, that never any musick came in competition with it to the pleasing of our ears."

This wonderful quartette must have been a great treat to a music-lover, all the more so because the writer believes that it is an extremely rare thing for the Woodlark and Nightingale to compete in song; in one locality, where they were nesting not far apart, he particularly noticed that they never sang in rivalry, and in captivity he has had frequently Nightingales in full song in the same room as a singing "Tree-lark," and yet has never heard a song contest.

The same remark applies to Nightingales and Shamans, also to Shamans and Robins (though both the latter have red breasts, and might therefore be expected to show some jealousy). On the other hand, an Indian Orange-headed Ground-Thrush sang marvellously against three Nightingales here last spring, though these two species are unlike in appearance, and in every other way; and in the dark, dreary days just before Christmas, there was a wonderful song contest in the same bird room between two young male Orange Thrushes, bred last summer in the aviary from the old male above mentioned, and a good Nightingale. These are problems difficult to explain.

Thirty Tours: Or Five.

Our author goes on to tell us that "this bird hath a most curious, melodious, pleasant song, carrying it through with so much sweetness and curiosity and abundance of variety that I have had very many that have had almost thirty several (different) sort of notes." If this is not another case of the early aviculturist getting better results than those obtained at the present day, I must have been unlucky, for I have never either owned or heard such a cage bird.

The beginner will probably be disappointed if he expects to hear more than the ordinary song of this species, which consists of five tours only, the most characteristic being the "tio, tio, tio." This phrase the bird will repeat perhaps forty times in a beautifully sweet and clear, but low voice; it will then pause and change over to another tour. This is the Nightingale's method of singing, and one or two of the tours are the same, but the Woodlark cannot sing the "jug, jug, jug," which will always be found a certain means of identifying the song of our most renowned chorister.

The Woodlark is an expert ventriloquist, and it is most difficult to locate a ringing Woodlark, especially when heard at night. As in the case of the Nightingale, some are day singers and some are night singers; not only is this so, but it will be found that, if there is only one bird singing in a district, he will commence to sing at the same time almost to a minute day after day.

Another of the Woodlark's good qualities is that he sings in every month except

August; one can often hear him on a wild winter's day, and even in the midst of a snowstorm. When he sings by day, he generally soars high up in the air, or occasionally perches in an oak tree, but at night he usually sings on or close to the ground.

This species, however, has one defect as a cage bird, namely, its extreme shyness, which causes it to sing frequently in a subdued, plaintive, half-frightened sort of manner, or, to quote "The Fancier's Delight," "so dully as if they were asleep, which otherwise he is a very cheerful bird; for observe them when they sing in the field, with what ravishing, melodious songs they charm your ears, which, if well ordered (managed) would prove the same being kept in a cage." The beginner, however, will find that it is not so much the management as the substitution of cage life for a state of liberty, which is the difficulty. Nevertheless, much can be done by gaining the bird's confidence, and placing its cage among those surroundings which are found by experiment to be most congenial to it.

(To be continued)

How I Bred Budgerigars in a Cage.

By W. LIDGETT,
Hon. Sec. Newark C.B.S.

The Winning Essay in the Foreign section of our competition. In it the writer gives his experience with this easily bred and popular Parakeet, sometimes known as "The Love Bird."

ALTHOUGH only 36 years of age, I have been a fancier for 28 years, as I started by keeping a Redpoll when only 8 years of age, and from that time to the present I have never been without some birds. I have kept British Canaries, and Foreign, and have won many prizes with each variety, among them being 3 silver cups, but Foreign birds have always had a soft spot in my heart.

A few years ago, having been able to have erected a nice outdoor birdroom, 10ft. by 10ft. by 12ft. high, I decided to try my hand at breeding Budgerigars in a cage. My breeding cages, which I use for Norwich Canaries, being of the two-compartment pattern, I thought they would not be quite private enough for foreign birds, so I got a Quaker Oats box and made a loose front, with a good wide door. After I had fixed two cocoanut husks, one in each corner, and a couple of perches just slightly lower and almost directly under them, I had what I thought almost the ideal for the purpose as far as cages could be made.

I had had a pair of Budgerigars for about two years together in a single breeder, and although both appeared on the best of terms they had never attempted to go beyond the usual "kissing" and head-scratching, peculiar to this breed. As soon as they were put into the larger cage, however, and had examined all corners to their satisfaction, they went and sat on the top of one of the husks. For a few days I waited to see them go inside, but the hen seemed quite content to sit on top of the husk and just pull bits of fibre from around the top of the hole.

This was in the month of May, 1911, and although the birds were together all through the summer they never made any attempt to nest. With the winter coming on, I decided to leave the husks in, thinking perhaps that the birds, which had by now got used to going inside them, might like to use them for sleeping purposes during the cold weather.

Just before Christmas I noticed the hen seemed very intent on going to nest, and I almost decided to take away the husks, knowing how subject Budgerigars are to egg-binding during the winter. But the excitement of having eggs got the better of me, and I left them in.

Three days before Christmas I missed the hen, and the cock bird was sitting on top of one of the husks intently watching the entrance hole. For four weeks, although often in my birdroom, I was never once able to see the hen come out even to feed.

One morning I heard a faint squeak, and my hopes rose high. I had succeeded in breeding Budgies in a cage; whether I should rear them or not was my next thought.

I put some soaked bread, squeezed dry, in a pot, and left them to themselves as much as my excitement would allow. At the end of three weeks, I noticed a green head pop out of the husk, and in a couple of days the first young one came out, and on each succeeding day another, three in all. They were reared to maturity, and I sold a pair of them to a member of our society, keeping the odd one myself.

HYBRIDS FROM THE GREENFINCH HEN. By H. NORMAN.

Our artist describes the beautiful Hybrids depicted in our Coloured Plate, and shows how some of them may be reared with the same ease as an ordinary Canary.

OUR coloured plate issued with this number should be of particular interest to the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS who are in any way concerned in the production of Hybrids between the different species of Finches. In consequence of the beauty of plumage of all the young produced from any of the Bullfinch crosses, the Bullfinch takes precedence over all others as a Hybrid producer, but I sometimes think that fanciers scarcely know the value of the hen Greenfinch for this purpose, or they would make far more use of her. The young are not by any means lacking in beauty, either of feather or shape, and good specimens are generally well up in the classes in which they compete at the shows.

The Value of the Greenfinch Hen.

The Greenfinch hen is more than useful; she is a good nest builder, a free breeder, and will frequently rear the young; if she does so, she will excel any hen Canary at the job. The best hens for the purpose are either hand-reared specimens or some that have been hatched and reared under Canaries. The majority so reared are docile, but occasionally one turns up that possesses in itself all the wild nature of the rest of the brood combined. I have found from experience that such birds are not worth the keeping, and they should be allowed to depart while the summer is with us and wild food plentiful.

The young hens that are of a desirable tameness should be kept so during the winter months, and it will be found that some of them will, if turned into a small aviary or large flight, nest and rear as steady as a hen Canary. To show their value I might mention that a fancier of my acquaintance has utilised a pair of these Canary-reared "Greenbirds" to rear two broods of high-class Canaries, and the young thus reared were remarkably strong and lusty.

A Word to the Wise.

It is just a question whether Hybrid breeders who have the room and opportunity would not be well advised to pair up Greenies for a few generations to secure a strain that could be relied on to rear the choicest Hybrids. Incidentally, they could easily, by selection, produce cock Greenfinches that would in a few generations show an improvement over their wild progenitors in exhibition properties.

A hen Greenie is not only a good feeder, but will use food that a Canary will not look at, and this matter of feeding is of vital importance, for it is of no use of hatching choice Hybrids if they cannot be reared, and many keen breeders have been disappointed on the eve of success on account of their inability to get the young reared. I do not wish to suggest that the use of the Greenfinch hens will remove all the breeder's difficulties, but I do think that she might occasionally save the situation.

Referring to our plate; in the top left-hand corner we have a Hybrid between a Linnet and a Greenfinch. These species appear to be so near akin, that the production of the cross is not a very difficult one, but although the young one is a fine big bold fellow, and most interesting as a cross, he is not of great value on the show bench, for coming as he does under the heading of "Hybrids between two British Birds," he has to compete against the most rare and choice crosses, some of them far richer in colour and more attractive.

Good for the Beginner.

Anyway, in spite of this, he is a good bird for the beginner to try for, when making his first steps in this fascinating pursuit. The pair can be mated in an ordinary breeding cage, if one has no aviary available; if the Greenie refuses to incubate and rear in the cage, the eggs must be transferred to a reliable Canary. The youngsters are lusty and grand feeders, and will keep a pair of Canaries pretty busy attending to them. I have found considerable difference in the appearance of Hybrids from this cross, some being practically plain in plumage, and others rather heavily marked.

The bird depicted below the Linnet Greenfinch is the Redpoll-Greenie, a handsome bird, of good stout build, and showing Redpoll characteristics, particularly about the head, many specimens having a decided bib and being fairly well pencilled along the flanks. This cross is far more difficult to

obtain, and it is seldom we see a really good specimen on the show bench.

Selecting the Redpoll-Greenfinch Pair.

No doubt when trying for this cross fanciers are not quite careful enough in their pairing. It is waste of time matching a small Redpoll with a big Greenie. A medium sized Greenie and the largest Redpoll procurable should be the rule, so that the difference between them is not greater than we find in a pair of breeding Canaries, and there one may reasonably hope for success with ordinary luck, as the Redpoll is not a backward partner.

It has been found that the Lesser Redpoll is more reliable for breeding purposes than the Mealy, although I have known fanciers to use the latter with success, and I have done so myself, but such cases are only exceptions to the general rule. Of course the use of the Lesser bird reduces the chances of a big specimen being produced.

In the top right-hand corner of our plate will be found a representation of the Siskin-Greenfinch, but I fear the position selected for artistic purposes does not nearly show off this beautiful Hybrid as he deserves. I think without exception he is as shapely as any Hybrid bred, and his colouring, if not particularly brilliant, is certainly harmonious and pleasing, while the quality of feather is of the very best.

Here again, when selecting our pair of birds we must be careful in matching them; get the Siskin as large as possible; he will, of course be field-hatched, but his partner should have been reared either under a Canary or by hand. Let them see as much of each other as possible during the winter, and as soon as the spring arrives, commence to feed up the Siskin, or the Greenie will be ready first.

A Necessary Precaution.

In this case it is no use attempting to get the hen to incubate, as the Siskin is not to be trusted with the eggs; it is therefore wise to run him into a separate compartment the last thing at night, and remove the egg early in the morning before returning him to the hen.

Although a goodly number of Hybrids of this cross have been produced the really good ones, like many other Hybrids, can be counted on one's fingers. An extra large flight or fair-sized aviary is quite suitable for this pair, and if well supplied with materials the hen will generally build quite a decent nest in any old small cage or box.

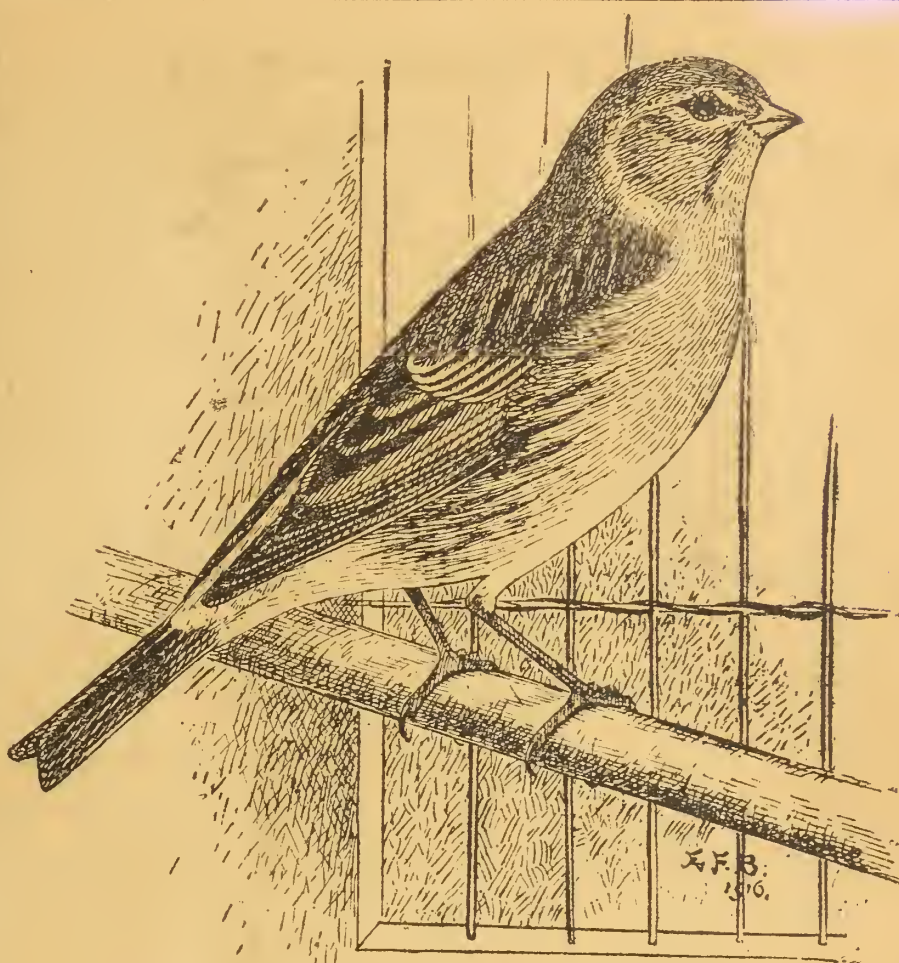
Of the next cross, the Canary-Greenfinch, one need not say much, the cross is fairly common, although usually produced the opposite way. If this pair are placed in a large flight they may be allowed to incubate and rear the young, the hen being of course a house-reared bird.

Handsomest and Easiest.

Quite at the bottom of our picture we have the Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, a bird showing more colour than any of the others, this he gets from his sire, a bird that generally manages to put a bit of crimson and yellow on his children. This cross is possibly one of the easiest we have to produce, the reason being that both birds pair readily, and this makes it quite a desirable Hybrid for the beginner to attempt. A big, full-coloured Goldfinch should be selected, as size and colour are of first importance in the show specimen, and it is impossible to rear choice birds from mean parents.

The Goldies as a rule are not to be trusted with the eggs, although some birds are quite safe, anyway it is as well to make certain by shutting him off at night, or trying him with two or three unfertile eggs, of which the Hybrid breeder generally has a good supply.

In the rearing of Hybrids one wants to follow Nature's ways as far as possible; gather bunches of all kinds of wild food, and let the birds take their choice. Strong egg-food is of doubtful benefit, a good brand of insectile food moistened with fresh milk is more suitable, or even a little plain bread and milk, given in the early stages is useful. Soaked and germinated seeds are also desirable, but the choicest tit-bit above all others is "green-fly"; carefully pick the infested plant and gently insert it between the wires, the old birds will quickly strip it, and be looking round like "Oliver," asking for more.



REDPOLL-CANARY HYBRID.

This bird has had a very successful career, and has won many prizes for its owner, Mr. J. Goodall, of Watford. It was hatched June, 1912, and has won—1912: 2nd Cardiff, 3rd Watford. 1913: 1st Watford. 2nd Wimbledon, 2nd Cardiff, 2nd Brixton, 2nd Scottish National, 4th L.C.B.A., 3rd Clapham. 1914: 2nd Palace, 3rd L.C.B.A., 2nd West Herts F.A. 1915: Scottish National 2nd, Watford 1st, Welsh National 2nd, Watford (open show), 1st, 1916: Glasgow Red Cross 3rd.

THE KEEPING OF BRITISH HARDBILLS

By J. A. TONKS, Wednesbury.

The winning essay in the British section of our competition. It tells how to house and feed the most generally kept of our British Finches.

I AM induced to take up my pen in an endeavour to write an article on the keeping of British Hardbills by the hope that my experience of upwards of 15 years may be of some use to the novice, and to those who may in the near future purpose taking up this interesting branch of our hobby, and, incidentally, I may mention that during the whole of the 15 years, after business hours, my time has been crammed full of pleasure and excitement, the latter from an exhibition standpoint, for the thrills of a red ticket being placed on one's cage well compensate for the time and trouble spent upon the perfecting of the birds.

I know full well I am treading over much-trodden ground, and that quite a diversity of opinion exists on the different foods for the many species. However, it is not my intention to lay down any hard and fast rules, and I would only portray my own methods and experiences, and I would only say that many fanciers and judges can vouch for the condition of my pets at all times. I have at all times given my birds ample cage room, and I think nothing beats the ordinary double compartment breeding cage, partitioned off, thus giving room for one bird on either side. The size of those I use is 36 inches long by 15 inches high and 10 inches deep. They are enamelled sky blue inside, and black outside, and if these are all made of uniform size, it gives a very pleasing effect, providing always that they are kept scrupulously clean, for no person should take up any hobby, particularly the keeping of cage birds, if it is not his or her intention to keep the birds under the best possible conditions. Otherwise interest soon flags, and the birds suffer sooner or later from the inattention.

Now for the birds themselves. It is impossible for me to deal with every species individually, and I would prefer to group them, as most seed eaters will live and do fairly well on a good stock mixture. However, I deal with my birds according to their tastes (likes and dislikes), this through observation, as in most instances it will obviate a wasting of seed (a serious factor in these times).

Say we take the following as a first group: Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite. I mix for these good sound Spanish Canary seed, summer rape, teazel, and inga, with a little linseed; with wild seed about twice weekly in a separate vessel. This keeps them in A1 order. For the Goldfinch and Greenfinch, the same mixture with a little hemp and sunflower added daily, not forgetting the wild seed in due season. The Bullfinch to my mind is one of the most difficult to cater for, his tastes differ so considerably. One would think the above-mentioned diet would meet with his requirements, and yet I have two really good specimens in perfect condition, one insists on eating chiefly inga and teazel, and the other teazel and linseed. I therefore increase the quantities of these seeds, at the same time lessening the others, thus keeping down the waste to a minimum (hempseed I do not consider at all beneficial). They also get the various wild seeds in their season, and an abundance of berries (blackberries, mountain ash, elder, and privet during the moult).

The Chaffinch, Bramble and Yellow Bunting also do well on the above-mentioned stock mixture, with a few crushed cats or groats added daily, and not forgetting the indispensable meal worm daily. This reminds me that I successfully use the latter for my Goldfinches, for, once they have tackled them, they are a splendid conditioner, in fact, I have pulled many a Goldie round that has been going light by their use.

My method of breaking them in is to hold the bird in one hand and the mealworm in the other, he invariably pecks at the worm, and once he tastes it he acquires the taste very quickly, and does not want asking twice. Pinning a mealworm to the end of the perch is a quick method of getting them steady.

The bulky, yet stately Hawfinch is an old favourite, and no British bird room seems complete without him: a good specimen always commands attention, his beautiful wax-like feathers and majestic bearing soon catch the eye. My method of keeping him is a mixture of good Spanish canary, hemp and best white sunflower, with a few meal worms daily, never forgetting green peas in their season (or dried green peas), these soaked overnight with water make a good substitute. Hawberries, blackberries, privet, mountain ash berries are all greatly relished, and of great benefit, especially during the moult.

In conclusion, I must not forget to impress the great necessity of the daily bath on suitable, sunny days; failing this the spray should come into play at least twice weekly. I usually run my birds into an old show cage for the purpose, thus keeping the stock cage always dry.

Correspondence.

The Novice Problem.

SIR,—In reply to the letter of Mr. W. D. Smart, sec. of the B.F.C.C. in CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 1, I am pleased the so-called novice's conscience has pricked him to withdraw in favour of the runner-up. But, Sir, that does not alter the fact that he must have put on his entry form that he was a novice of the B.F.C.C., or his bird would not have been drawn out and judged for the novice medal. I think "Just Come Back" was quite justified in rushing into print. Taking his letter of Dec. 18, he must have known a few facts, and fanciers and members of the above club have got to know a few facts they would not have got otherwise. A MEMBER.

A New Cage Bird Society for Barnstaple.

SIR,—After the recent successful show held in aid of local war funds, a meeting was convened on Jan. 5 at the Y.M.C.A. rooms to consider the forming of a society for cage birds. After a most interesting discussion it was unanimously decided to form one. The members are most fortunate in having as a chairman Mr. E. Collins, the well known British and Hybrid enthusiast. A very strong committee of keen fanciers was elected, and with everyone keen on doing something to stimulate the interests of the fancy generally the Society should make rapid strides. The great aim of the officers is to help and encourage the novice both in breeding and exhibiting, and meetings of educational interest will be arranged during the year. A 25 mile radius has been fixed, which will enable fanciers from such places as Lynton, Ilfracombe, Bideford, etc., to become members, and with the promise of a show every year it is hoped that they will take advantage of the many privileges offered, and also help to make the fancy stronger and healthier in North Devon. The membership fee is 2s. 6d. per year.

C. F. DART, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
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Ayr Cage Bird Club.

The Committee to Mr. Steel's Charges.

SIR,—We, the undersigned, much regret to find that strictly private and confidential correspondence should appear in the public press. The letter which appears in your issue of the 8th inst., above the name of J. Steel, is a scandal more to the writer than to the party to whom the writer seeks to expose. In the letters which Mr. Steel sent to the secretary of the Club, he promised to abide by the decision of the committee, and that if an apology were forthcoming, further discussion and exposure should drop. It will be noticed that Mr. Steel distinctly admits that "confession and apology were made." Why then, we ask, does Mr. Steel send in the correspondence, even in part, to CAGE BIRDS? What about the decoy letter he sent to Mr. Gribben, although he writes stating that he has witnesses who saw this so-called decoy letter written? Mr. Steel accepted Mr. Gribben's apology, and when the secretary inquired of him (Mr. Steel) whether this ended the matter he replied in the affirmative.

We are in no way countenancing the practice of courting judges for show favours, but wholeheartedly condemn and guard against it; yet, in a true sense of honour, we are obliged to protest against the action which Mr. Steel has, apparently in a spirit of revenge, adopted towards the exhibitor who so foolishly placed himself in the power of a man who does not understand nor appreciate the significance of an apology.

We may further add that we, as a club, have not yet had an opportunity of interviewing Mr. Gribben, and dealing with his case, since the committee meeting held at the show.

(Signed) James McLachlan, Thomas Erskine, Douglas Wason, James Tait, William Wilson, Members of Committee; John A. Murray, President of Club; Hugh M. Ferguson, sec.

We have further letters from the judge, Mr. Steel, Mr. Ferguson, the hon. sec., and from an exhibitor. We purpose dealing with these in our next issue.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.

A Fighting Family.

SIR,—It may interest you to know I have three brothers in H.M. Forces, and one in the O.T.C., whilst another brother and yours truly are getting efficient in the V.T.C. The list is as follows:—W. Tonks, Second Lieut., Duke Cornwall's L.I.; J. E. W. Tonks, Corporal, Royal Engineers; D. D. Tonks, Lance-Corporal, Royal Engineers; H. Tonks, Officers' Training Corps; J. A. Tonks, Corporal, V.T.C.; G. A. Tonks, Lance-Corporal, V.T.C. J. A. Tonks.

The Disqualified Yorkshire at Bishop Auckland.

SIR,—As a reader for many years of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, I hope you will allow me a few words respecting the disqualification, at Bishop Auckland Show, Jan. 1, of the unflighted buff cock bred by Mr. Jas. Stewart, of Whitehaven. Mr. Crawhall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, judged. In the first place, as I am only a novice, I would like to ask Mr. Crawhall if he was right in disqualifying the same. He says that it is flighted. Now, Mr. Editor, the young bird knocked four flights out in the moulting, and, although a novice, I know that there are fifteen flights in a bird's wing. There were eleven young flights left, and though the four that were knocked out showed colour food, surely the eleven young ones showed the bird to be unflighted? This same bird, Mr. Editor, has won for its owner six firsts and three cups, and to be disqualified at the seventh time of showing is too much for us novices. I would like to ask Mr. Crawhall the reason why he did not object to the same bird beating him at Newcastle, for the cup, also at Blaydon when it beat him there.

W. STEDHOLME.

Thirteen Tons of Larks in One Day!

Is it Ancient History?

SIR,—I have noticed on previous occasions statements about the amount of Larks caught in the Royston district, but as there are three Roystons in England alone, I have thought that it must refer to one of the Roystons other than the one I know myself. Although I have lived in Bedford for the last six years, for 20 years I lived in the Royston district, 10 years at Sitlington, 3½ miles from Royston, and 10 years in Royston itself. "W. J. M." cannot have lived in that locality very recently, I'm afraid, as what he refers to took place when I was a small boy, and I well remember going "snaring" as it was called with my next elder brother, and at night making the snares and repairing the lines. However, such statements as these set fanciers thinking what a God-forsaken place this district must be to allow such a cruel business to be carried on, for, once in the snare, the bird is tortured, perhaps for several hours, by the snare tightening round its leg till it is released and killed.

By the last sentence, "That is the metropolis of the Lark-snaring industry," "W. J. M." makes one think there are men that live by this means, but let me say that in Royston itself I don't know of a single one that has these reels of snares. Moreover, he would get a rare sort of a living, as it is useless laying snares unless there is a good covering of snow, so that in recent years a man would have had to find another occupation for at least 360 days out of the year.

I have also made it my business to ask others of these districts, and I find that at Hitchin the police have taken the matter in hand. I commend them for it, as I know of nothing more cruel, and the R.S.P.C.A. would soon get some good cases if they only looked out for them. To judge a district by what it did a quarter of a century ago is a gross scandal, and that your readers will disperse this from their minds is the wish of

ARTHUR SIMONS.

The Origin of Unflighted Classes.

How a Cruel Practice was Abolished.

SIR,—Up till 1891 it had been the usual practice to flight and tail all Norwich and Cinnamon Canaries of the current year, so as to give them a better chance of competing against their year-old opponents. This cruel practice jarred upon many fanciers, for one had only to uncover his cages and see the birds scuttle along the bottom like so many mice to come to no other conclusion but that it was cruel, and many a really good specimen was spoilt for show purposes through it. In 1891 a correspondence was opened as to the desirability of doing away with the practice. Mr. J. H. Payne, Mr. H. W. Naylor and myself being in favour of its abolition. After a discussion in our journal I offered to guarantee two classes for Plainhead Norwich, and one for Cinnamon at Birmingham's coming exhibition. Mr. Payne said he thought Gloucester would give two, and the classes were a success from the first. Next season, 1892, every society of note gave classes for unflighted birds, and these classes are the best supported of any at the present time.

J. BASTOCK.

What About the Welsh National Show?

The Chairman, Mr. Banks, Answers the Question.

SIR,—I regret that my reply to Mr. S. J. Nicholas will be a week late, owing to great pressure of business. My remarks to Mr. Nicholas at Cardiff show in November were thrown out as a kind of challenge to Welsh fanciers generally, and I quite understood Mr. Nicholas to say that he would mention it in his report of that show, but it would seem either that he omitted to do so, or that the editorial blue-pencil was out to save space.

I am sure that all Welsh fanciers will agree that it is quite impossible to run a National show without proper financial support—and this I am afraid is not forthcoming during the crisis which the country is passing through at the present time. When I tell you that the whole of the disbursements of the 1915 Welsh National amounted to nearly £200, including prize-money, specials, printing, advertising, etc., the Fancy generally, and especially Welsh fanciers, will have some idea of the great amount of "pluck" required to run a National show. There are also many other things to consider before I could be persuaded to advise my committee to hold a show this season.

First and foremost our old friend, Mr. Will Sampson, cannot possibly again undertake the duties of show manager, and I hope that I shall not give offence to anyone when I say that there is certainly no man in Wales who could fill his shoes. The National show of 1915 was the great surprise for all who visited it, and the all-round success—of which I am justly proud—was entirely due to the splendid and business-like arrangements of Mr. Sampson, who is undoubtedly the "Lloyd George of show managers," and the substantial balance of nearly £18 which we handed over to The Prince of Wales' Fund, was, I believe, the largest sum contributed by any C.B. society for a similar cause throughout the Kingdom.

Then there are the judges, stewards, and helpers to consider, most of whom very kindly gave us their services free on the last occasion. Many of these have since joined the Colours, and one at least has passed to the Great Beyond. I refer to that highly esteemed and respected fancier, the late Mr. D. A. S. Longden, whom I saw laid to rest last August in one of the most charming spots that might be imagined.

What do exhibitors think of a National show? With the experience of the last show still fresh in my mind, I should not care to say that such an outlay as £200 would be at all wise, because, had we depended upon the exhibitors only, some of us would have had to make some sort of show to the fund for which the show was held. I don't mean to say that there would have been a big loss, but there would certainly not have been any balance to hand over to the Prince of Wales' Fund.

Even Welsh fanciers did not support the show as they could have done, and London fanciers absolutely boycotted us, and I know from at least two fanciers who thought it worth while to come from London to the show that a report had been spread that the Welsh National show was going to be a huge fiasco. What a great disappointment it must have been to these people to read in CAGE BIRDS Mr. Norman's splendid review of the show! Why, the first man I met in the show on the Friday morning was a gallant Scotsman from beyond Aberdeen, and who said to me—"Well, Mr. Banks, I have seen all the big shows in the country, but I have never seen anything like this; it's really great." Yes, and that man stayed with us until the end of the show, and helped us to pack the birds home again.

I quite agree with Mr. Nicholas that it would be a pity to let this show fall through, but so far as this season is concerned, I am afraid it is too late to think of it now. I am quite prepared to do all I can to make the Welsh National an annual event—the grand finale of the Welsh show season—and there are plenty of good sound fanciers in the Cardiff society who can always be relied upon to do the donkey work, and for whose help at the last show I shall always feel grateful; but, we must have the co-operation and whole-hearted support of every individual fancier in Wales. If you want a National show, then let it be such a show as will help to lift the Fancy generally in the eyes of the public, and foster the breeding of all varieties of cage birds, and thus put a few welcome shillings into the pockets of the working-man fancier. Cardiff has the most suitable hall for the purpose, and I would advise fanciers to send their 5s. subscriptions to the secretary, Mr. E. W. Allsopp, and make all preparations for the next Welsh National show.

All good wishes to you, Mr. Editor, to CAGE BIRDS, and to all fanciers throughout the Kingdom. May the New Year, 1916, prove to be the best for all. E. J. BANKS.

SIR,—I have been much interested in this discussion, for, although I am not one of the Welsh fanciers, I, with several others, have been wondering why the show could not be held this February. With so many shows in this country being cancelled, I feel sure that, as before, another "Welsh National" would be a great success. If, as I gather from the correspondence on the subject, it is impossible for this show to be held in Cardiff, why not change the venue?

The 5s. subscription proposal I think is sound, and no doubt there are many who would be very pleased to help in this way. I for one would help in another way, i.e., that if the show is not a financial success, I will willingly present my winnings, if any, to the society or persons who have enough British pluck to carry the show through. I also feel sure that there are plenty of other exhibitors who would follow my lead. January has now arrived, and if a show is to be held in February then it is high time someone was moving in the matter. SERGT. A. THOMAS.

The Affairs of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club.

SIR,—I have been requested by Mr. Ramsden to assist him in calling a general meeting of the above club, and, as the latest published list of members is dated 1913, I shall be glad if all persons who have joined since then will send me their names and addresses. I shall also be glad to hear from all members who have changed their addresses since then. In order that there may be no delay in sending out the notices, please communicate at once to

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East Dulwich, S.E.

Attempt to Suborn and Black-mail a Judge.

SIR,—Re Mr. Steele's letter in CAGE BIRDS, wherein he admits being approached several times to advance birds, I think he won't get much credit for denouncing that "prominent exhibitor" so late in the day. The practice being so common in Scotland, is it not the specialist clubs that should take it in hand and make it impossible for any judge to see the numbers on cages? There are labels for that purpose, printed by "Spratts," I believe. In Norwich and Crests we have all sizes of cages and shades of enamel. Borders are similar regarding size, and in Yorkshires, we have all classes of cages, different perches, and different drinkers. Of course this saves "those in the know" from buying catalogues, and the trouble of referring to them, and, coupled with local or "clique" judges, is, in my opinion, the cause of the "rottenness" of the Fancy in Scotland. EX EXHIBITOR.

Out in the Cold World.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 18 "Barnockburn" says that fanciers from the different districts were put out of the hall to walk the streets. This is an utter falsehood. I admit they did not get the privilege to watch the judging, but I defy any person to say they were put out of the hall. They had a good fire to sit at and coals to put on if they cared to take the trouble. W. CLARKSON, Sec.

For Sweating or Non-feeding Hens.

SIR,—I am sending a device for sweating hens and non-feeding hens, as I thought it would be of some good to other fanciers. I have used it myself for two years, and find I have no trouble at all with them. For the sweating hen bore a 3/4 hole in the centre of the bottom of the nest box, then get a 3/4 peg, about 2 1/2 or 3 in. long. Put this up through the hole, and through the nest, letting the top of the peg be about level with the young, and pushing it higher up as the young grow. For the non-feeding hen get the longest hairpin you can, bend about three-quarters of an inch of the ends square. Open out the hairpin like the letter V inverted, and drive the ends in the back of the nest box. Just below drive in two shoe rivets; the projecting ends of these keep the nest box from the cage back, and the hairpin answers as a spring, shakes the young when the parents alight on the side, and thereby arouses the young, so that they get fed. Fix the bent ends of the hairpin 1/2 in. from the edge of nest box. J. CLARKE.

POSTERS

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Colour in the Norwich Plainhead.

Its Origin and Its Importance.

SIR,—I am sure that no one is more sorry than myself to learn that Mr. Frank Cole experienced disappointment respecting my recent article.

Of course, it is true that when sometimes standing upon substantial facts and irrefutable evidence, I "let fly" with a little vim, or "fiery tone." Is not that the occasion to do so, or, again, why should I not? Every impartial reader of my article would, however, well realise, inasmuch as I was putting a matter forward, as one merely, or rather mainly, of interest, and supported only by circumstantial evidence, that my path was of necessity to be chosen with much circumspection. Therefore I fear my friend, in realising disappointment, was an accessory to the fact. I assure him, however, that I am the "old firm," the very one that drew readers' attention hardly a season ago to his having wasted a precious hour of time of the members of a certain London Society in lecturing to them upon the merits of the "Pure Norwich," which all the world and his wife knew had been for some years past of a mongrel character. Whatever my friend may say in further justification of his "splendid isolation," nobody seems to now advertise "Pure Norwich," which seems significant. In fact, some boldly advertise a "Mixture"; at least, I know one breeder that does, and he is a proper old grandfather in fancy experience, which, of course, is again significant. Nevertheless, it is possible Mr. Cole has realised the error of his ways, and, having now, I understand, lately emerged from the novice section, feels his importance, and steps into the arena, and as he seems "fair game" we welcome him. Inasmuch, however, as he has already, by a series of contradictory statements and observations, reduced the point at issue to merely chaos, I must remind him that, having entered the arena, it is now incumbent upon him to endeavour to break down, either with more substantial evidence or irrefutable facts, my circumstantial evidence, which seems to support the possible presence of Lizard blood in the Plainheads of at least a few breeders whose geographical position, being north, seems unfortunate. In no manner have I made a definite statement, nor have I professed or even expressed a wish to lead, which I trust Mr. Cole will kindly note.

Already I have pointed out that the birds of the breeders I have in mind have consistently excelled in colour for years, and there seemed in their appearance something in common with the Lizard. The respective depths and tones of colour are equal; the character of the feather, which certainly does not excel in quality, is equal; there is a similarity of the markings upon the back, which in the Lizard are of a globular shape, arranged in rows with some degree of regularity, quite opposed to the markings of the general run of green and variegated birds, whose markings are usually longitudinal streaks or dashes, in some instances merging into each other without any respect to law and order; and there is the fact of a few greens and heavily variegated plainheads, which as unflighted birds carry flight, secondary, and tail feathers of a solid colour throughout, but which moult them with a distinct white tip (proof of which I can secure if needed). Now I am not aware that this latter occurrence is due, or is likely to be due, to the possible presence of cinnamon blood, for in this instance none is present, and never has been, so far as can be traced; nor do I suggest it is likely to be due to some physical disability that would interfere with the pigmentation of the plumage. In whatever direction we seek an explanation we are forced to acknowledge the Lizard as a clue, for do we not know this happening is the almost invariable rule of that variety, and is, moreover, deep rooted?

This latter seems really substantial evidence, though, be it noted, I put it forward as merely circumstantial, and gladly throw it into the lap of my critic, either to rend to pieces with positive proof to the contrary, or, failing that, to handle it as a matter of interest in the same unbiased manner as I have put it forth. I am aware that even those breeders I have in mind might possibly be prepared to swear upon the book that no Lizard blood was present in their stock. What of it? Is there any breeder that can successfully trace the pedigree of his individual birds through several years? Is he so sure that the variegated bird he bought some years ago quite casually, and which gave such good colour results, was not the produce of a first season's novice, glad to pair even a Lizard with a Plainhead? Have not many commenced in this hobby in so casual a manner? Also, is it beyond possibility that not a little experimenting has been resorted to in this manner? Again, has there never been a dark muling stock built up with Lizard blood? Come, now! when the chief characteristics of the Lizard cross are elimina-

ted, and the birds dispersed north, east, south, and west, without any news of their pedigree, who will deny the possibility of Lizard blood being yet present in our breed here and there? Will my friend Mr. Cole?

I fear if we are to accept his effort to smash my circumstantial evidence, he will waste yet another precious hour, for whereas I find in his third paragraph he says, "Now we find this paleness of feather generally (not always) goes hand in hand with silkiness or quality of feather, while the hot coloured bird is harsh in comparison," he further on, in the last paragraph but one, asks, "Is it not reasonable that breeding clear to clear must in the end breed harshness?" Also he further declares, "You may safely say this harshness of feather does not come from the Lizard." Is any of this proof, or even circumstantial evidence; is it logic; above all, is it interesting?

Then, in his concluding paragraph he adds, "Double buffing is not wrong, clear to clear is not wrong." How does he know it is not wrong until he has proved it is right? Even double yellowing is not wrong when it turns out all right, or pairing marked to marked. Does he really mean to say that when venturing his untried stock in any of the foregoing alternatives he can definitely say in every instance it will not be wrong? Well! Well! Even if so, will it answer with everyone's stock? I suppose not without the same foundation. With pleasure we remember his duel with another upon "Face Value versus Pedigree," and when reviewing his present contribution I also must express some disappointment. Did that effort pump him dry, or does he imagine my long stocking has yielded it all? We shall see.

E. W. ALLSOPP.

SIR,—I have read all the correspondence on the above subject, and so far fail to see any real attempt by the acknowledged leading exhibitors to help the novice or general breeder by explaining how they manage their stud. Instead of this, the subject healing is immediately taken advantage of by one exhibitor (or bird trader perhaps would be a more suitable name) to start personalities against other exhibitors, and, as in previous paper controversies, the subject that started the correspondence is entirely lost in the clamour of these rivals. I have been a lover of birds, and have kept a large number for over 35 years, and claim that as proof that the bird has a charm for me. I never claim to have done what "Dame Fortune" is doing for so many bird exhibitors, so I will divulge the only reasonable way anyone can maintain colour in his stud. Study the parentage line, mate yellow hen to buff cock that has been bred from a yellow cock, and when using a buff hen be sure you have one bred from a yellow hen and buff cock, as above. If to start with you utilise one yellow green heavily marked hen in every three pairs, this will furnish you with a foundation for crossing during the next eight seasons without spoiling any of the special points you have in your birds. You will quite understand, Mr. Editor, this is simply a question of making and maintaining the real hot colour stuff the exhibitors seemingly are afraid to disclose. My system of breeding will establish colour in an entire stud in a few seasons to stand alongside the best, provided the other points are good enough in the breeder's room, and he knows how to mate them up, but this last is altogether outside the colour question.

T. SANDERS.

SIR,—I was greatly interested in Mr. Allsopp's article on the above subject in the Christmas No. issue of CAGE BIRDS. I now note a letter on the same from Mr. J. Bastock. It is regrettable that Mr. B. did not attack the article in question, and the writer thereof, in a friendly and fancier-like spirit. Mr. B. tells us that if we cross the Lizard into our "pure" Norwich we shall lose all desirable points. This information I am pleased to accept as granted. Now, for the benefit of Norwich fanciers in general, would Mr. B. tell us how the grand "yellow" he mentions got his marvellous colour? I have made various experiments in colour breeding in Norwich Plainheads, and I have come to the conclusion that the taint of cinnamon blood is one of the causes of "flatness" in colour. Mr. Allsopp makes mention of the "Right kind of green blood" to introduce. I suggest that the right bird would be a self green with dark beak and feet, and possessed of grass green ground colouring with heavy pencillings on back and flanks, a yellow cock for preference. Attention must be paid to the dark beak and feet, as these are the true indications of a "green bred" bird which will prove itself to be the "inkpot" into which we must dip for colour in the Norwich Plainhead. A bird of this description mated to a typical buff hen of good quality (clear or ticked) will be found to provide sufficient "colour" to permeate several generations of offspring. In case I may incur the displeasure of friend Bastock I will sign myself as

YELLOW GREEN.

SIR,—I was much amused at Mr. Allsopp's cat and dog effusion. Where he gets cat's eyes from I do not know; there were none in my letter. Yes, I am proud of my experience as a breeder of birds. Mr. Allsopp is coming into his right class, and I shall be pleased to give him any information on any subject connected with cage birds if he will say what it is he requires. Re the bombastic challenge, it was not I who made the challenge, but Mr. Allsopp, and then he dare not go on with it.

J. BASTOCK.

[In Mr. Bastock's letter in our issue of Jan. 1 there were two printer's errors. In the first sentence of the second paragraph the words "to me" should read "some," and in the last sentence of the same paragraph the word "like" should be "size."—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

SIR,—As a novice I am glad to see Mr. Bastock's letter on Colour in the Norwich. As he refers to Mr. Spillman's yellow at Cheltenham, would it be too much to ask Mr. Spillman how he bred this bird? Does he use lizard, or green, or cinnamon to get such colour?

DAVID WILLIAMS.

Bird Life in a Military Camp.

SIR,—It has occurred to me that the following letter to a Sheffield paper might be of interest to readers of CAGE BIRDS.

OLD READER.

"Anyone visiting this camp for the first time is at once struck by the tameness of the birds to be seen about it. It consists of the usual corrugated iron huts built on piles on the slopes of a hill, and its being in the heart of the country and far from a town may, in a measure, be responsible for there being so much bird life about it. Having little to occupy their spare time in such a place many of the soldiers turned their attention to the hand-rearing, during the recent nesting season, of the young of the commoner species of birds, including the Blackbird, Thrush, Starling, Jackdaw, and Magpie. These make excellent pets, and are easily reared by hand; numbers of them may now be seen about the camp flying in and out of the huts at will during the daytime. Many of them have lost their natural fear of man, and will readily feed from the hand. The other day I witnessed a rather interesting incident. It had been raining heavily some time previously, and a large rain pool had formed at the foot of a flight of steps leading into one of the huts. The shower had passed, and the sun was again shining brightly, when a fine young Blackbird appeared in the doorway above, and began to descend step by step until he reached the pool at the bottom, where, with much spluttering, he proceeded to bathe. Then, step by step, he retired again to the top step, and there I left him preening his feathers in the sun and looking immensely pleased with himself. The Jackdaws and Magpies have also the run of the camp, and one comes across them in the most unexpected places. Often one finds them the centre of a group of soldiers, who delight to tease them and watch their knowing ways. Another striking feature about the bird life in camp is the number and boldness of the Seagulls which have frequented it even during the nesting season. These birds will allow anyone to approach within a few feet of them, and even then seem loath to take to flight. During the summer months when the regimental cooks were in the habit of cutting up the meat rations on long tables in the open air, it was quite a common sight to see a Gull standing a few feet away on the table waiting for a scrap to be thrown to it. On one occasion, when all the cooks inadvertently left the table, the meat became the centre of a fluttering, screaming mass of Gulls, and many pounds of poor Tommies' dinner must have disappeared before the cooks came to the rescue."

A Yellow Yorkshire Lost at Aberaman Show.

SIR,—In answer to the letter of J. O'Leary in CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 1, I may say that I am prepared to answer any straight question re the missing bird put in a straightforward manner. Can I prove that the bird was not stolen from the show? I answer definitely that all the birds were carefully packed and despatched from the show, and I myself packed the bird at 9.50 that night to go away the first thing in the morning. But there was a hitch owing to the railway company refusing to fetch the birds unless they were paid 3d. per hamper. So we have to thank our show manager (Mr. W. Davies) for turning up at 2.30 (after the birds were packed) to see the railway people about getting them off by the 3.49 train.

The second question is—What was the reason for accusing Mr. O'Leary of calling

on me to buy a bird on false pretence, when he produced a letter to that effect?

I am prepared to answer Mr. J. O'Leary when he can furnish me with the name of any person or persons to whom I have accused him. He also asks me to be a sport. Well, I will leave that for other people to answer who know me better than Mr. O'Leary. I say without fear of contradiction that there would have been no society in Aberaman to-day if I had not taken it up myself, as they have failed for many years. I will go so far as to say we have come to stay, as we have only opposition from two members who are trying their uttermost to break up the society.

I thank Mr. O'Leary for his kindness in offering assistance to come up to square things for us amicably. Well, I hope we shall be able to do that between ourselves without the aid of outside fanciers. I trust I have given satisfactory answers to the questions asked, and hope that things will turn out well for the New Year.

W. R. POWELL,
Hon. Sec.

Identity of the Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid Challenged.

What Mesh was the Wire?

SIR,—The evidence is all in favour of the Thrush-Blackbird hybrid, but when some of your correspondents state that the absence of a cock Blackbird from the aviary "proves" that a Thrush was the male parent they go too far. In various letters the word "proof" is used with even greater laxity.

The following incident is to the point. My gardener has an Owl, reared from the nest, and kept in a box cage, of which only the front is wire. After a year's confinement this bird laid an egg, and sat on it. A little later the gardener broke the egg, which, to his amazement, contained a young Owl. As the bird had never been loose, nor had any other bird been let into the box, this "proves" a case of virgin birth, or parthenogenesis—to use the jargon of science. Of course, what really happened was that a wild Owl succeeded in breeding through the wire front. There are plenty of wild ones within call, and we know that love is a locksmith.

A. H. SCOTT.

[The theory suggested by our correspondent is an ingenious one, and was held to account for the supposed breeding of young from a cock Siskin hybrid some years ago. In that case a pet Siskin was flying loose in the room, and was suspected by those who had the evidence before them of being the real father of the young birds. Anyway, in the following season, when the owner of the hybrid took care to prevent such interference, the hybrid failed to fertilise eggs. In the present case, however, it is contended on the one side that there is no trace of the Blackbird in the young bird under discussion. There can be no possible doubt that the hen Blackbird in Mr. Anderson's aviary hatched the eggs and fed the young birds. If the young birds are pure Thrushes, as has been alleged, then the eggs must have been procured from an outside Thrush's nest, and placed under the hen Blackbird with the deliberate intention of deceiving the witnesses and of foisting a fraud on the Fancy. There can be no alternative, for if the hen Blackbird was the female parent, the young birds must either be Blackbirds or Blackbird hybrids; they cannot in such case possibly be Thrushes.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

SIR,—I have with the greatest interest followed the discussion re the Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids. I am sure that Mr. Anderson is a genuine and enthusiastic fancier, and after carefully reading the many articles which have appeared in CAGE BIRDS on this subject, I am quite sure that he would not defraud the fancy in so base a manner as some fanciers try to insinuate. I heartily congratulate Mr. Anderson on his well-earned success, and I ask of him a favour, will he let us have a little information concerning his precious birds from time to time? I am sure all fanciers would like to hear how the parents of the present hybrids progress with their family affairs, as it is very interesting to the fancy at large. I suppose that were a fancier to accomplish the feat of rearing some Chaffinch-Canary mules he would not want to make the fact known after seeing a fellow fancier so ridiculed when he has justly brought forth a new and handsome hybrid.

P. O. FROST.

It gave me much pleasure and surprise, writes Mr. J. Thompson, Bedford, when I saw in CAGE BIRDS last week, which I always enjoy reading, my yellow Norwich cock which took first and special at Bedford Show, more especially as the hobby in the first place belonged to my son, who is now on active service. I must add that CAGE BIRDS is a great help to me, and I wish it every success.

GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW AND GOUROCK O.S.

Annual show, in the Boilermakers' Hall, Cathcart, at Jan. 5. President Molloy, Vice-Pres. Brown, Treas. Rolfs, and Sec. Dooley were all anxious and willing workers, and being backed up by a sound committee, everything passed off without a hitch. Committee, Messrs. McKay, Best, McDermid, Roddin, Allison, Campbell, and Ralston. Entries numbered about 300. Mr. G. Smart judged the Canary section, and Mr. Pettigrew Mules, British, and Foreign, giving general satisfaction. Quality, on the whole, was up, and there was keen competition in many classes. Mr. Campbell's Light Mule made a stiff fight for the best bird in the hall, and it was only after a referee was called in to decide that Mr. Dooley's young buff Border hen was awarded that honour, winning the much-coveted rose bowl, also cup for best young Canary. The Cameron Cup was won by Mr. Laird for best British bird, Mr. McDermid being runner-up. The club cup for best F. moulted Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, was won by Mr. McDermid for the third time. It now becomes his own property. Mr. Moody won spl. for runner-up. Mr. Rollo won runner-up for best young Canary cup with a good Scots Fancy. The show was well patronised.

SCOTS FANCY, CK. (8): 1, Roddin, fine yell., good size, nice length side, stylish, thick, good shoulder, reach, shown in nice feather; 2, Webster, buff, fair size, good style, action, nice top end, good drive, pressed on leader; 3, McAleese, yell., nice exhibit, good style, fine cond., just fails trifle in depth; 4, Roddin; 5, 6, Glover. **HEN (3):** 1, McAleese, buff, fine qual. feather, nice size, style, good side, fine top end, nice shoulder, reach, thick through, nice drive; 2, Rollo, yell. pied, good one, nice size, good shoulder, drive, barely so thick through; 3, Roddin, good buff stylish and free working, in good order, fails in size. **YOUNG CK. (4):** 1, 4, Rollo, leader, nice yell. green, in good trim, fine size, nice style, weight, typical, and free in action; 2, 3, Roddin yell. pied and buff pied respectively, nice pair, well staged, leader excellent in style and free action. **HEN (3):** 1, 3, Rollo, yell. and buff respectively, leader, fine size, thickness, nice top end, reachy, stylish; 3rd, good exhibit, nice side, shoulder, fails reach, drive, well staged; 2, Roddin, buff, good for size style, action, nice top end. **YOUNG YORKS, CK. (1):** 1, Rollo, yell., nice exhibit, good length, shape, neat, well-drawn body, fine carr., well shown. **HEN (3):** 1, Moody, good qual. buff, nicely rounded body, neat, well drawn, clean cut, neat wings, tail, nice order; 2, Rollo, buff green, nice qual., style, neat shape, pose, well laid down; 3, Martin, yell. var., good col., feather, nice style, carr., barely so close in feather. **BORD. FANCY, CK. (6):** 1, 4, Craig, yell. and buff respectively, leader nice type, qual., fine level col., nice shape, neat built, in fine trim; 2, 3, Dooley, yell. leading, nice qual., fine head, neck, neat carr., steady; 3rd, buff, good type, build, neat wings, close tail; 5, Wylie; 6, Young. **HEN (6):** 1, 4, Dooley, leading with fine yell., sweet little exhibit, staged in the pink, nice type, grand qual. feather, perfect carr., good win; 2, 3, buff in front, nice type, grand qual., fine little specimen, well balanced throughout; 3rd, yell., nice type, sound col., fine head, neck, neat body, carr.; 5, 6, Wylie. **YOUNG CK. (6):** 1, 2, 3, Dooley, grand team, leader rare type, col., neat jaunty style, clean cut, well braced, in the pink; 2nd, buff, nice qual., neat and typical, well braced; 3rd, nice yell., fine type, scarcely so hot or level col. as leader, steady, fit; 4, Wylie; 5, 6, Smith. **HEN (5):** 1, rose bowl, cup, best young Canary, 3, 4, Dooley, grand team, securing the plums, leader, little beauty, buff, capital qual. and type, neat head, neck well filled in, nicely tapered body, fine wings, close tail; 3rd, yell., nice weight, fine model, well braced, neat, steady; 2, Campbell, cinn. yell., nice col., fine tone, well-pencilled body, flanks, fine texture feather, neat, shapely body, good carr., style; 5, Wylie. **CREST (2):** 1, 2, Moody, leader D.C., 2nd, var. D.C., nice pair, fine size, grand qual. feather, nice headgear, leader trifle better in frontal crest, nice leafy qual., well radiated, neat centre. **C.B. (1):** 1, Moody, var., nice size, plenty feather, good skull, well lashed, nice entrance, nicely staged. **NOR. CK. (6):** 1, Allison, buff, nice size, fine type, good feather, neat body, wings, tail, staged in A1 order; 2, Watt, var. buff, fine size, top qual. feather, fine head, neck, short, cobby body, neat wings, tail; 3, Young, yell., nice qual., fine even col., good qual., fails in subs. a shade, steady, in good order; 4, Wylie; 5, Allison; 6, Park. **HEN (6):** 1, 2, Allison, leader, fine yell., good size, nice level col., short, neat, cobby, well braced, steady; 2nd, buff var., nice qual., good cobby build, nice top end, good front, well braced wings, nicely placed; 3, Wylie, buff, nice size, good feather, neat; 4, Watt; 5, Allison; 6, Park. **YOUNG CK. (6):** 1, 5, Allison leads with nice buff, good size, feather, good level col., A1 qual., fine stamp, neat, shapely; 2, 4, Park var. and clear buff respectively, former good size, type, nice qual.; 3, 6, Wylie, yell., not very large, but nice, sound, level col., warm qual., close feathered, typical body, neatly braced. **HEN (4):** 1, 4, Wylie yell. leads, nice exhibit, good size, level, silky qual. feather, cobby build, neat, chubby, well braced; 2, Park, buff, good exhibit cobby built, short, neat, carr. wings, tail; 3, Allison, fair good yell., nice feather, fails in subs. **GIFT (7):** 1, Craig; 2, McDermid; 3, Martin; 4, Wylie; 5, Allison; 6, Campbell; 7, G. Wylie. **SKELING, 10/- (4):** 1, 2, 3, Craig; 4, Martin. **LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5):** 1, 2, Campbell, leader, apt. Goldie Mule, we presume, in the money at Glasgow and Dist., fine size, markings, grand qual. col., perfect feather, well staged; 2nd, var. do., in perfect feather, good size, steady, fine blend of the cross in col. marking; 3, 4, 5, Ralston, var., Linnet nice specimens in good cond., feather. **DARK MULE (9):** 1, Collins, good Goldie, nice size, col., cond., steady, neat; 2, Campbell, same cross, well up in top order; 3, 5, Young, former Redpoll, trifle more sombre in col., but A1 cond., steady, neat; 4, Martin; 6, McGregor. **I.M. GOLDFINCH (9):** 1, Laird, good Finch, nice type, size, col., fine face, nice markings, neat wings, well buttoned, perfect, steady; 2, Park, good for size, distinct markings, fine cond., feather, nicely staged; 3, Campbell, good exhibit, in fine order, pure col., rich, well defined, not quite so full blaze; 4, Brown; 5, Ralston; 6, McGregor. **F.M. GOLDF. (15):** 1, Beif, nice size, good face, and distinct body markings, perfect feather, steady, well shown; 2, Gillespie, tins hard up on leader, nice blaze, pure face, tans, nice, stylish, good, in top cond.; 3, Grover, fair all round Finch, in nice order, beaten squareness blaze; 4, Dooley; 5, Brown; 6, Martin. **FOR GOLDF. (9):** 1, Campbell, fine size, pure rich col., well defined markings, good face, pure in whites, nice tanning, in the pink; 2, Molloy, good exhibit, in fine trim, nice col., fine wing bars, buttons. **BRIT. BULLE, F.M. (9):** 1, McDermid, fine size, deep, rich col. breast, fine slaty back, perfect wing bars, neat looking jet black cap; 2, McCartney, well up for size, col., steady, not just so perfect in

wing marking, otherwise hard up; 3, 4, Ralston, good pair, nice rich col., perfect order, well staged; 5, Molloy; 6, Gillespie. **BULLE, H.M. (3):** 1, Martin, fine size, good col., cond., perfect steadiness; 2, Ralston, good Finch, well up in size, cond., scarcely the depth col. in leader; 3, Best, good col., cond., not quite so massive or close in feather. **LINNET, H.M. (7):** 1, Molloy, good size, perfect feather, rich nutty col., well pencilled front, body; 2, Campbell, up in size, col., neatly pencilled; 3, Laird, nice nutty col. fine cond., not quite so large, otherwise good; 4, Young; 5, Kerr; 6, Martin. **LINNET, F.M. (20):** 1, Moody, fine exhibit for wild one, good size, rich nut brown body, finely pencilled front, flanks, nice fights; 2, Molloy, well up for size, depth col., markings, not just so profuse or distinct in breast work; 3, McDermid, shade smaller built, nice cond., fine body col., scarcely so steady; 4, Gillespie; 5, Mount; 6, Wylie. **GREENF. (11):** 1, 4, McDermid, fine pair for cond., leader excellent in subs., col., steady, shown in rare cond., all there; 2, Molloy, good Greenie, nice olive hue, not a ruffle in feather, fine wings, steady, stylish; 3, Campbell, presses hard, very steady; 5, Gillespie; 6, Best. **SISKIN (2):** 1, Campbell, little beauty, fine depth col., rich cap, well pencilled body, flanks, rich wings, bars, steady, good; 2, McDermid, good exhibit, nice feather, cond., well up for size, fails col. and pencilling. **LESSER REDPOLL (20):** 1, 6, McDermid, leading with little topper, fine size, steady, good feather, cond., nice poll and bib, finely tanned, nicely staged; 2, Wylie, good all over, little to choose for either pos.; 3, McCartney, fine col., markings, very steady, neat, in rare fettle; 4, Campbell; 5, Molloy. **TWITE OR MEALY POLL (12):** 1, Best, nice Twite, good size, ground col., finely pencilled; 2, McCartney, good Poll, in faultless feather, well up in size, sweet col.; 3, McDermid, Twite, in good feather, nice size, cond.; 4, Mount; 5, Molloy; 6, Martin. **BRIT. CK. A.V. (7):** 1, Cameron, Bramblefinch, good size, fine sound body col., beautifully spangled, nice head, body, steady, staged in the pink; 2, Molloy, Hawfinch, good size, col., nicely rnk'd, wins his place here; 3, Martin, Bramblef., good size, feather, scarcely so steady or hot in col.; 4, Martin; 5, McDermid; 6, Campbell. **BRIT. FEN, A.V. (6):** 1, McDermid, fine Bramblef., good size, perfect feather, nice col., well put down; 2, 6, Molloy, good Greenies, in lovely feather, steady; 3, 5, Campbell, Bramblef., nice exhibits, in the pink; 4, McCartney, good grey Linnet, steady, perfect feather, col., staged. **FOREIGN A.V.: Mr. Cameron** here made a fine display, winning all the awards, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, himself, his exhibits coming in for a fair share of attention from the visitors.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Held on Dec. 18, in a large, well-lighted school room, the profits of the show being handed over to the local St. John Ambulance. A large number of admission tickets were sold, and other support was secured by this enterprising body. Although some of the Runcorn fanciers failed to send entries, there were about 90 entries. This, for a members' show in these times, reflects the utmost credit upon those few members who so liberally sent entries. The classes for Yorkshires contained many birds of high merit, and competition was close and keen. Norwich were not so numerous as usual here, but several high class typical birds were shown. Norwich greens were of good average merit. A number of special prizes were given for points, and all exhibitors in rotation according to points had their pick in turn. A very good idea. So many specials were collected that they would about go three times round—that is, three specials per member. Mr. Rone, the hon. sec., is an enthusiast, and does not work for selfish motives, but for the fancy and fanciers generally, and he does his work well, and tries hard to have everything in good order. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and members were well pleased.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (1): Farrall, grand typical cl., well posted, neat and clean through, well on leg, fine cond.; 2, Rone, pretty upstanding bird, clean through, fine type and pos.; 3, hc, Bradbury, grand length, fine drawn cinn. varieg., wants smoothing up in carr. and cond. of feather; 4, Helsby; vhc, Poole. **BUFFS (1):** 1, 4, Farrall, fine cl., most typical, straight as a pencil; 2, Helsby, very similar, grand pos. and carr.; 3, hc, Bradbury, big good one, can show grandly at times; vhc, Rone, finely bred varieg., tight form. **YELL. HENS (1):** 3, vhc, Bradbury, very stylish and breezy, grand stand and carr., well up on leg; 2, 4, Farrall, good cl. leading, in best cond.; hc, Rone. **BUFF (1):** 1, 4, Poole, grand cl. leading, 4 showing more thigh feather; 2, c, Bradbury, shade smaller, but good breezy type and pos., well up on leg; 3, Farrall, good style, shape, stand, and cond.; vhc, hc, Rone. **YELL. UNFLIG. (1):** Helsby, lovely fine drawn cinn., tick wing, grand nerve, pos. and carr., tight and clean through; 2, hc, c, Bradbury, very pretty trio, and not much in them when all are tightened up; 3, Poole, fine typical cl. when in pos.; 4, vhc, Rone, good as any when at their best form. **BUFFS (1):** 3, Bradbury, grand cl. leading, well up in all points; 2, Helsby, varieg., fine qual., bit more shoulder; 4, Rone. **NOR. YELL. CK. (1):** Walker, tick neck, grand shape, qual., col. and cond.; 2, Hayes, shade heavier in feather. **BUFFS (1):** 1, Walker, grand body and A1 qual. and cond.; 2, Faulkner, finer head, bit looser in feather. **YELL. HEN (1):** 1, 2, Walker, first largest, very cobby shape, A1 col. and qual.; 3, Spruce, a bit off cond., rougher. **BUFF HENS (1):** 1, Whyte, clean type body, fine cond.; 2, Hayes, heavier feathered, fine head. **UNFLIG. BUFF (1):** 1, Hayes, good headpiece, fine size, shape, bloom and cond.; 2, 3, 4, Walker, two cl. and a varieg., all three nice Nor.; vhc, Whyte; hc, c, Faulkner. **YELL. OR BUFF GREEN NOR. (1):** 1, 3, Faulkner, fine size, good shape, ion buff, nice even col., 3 foul yell., lighter even col. all over; 2, 4, Hayes, 2 best, deep level col., fine bird, good type and feather, 4 deep dark col., beaten in shape; vhc, Walker; hc, Whyte. **NOR. GREEN HENS (1):** 1, Hayes, grand size and cobby shape, buff, rare level col. and soft bloom; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Faulkner, good quartet, 2 best type, col. and cond. **NOVICE CLASSES, YORKS. YELL. CK. (1):** Poole, good neat bird; 2, Whyte, fine type and size, too nervous to show himself properly. **BUFF CK. (1):** 1, 2, 3, vhc, Spruce, very good quartet, leader best all round bird; 4, Poole. **YELL. HENS (1):** 1, 2, Spruce, other good pair in nice show form; 3, Whyte, nice Yorks., sprays tall a bit too much; 4, Poole. **BUFF HENS (1):** 1, Whyte, best of type, stand, well up, carr. and cond.; 2, 4, Spruce, leader A1 bloom, etc.; 3, vhc, Poole, just wants to pipe tail a little more; vhc, shows more fluffy thighs. **UNFLIG. YELL. (1):** 1, 2, Spruce, leader proudest and best style, pos. and cond.; 3, Whyte, rather soiled, small and typical. **BUFFS (1):** 1, 2, Poole; 3, a varieg., breezy, 2 cl., nice shape and carr., etc. **BRIT. HARDBILLS (1):** 1, Walker, bonny Linnet, wants steady; 2, Bradbury, good colour Greenf., medium size, nice cond.; 3, Spruce, nice medium size Goldf., unfortunately long primaries were out of left wing, or might have won here.

DORCHESTER F.S.

Members' show held in the Butter Shed, Dorchester Market, Dec. 2. **Yorks CK. (8):** 1, spl. hc, Odd; 2, Brooker; 3, rrs, Harris. **HEN (7):** 1, 2, res, hc, Odd; 3, hc, Brooker. **NOR. CK. (7):** 1, spl, 2, Odd; 3, Allen; res, vhc, Brooker; hc, Harris. **HEN (8):** 1, 2, Odds; 3, res, Allen; vhc, hc, Weeks; hc, Harris. **Bord. Fancy CK. (6):** 1, spl, 2, Miss Consins; 3, res, hc, Brooker. **HEN (3):** 1, Brooker; 2, 3, Miss Consins. **A.O.V. HEN (1):** 1, spl, Allen. **Brit. CK. (6):** 1, spl, Miss Sewery; 2, Harris; 3, res, vhc, Miss Consins.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Final members' show, Jan. 1, at Blue Bell Hotel. Seventy-four Yorks. were judged by Mr. W. Richmond, of Rodley, who gave satisfaction to all. Seasons points for prizes are: Champions—T. Broadley, 51; P. Mason, 45; J. Halliday, 44; H. Fretwell, 43; J. Garnett, 41. Novices—B. Baxter, 43; W. Bloomfield, 37; J. W. Ellis, 8; W. Dawson, 7; J. Green, 7; J. Lakin, 7. Principal winners were—J. Halliday, 4 firsts, 4 seconds; P. Mason, 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third; Sutcliffe and Son, 5 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third; Fretwell, 1 first, 3 thirds; Garnett, 1st, 2nd, two 3rds, 4th; T. Broadley, 2 thirds and 3 fourths. Novices—Baxter, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Bloomfield, three 1sts, two 2nds, 4th; Dawson, 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Grand smoking concert on Jan. 15. All fanciers welcome.—Taylor and Halliday, Secs.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Fifth annual show, Tynecastle Hall, Nov. 21. Over 520 birds were staged. Although down in numbers from last year, quality was all that could be desired. The Norwich Section had some good birds, and the judge had his work cut out to separate them. The hall is one of the finest in the city, being well lit up from the roof. The judges were, Nor. and Crests, Mr. A. M. Gardiner; Bord., Mr. Wm. McAdam; Mr. G. C. T. Hope, Scotch Fancy, and Mr. C. Sykes, Brit. and Mules. Their awards gave general satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Proctor; 2, 8, Thomson; 3, Finnie; 4, Smith; 5, 6, Stormont; 7, Charlton. **BUFF CK. (25):** 1, 3, 5, Finnie; 2, Buglass; 4, Proctor; 7, Stronach. **GREEN OR VAR. YELL. CK. (13):** 1, Staines; 2, 3, Buglass; 4, Stormont; 5, Forrest; 6, Smith; 7, Sibbald; 8, Thomson. **GREEN OR VAR. BUFF CK. (16):** 1, Finnie; 2, 3, 7, Craig; 4, Proctor; 5, Stormont; 6, Grant; 8, Smith. **CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (19):** 1, Finnie; 2, Mill; 3, Grant; 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. **Proctor; 2, Napier; 3, Adam; 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Proctor; 2, Finnie; 3, 6, 8, Stormont; 4, Walls; 5, 7, Hutchison; 8, Wishart. GR. OR VAR. YELL. HEN (16):** 1, 4, Finnie; 2, Proctor; 3, Buglass; 5, Campbell; 6, Staines; 7, Stronach; 8, Preston. **BUFF (10):** 1, 4, Finnie; 2, Proctor; 3, Buglass; 5, Craig; 6, Charlton; 7, Stronach; 8, Smith. **NON-FED CK. (9):** 1, Proctor; 2, 7, Craig; 3, Bowman; 4, 5, 8, Staines; 6, Dale. **HEN (7):** 1, Thomson; 2, 4, Staines; 3, Bowman; 5, Craig; 6, Stormont; 7, Dale. **CINN. (3):** 1, 2, 3, Watson. **CK., ANY VAR. NOV. (8):** 1, 2, Muir; 3, 4, 5, Morrison; 6, Skinner; 7, Hay. **HEN (6):** 1, 3, Muir; 2, 4, Morrison; 5, Hay. **OLD BIRD, CK. (3):** 1, Walls; 2, Skinner; 3, Adamson. **HEN (6):** 1, Stronach; 2, Bowman; 3, Preston. **CRESTS, CR. CK., ANY VAR. (5):** 1, Smith; 2, 4, Craig; 3, Stevenson. **HEN (5):** 1, Tait; 2, Smith; 3, Staines; 4, Jeffrie. **C.B. CK. (3):** 1, Tait; 2, Stevenson; 3, Jeffrie. **HEN (2):** 1, Tait; 2, Stevenson. **CR. OR C.B. CK. OR HEN (NOV) (2):** 1, 2, Morrison. **BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (13):** 1, J. Napier; 2, Weir; 3, Rodger; 4, Stevenson; 5, Sibbald; 6, Hutchison; 7, 8, Michie. **BUFF (15):** 1, 5, 6, J. Michie; 2, 3, Stevenson; 4, Weir; 7, Napier; 8, Dale. **VAR. YELL. CK. (5):** 1, Sibbald; 2, Weir; 3, Napier; 4, Rodger. **BUFF (8):** 1, 3, Rodger; 2, Napier; 4, Sibbald; 5, Dale; 6, Thomson; 7, Hunter. **YELL. GREEN CK. (3):** 1, 2, Hutchison; 3, Hay. **BUFF (1):** 1, Stevenson. **CINN. CK. (4):** 1, 2, 3, 4, Buglass. **CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (11):** 1, Weir; 2, 6, Rodger; 3, Michie; 4, Stevenson; 5, Sibbald; 7, Thomson; 8, Hutchison. **BUFF (12):** 1, 4, Weir; 2, 3, 5, Michie; 6, Napier; 7, Stevenson; 8, Sibbald. **VAR. YELL. HEN (4):** 1, Rodger; 2, Dale; 3, Mill. **BUFF (7):** 1, Rodger; 2, Michie; 3, Napier; 4, Thomson; 5, Hunter. **YELL. GR. HEN (4):** 1, 2, 4, Stevenson; 3, Hutchison. **BUFF (1):** 1, Hutchison. **CINN. HEN (4):** 1, 2, 3, 4, Buglass. **YELL. CK., NOV. (6):** 1, 2, Muir; 3, Brash; 4, Ferguson; 5, Hay. **BUFF (14):** 1, 2, 3, Ferguson; 4, Rice; 5, 6, Brydon; 7, Muir; 8, Brash. **YELL. HEN, NOV. (5):** 1, 2, Muir; 3, Rice; 4, Brash. **BUFF (12):** 1, Ferguson; 2, Brydon; 3, 7, Muir; 4, 5, 8, Brash; 6, Rice. **YELL. OR BUFF CK., 6d. entry (1):** 1, Michie. **HEN, 6d. entry (2):** 1, Weir; 2, Hay. **SCOTCH FANCY, CL. OR FOUL (4):** 1, Tait; 2, Campbell; 3, Spittal. **PIED OR GR. BUFF CK. (4):** 1, 2, McNiven; 3, Campbell. **CL. OR FOUL YELL. HEN (3):** 1, Tait; 2, Bowman; 3, Spittal. **BUFF (5):** 1, 4, Rodger; 2, 3, McNiven; 5, Bowman. **PIED OR BUFF HEN (8):** 1, Muir; 2, Campbell; 3, Rodger; 4, 7, Campbell; 5, Hewett; 6, Preston. **COCK OR HEN (NOV.):** 1, Patrick. **GOLDF. (BRIT.) (4):** 1, Watson; 2, absent; 3, 4, Craig. **BULLE (BRIT.) (6):** 1, Allan; 2, Michie; 3, Watson; 4, Finnie; 5, Watson; 7, Rice. **HEN (12):** 1, Watson; 2, 5, Adam; 3, Staines; 4, Allan; 6, Weir. **LINNET (7):** 1, 3, Allan; 2, 4, Craig; 5, Adam; 6, Watson; 7, Weir. **GREENF. COL-FED (7):** 1, Finnie; 2, Wallace; 3, Spittal; 4, Russell; 5, Watson; 6, Hunter. **NON-FED (12):** 1, Wallace; 2, 3, 4, Allan; 5, Adam; 6, Watson; 7, Russell; 8, Weir. **SISKIN OR TWITE (11):** 1, 5, 7, Allan; 2, Russell; 3, Watson; 4, Craig; 6, Ogilvie; 8, Ritchie. **REDPOLL (14):** 1, Russell; 2, Craig; 3, 8, Watson; 4, Rice; 5, Allan; 6, Adam; 7, Campbell. **CHAFF. (7):** 1, 6, Allan; 2, Watson; 3, Adam; 4, Hutchison; 5, Russell. **FINCH, A.O.V. (9):** 1, 6, 7, Allan; 2, Ritchie; 3, Watson; 4, Russell; 5, 8, Weir. **BUNTING A.V. (8):** 1, Adam; 2, 5, 8, Russell; 3, Allan; 4, Finnie; 6, Craig; 7, Watson. **SOFTBILL A.V. (not larger than Lark) (4):** 1, 2, 4, Watson; 3, Russell. **A.O.V. (4):** 1, 2, 3, Watson. **BRIT. HEN HARD-BILL A.V. (9):** 1, Allan; 2, Adam; 3, 5, Rice; 4, Weir; 6, Watson. **GOLDF. FOR. (2):** 1, Russell; 2, Preston. **FOR. A.O.V. (1):** 1, Adam. **GOLDF. PULLE, OR LINNET, NOV. (4):** 1, 2, Ritchie; 3, Morrison. **FINCH, A.O.V. NOV. (9):** 1, Ritchie; 2, Ferguson; 3, Rice; 4, Hay; 5, 7, Morrison; 6, Muir; 8, Hay. **MULE OR HYB. LIGHT MULE (3):** 1, Hutchison; 2, Preston; 3, Adam. **DARK GOLDIE OR LINNET MULE (5):** 1, 2, Watson; 3, Bowman; 4, 5, Preston. **DK. CAN. MULE, A.O.V. (4):** 1, Hutchison; 2, Finnie; 3, 4, Watson. **HYB. (1):** 1, Staines. **OLD MULE: 1.** Wallace. Cup best young bird was won by Mr. G. Staines, with a very fine Canary-Bullie; best British, A. W. Watson (the cup now becomes his own property, having won it three times); Border F.C.C. medal, T. Sibbald, Hyde's Special, J. Weir; best Nor., J. Proctor; special most points by a novice throughout the year, G. Muir, 178 points; runner-up, Mr. Morrison, 127.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

Show held Nov. 20 at Black Horse Hotel, when 132 birds faced the judge, Mr. Luther Varley, whose awards were well received. **CL. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. CK. (1):** Naylor; 2, Scarfe; 3, Bower; vhc, Myers; hc, Middleton; c, Ascough. **BUFF (1):** Smith; 2, Myers; 3, Middleton; vhc, Slater; hc, Burnett; c, Nelmes. **Even, Unev. or Foul Mkd. Yorks. CK. (1):** Smith; 2, Booth; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Burnett; hc, Middleton; c, Slater. **CL. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. HEN (1):** Middleton; 2, Moore; 3, Ascough; vhc, Middleton; hc, Trevenar; c, Scarfe. **Buff (1):** c, Booth; 2, Ascough; 3, Middleton; vhc, Town; hc, Trevenar. **Even, Unev. or Foul Mkd. HEN (1):** 1, Slott; 2, Booth; 3, Myers; vhc, Middleton; hc, Greenwood; c, Slater. **A.O.V. CK. (1):** Burnett; 2, Scarfe; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Trevenar; c, Greenwood. **A.O.V. HEN (1):** Fawcett; 2, Miles; 3, Middleton; hc, Trevenar; hc, Scarfe; c, Burnett. **Novice, CL. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. CK. (1):** 2, Earl; 3, Clough; vhc, Godwin; hc, Smith; c, Potterton. **Buff (1):** Smith; 2, Farrar; 3, Smith; vhc, Godwin; hc, Clough; c, Potterton. **CL. or Tkd. Yell. HEN (1):** 1, Clough; 2, Godwin; 3, Birt; vhc, Smith; hc, Potterton. **Buff (1):** Smith; 2, Birt; 3, Godwin; vhc, c, Earl; hc, Farrar. **A.O.V. CK. (1):** Birt; 2, 3, Farrar; vhc, Potterton; hc, Smith; HEN: 1, 3, Earl; 2, Godwin; vhc, Birt; hc, Clough; c, Farrar.—C. W. Town, Sec.

NORTHERN Y.C.C.

Show, Dec. 4, at the King Edward Hotel, Newcastle. The entries totalled 105, a considerable decrease on last year's show, no doubt owing to a large number of our members having joined the colours. The two outstanding birds in the show were Mr. Jas. Stewart's unfluffed buff cock, winner of the club's challenge cup for best unfluffed bird, and Mr. R. Tindall's unfluffed buff, winner of Ramsden's challenge cup for second best bird in the show. Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury, judged.

CL. YELL. (7): 1, Stewart; 2, 3, hc, Crawhall; 4, Tweedie; vhc, R. Tindall; hc, Harris. **BUFF (4):** 1, 2, Stewart; 3, 4, Crawhall. **VARIEG. YELL. (2):** 1, Crawhall; 2, Harris. **BUFF (2):** 1, 2, Crawhall. **YELL. HEN (5):** 1, 4, Crawhall; 2, Stewart; 3, Leck; vhc, Stirk. **BUFF (7):** 1, Crawhall; 2, c, Leck; 3, Stewart; vhc, Johnson; hc, Leck. **UNFLIG. YELL. (13):** 1, 2, Crawhall; 2, Stewart; 4, c, Leck; vhc, Havis. **BUFF (11):** 1, Stewart; 2, 3, Tindall; 4, vhc, Crawhall; hc, c, Stirk. **UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (10):** 1, Crawhall; 2, Stirk; 3, R. Tindall; 4, Tweedie; hc, Harris; c, Stewart. **BUFF (11):** 1, 2, 4, Crawhall; 3, vhc, Tindall; hc, Leck; c, Leach. **CL. YELL. NOV. (1):** 2, Natrass; 3, Frost; 4, Willis; vhc, hc, Studholme; c, Robinson. **BUFF (3):** 1, 2, Natrass; 3, Studholme. **CL. YELL. OR BUFF HEN (1):** 1, Natrass; 2, Willis; 3, Studholme; 4, Robinson. **A.V. UNFLIG. YELL. (4):** 1, Studholme; 2, Natrass; 3, Frost. **BUFF (3):** 1, Studholme; 2, Natrass. **YELL. OR BUFF HEN (1):** 1, 3, Natrass; 2, Frost; 4, Studholme.

BRIDLINGTON & DRIFFIELD C.B.S.

Annual open show, in the Assembly Rooms, Dec. 3, with 150 entries, in 16 classes, which, considering the bad times the society has been going through lately owing to most of the members joining the Forces, was not a bad entry. The room is an ideal one for a cage bird show, and being well lighted by electricity, and heated, was very comfortable. Mr. Brown filled the post of show manager, and had everything well at his finger-ends, assisted by Messrs. Dixon, Glasby, Hermon, Cross, Mallison, Pressey, Clayton, and Smith. Judging started in good time. Norwich and Yorkshires came up well in numbers, and some really good birds were to be found in most of the classes. British were there in good numbers, and some nice birds were amongst them. Messrs. Brown and Pressey won the Dixon Trophy for most points in the show, Mr. Glasby being runner-up. The gate was good, considering the wet day, and there were several claims would help to make the show a success. Mr. F. F. Potter, of Hull, judged, and got through his work in good time, catalogues being on sale directly after. **Yorks. CL. etc. Yell. CK. (5):** 1, Watts, grand pos. and type, good length and col.; 2, vhc, c, Glasby, good pos. and feather, smaller than winner; 3, 4, hc, Dixon, good head and shape, rather rough underneath. **Buff (7):** 1, Watts, good head, splendid type and pos., well drawn; 2, Cross, good shape and size, fails in feather to 1st; 3, hc, c, Dixon, nice length and pos., fails in head to leaders; 4, vhc, Glasby. **Unflig. Yell. (7):** 1, Cross, grand type and qual., good head, stands up well; 2, Watts, nice length of side, but hardly the qual.; 3, Cross, good head and col., too short behind; vhc, Glasby; hc, c, Dixon. **Buff (7):** 1, Watts, nice head, good length and pos., feather like wax; 2, hc, c, Cross, good shape and head, open in front; 3, 4, Dixon, varieg., fails in head. **Yell. or Buff, HEN (9):** 1, Watts, a beauty, yell., good head, capital feather and style, wins; 2, 3, hc, Glasby, cap mkd. buff, not the size and style of leader, but a good hen; 3rd, yell., not the cond.; 4, c, Dixon; vhc, Cross. **Unflig. HEN (6):** 1, Watts, a grand yell., good head and pos., qual. of the best, stands well up; 2, 4, Dixon, yell., good length and style, a little open in breast; vhc, hc, c, Glasby. **Nor. Yell. CK. (9):** 1, Brown and Pressey, good size and col., nice head, lovely type; 2, 4, Hermon, almost equal to 1st, but slipped claw; 3, c, Glasby, nice bird, shade smaller; hc, Clayton and Smith. **Buff (9):** 1, 2, 3, vhc, Brown and Pressey, clear leading, good shape, nice level col., grand head; 2nd, not the pos. of winner, nor the col.; 3rd, wing mkd., nice shape, fails in head; 4, Clayton and Smith; hc, c, Dixon. **Yell., Unflig. (6):** 1, 2, 4, hc, Brown and Pressey, cl., Darlington winner, a topper, grand head, shape, and col., nice short wings and tail; 2nd, equal in all but head, a nice bird; 3, Glasby, not the size or col. of winners. **Buff (11):** 1, 2, 3, Brown and Pressey, good head and col., nice type, short flights and tail; 2, smaller, and not the head of 1st; 3rd, fails head not the subs.; 4, hc, Gibson; c, Dixon. **HEN (11):** 1, 3, vhc, hc, Brown and Pressey, var. yell., a topper, grand head and shape, a true Norwich; 2, Mrs. Lyon, another good hen, hardly the head of winner; 4, Glasby; c, Hermon. **Unflig. HEN (11):** 1, 3, 4, vhc, Brown and Pressey, yell., good head, short wings and tail, good col.; 3rd, full green, Smith, cl. buff, a very bonny hen, grand qual., hardly the size; hc, Dixon; c, Hermon. **Goldf. or Bullf. (11):** 1, Clayton and Smith, Bullie, grand col. and shape, wins; 2, Hermon, Bullie hen, good cap and bars, nice col. and size; 3, Medley, Goldie, good col., but rough; 4, Morris; vhc, hc, Mallinson; c, Marriott. **A.O.V. BRIT. (15):** 1, Medley, Blackcap, shown in faultless cond., a gem, steady as a rock; 2, Marriott, grand size and col., full of spangling; 3, Mallison, Greenie, in the best possible feather, trifle weak in head; 4, vhc, Marriott; hc, Gibson; c, Hermon. **Nov., Members (10):** 1, 2, Brown; 3, Ainsworth; 4, vhc, c, Mrs. Lyon.

PAISLEY O.A.

Held the cage bird section of their 62nd annual show, Jan. 1, in the Scouts' Hall, Paisley. This old-established fixture, like many more, has suffered from the ravages of the War. The Drill Hall, their usual resort, being commandeered by military authorities, has left them little option but to hold the different section shows on different dates. Thus we find, instead of the great display that usually greets one at Paisley, that matters have to be dealt with in a more limited fashion. Entries did not quite come up to expectations. However, with their saying clause, and an entry of over 300, we hope they may pull off on the right side of the dyke. The secretarial duties are still carried on by Mr. J. Sinclair, who is ably assisted in the work by a strong and willing band of workers: Mr. J. Taylor, president; vice-pres., Mr. J. Gemmell; committee, Messrs. J. Raeside, Robertson, McIntyre, R. Raeside, W. Paton, Ritchie, J. Paton, Cowan, Cunningham, Thomson, Potts; J. Wright, collector. The judges were: For Scots Fancies, Messrs. Baird, Hannay, Ferguson, and McLachlan; Norwich Section, A. Watson; Border Fancy Section, J. Craig; Mr. A. Livingstone, Paisley, disposed of the Mules, British, and Foreign Sections. In few instances did we hear much adverse criticism. The work was got through in good time, and the show thrown open at an early hour. Sales were poor, and few, compared with previous years, but it seemed as if a good gate was to be realised. Following is list of awards:

SCOTS FANCY SECTION.—This fascinating breed we were pleased to see so well represented here, as is generally the case at Paisley. **YELL.** CK. CL. OR FOUL (5): 1, sp. 2, 4, Gray, fine team, leader fine size, good length side, nice reach, good drive, thick through; 3, Muir, nice exhibit, fine top end, good reach, stylish, neat; 5, Smith. **BUFF** (8): 1, 2, Gray, leads here with exhibit of rare subs., fine top end, good shoulder and reach, nice drive; 2nd, stylish, fine action, nice reach, drive, not quite so thick through; 3, Renwick, nice size, fine style, fine shoulder, nice drive, runs tight up on 2nd; 4, Muir; 5, Gillies. **Blue.** **YELL.** CK. **PIED OR GREEN** (6): 1, sp. Kennedy, not great size, but all there for style and action, staged in winning cond.; 2, Gray, well up for size, nice side, top end, good depth, falls drive; 3, Hendry, nice exhibit, fair size, style, lacks the reach of those in front; 4, McLauchlan; 5, no name; 6, Baillie. **BUFF** (6): 1, Stewart, rare top end, fine shoulder, reach, nice side, drive, full action, always ready for work; 2, Main, nice green, fine side, shoulder, behind in reach, but thick made, determined drive; 3, Wilson, trifle smaller, close feather, neat, typical, well bal. through; 4, Muir; 5, Gray; 6, Baird. **YELL.** HEN. CL. OR FOUL (9): 1, Renwick, rare size, length side, fine top end, good drive, nice style, thick through; 2, 5, Stewart, trifle smaller, fine type, grand top end, fine reach, prominent drive, stylish, fit; 3, 6, Little, hard up for style, action, well made, falls subs.; 4, Muir. **BUFF** (6): 1, 2, Stewart, leader, fine subs., grand top end, good reach, nice shoulders, fine back, nice drive; 2nd, close-feathered, fine length side, thick through heart, not quite the reach; 3, Smith, nice size, good side, steady, beaten in cond.; 4, Livingstone; 5, Wilson; 6, no name. **YELL.** HEN. **PIED OR GREEN** (6): 1, Stewart, stylish, neat top end, good side, fine drive, A1 cond.; 2, Baird, all there for type, style, and action, falls size; 3, Wilson, nice green, top cond.; nice reach and drive, fine style and action; 4, Muir, in nice order; 5, Main; 6, Blue. **BUFF** (7): 1, cup, Kennedy, pied, not great size, but all there for type, style, and action; 2, no name, shade better size, nice shoulder, reach, falls in drive; 3, Muir, stylish, free in action, good type, not quite so thick through; 4, Wilson; 5, Blue; 6, Baird. **PAIRS** (5): 1, Stewart, clinking pair, clean yell. and buff, win easy, fine combination, good style and action, plenty reach; 2, Kennedy, pied, close feather, grand length side, fine top end, nice, stylish, free workers, seem barely so thick through; 3, Wilson, well-matched pair; 4, Livingstone, good type; 5, Gillies. **BELGIAN** (3): 1, 2, Whyte, leader hen, small, hut fine stamp, nice pos., rare top end, nice shoulder, fine reach, style; 2nd, ck., very similar in type and size; 3, Baillie, fair, looking soft. **SELLING.** CK. 21/- (3): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Hainey. **HEN.** 21/- (2): 1, Hunter; 2, Livingstone. **CK.** 10/6 (4): 1, Hainey; 2, Smith; 3, McDougall; 4, McArthur. **HEN.** 10/6 (6): 1, 5, Powell; 2, McArthur; 3, Hendry; 4, McDougall; 6, Hainey. **NORWICH.** C. OR C.B. (8): 1, 2, 3, 5, Brown, leader even wing dark Crest, fine head piece, nice even radiation, good frontal, droop, nice subs. body, staged in nice cond.; 2nd, massive var. C.B., good size, plenty subs., body, fine skull, nice rise, well lashed, good at entrance; 3rd, green C.B., in nice order, well up body subs., falls skull; 4, McFadyen; 6, no name. **CL. OR TKD.** **YELL.** CK. (4): 1, Stewart, grand size, lovely, hut even col., fine type, neat head, neck, grand body carr.; 2, Devo, nice exhibit for col., qual., neat, typical, lacks subs.; 3, Scott, nice subs., good type, col., rather long behind; 4, Blair, good size, col., qual., falls girth. **BUFF** (6): 1, Sinclair, grizzle cap specimen, good subs., fine qual. feather, beautifully mealed, fine type, well built, shapely, staged in nice order; 2, Martin, nice type, qual., built in proportion, neatly balanced, can do with pinch more subs.; 3, no name, var. buff, grand col., good size, rich texture feather, shapely, well filled, inclined to lift at front; 4, Guthrie; 5, Hastie; 6, McFadyen. **CL. OR TKD.** **HEN** (5): 1, no name, fine yell., grand subs., sweet cobby build, fine front, rare type, qual., neatly braced, staged in the pink; 2, Scott, grand buff, fine cobby exhibit, full head, neck, neat wings, tail; 3, Devo, yell., good size, level col., A1 qual., grand top end, well braced, falls only in subs.; 4, Alexander; 5, Guthrie. **VAR. OR GRN.** **HEN** (7): 1, 2, Sinclair, nice specimen leads, good size, col., qual., fine top end, nice build, staged in rare order; 2nd, hot col., fine, rich qual. feather, typical, rather open in feather; 3, Stewart, heavy var. buff, short, neat, cobby, fine carr., nice stamp, steady, well staged; 4, Devo; 5, Martin; 6, Kidd. **NON-FED** (6): 1, Martin, massive var. yell., grand type, broad deep front, cobby body, well braced, fine head, neck, staged to win; 2, no name, fine clear, plenty size, subs., neat, chubby, got up, rare qual., steady, hard up; 3, Stewart, hen, var. yell., fine size, plenty subs., very shapely, typical; 4, Stewart; 5, Martin; 6, no name. **UNFLIG.** **YELL.** CK. (7): 1, Kidd, wings, eyes, nkd., fine size, hot, even col., clinking qual. feather, broad sweet front, neat, shapely, in good order; 2, Connelly, nice size, clear, fine level col., good type, qual., clean cut away, staged well; 3, 4, Martin, former knap nkd., fine level col., good type, grand qual., full head; 5, Blair; 6, Skene. **BUFF** (6): 1, Sinclair, nice size, col., good qual. feather, fine top end, good body, faulty wings, steady; 2, Martin, shorter, more cobby, built on grand lines, A1 qual., fine carr.; 3, Potts, nice size, fine col., good feather, nice

make, neatly braced, just bit unsteady; 4, Cunningham; 5, Devo; 6, Connelly. **YELL.** **HEN** (5): 1, Kidd, grand, top size, qual., fine level col., neat wings, tail; 2, 4, Martin, leader just trifle smaller, but very neat and typical, steady, staged in pink; 3, Anderson, var., nice type, qual., sweet front, head, neck, falls carr. wings; 5, Hastie. **BUFF** (8): 1, cup, 6, Martin, leader, neck mkd. specimen, fine size, lovely qual. feather, fine head, neck, sweet front, cobby body, neatly folded wings, tail in faultless cond.; 2, Alexander, neat exhibit, nice qual., type, not so cobby or massive as leader; 3, Stewart, broken green, grand type, sweet qual., good exhibit, well staged; 4, Kidd; 5, Blair. **SELLING.** **NOR.** 15/- (9): 1, Blair; 2, Guthrie; 3, McLeary; 4, Livingstone. **YORKS.** CK. (2): 1, 2, McCready, yell. and buff respectively, fine length, shape, style, well drawn, beautifully rounded bodies, fine col., qual., neat carr., fine pose. **HEN** (2): 1, 2, McCready, another grand couple, full of qual., type, col., grand length, shape, very stylish, well drawn. **BORD.** **CL. OR TKD.** **YELL.** CK. (6): 1, Baxter, little beauty, nice stamp, fine col., nice type, qual., neat, clean cut, very fit; 2, McColl, good size, fine type, neat carr., just a shade unsteady; 3, Clark, nice qual., neat, shapely, nicely braced, typical, fine carr.; 4, Fraser; 5, Loan; 6, Stevenson. **BUFF** (9): 1, Clark, little beauty, rare qual. feather, proper type, stylish, neat, fine head, neck, carr. O.K.; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, nice size, fine type, sweet carr. and style, beaten at neck; 3, Mossie, real nice qual., neat, jaunty, fine top end, inclined to carry wings trifle open; 4, Fraser; 5, Baxter; 6, McColl. **YELL.** **HEN** (7): 1, 2, Mossie, leader grand level col., fine type, sweet qual., neatly folded wings, close tail, might be shade fuller at entrance to head; 2nd, equally good all over, better rise in head, we liked much; 3, Crabb and Finlayson, sweet-looking specimen, sitting bit soft; 4, Baxter; 5, Stevenson; 6, Cunningham. **BUFF** (4): 1, Crabb and Finlayson, nice exhibit, capital feather, good type, well braced, neat, jaunty; 2, Briggs, fine build, neat, stylish, fine pose, falls staging only; 3, no name, good type, fine qual., neat carr.; 4, Stevenson. **YELL.** A.O.V. not Classed (3): 1, Clark, nice col., grand type, fine qual., style, neat, well-braced, might have trifle more rise at entrance head; 2, Cunningham, fine type, qual., neat, shapely, nice wings, tail, rather open in feather; 3, Service, good type, qual., exhibit, inclined to cross. **BUFF** (5): 1, Baxter, nice one, top qual., type, neat carr. wings, close tail, in the pink; 2, Clark, fine even mark, lovely qual. feather, A1 type, neat over, presses hard on leader; 3, Stevenson, similarly nkd., fine type, qual., falls staging, steadiness; 4, Cunningham; 5, Mossie. **GREEN** (5): 1, 2, Johnston, yell. and buff respectively, nice pair, fine col., rich grassy green, well pencilled, fine type, carr., staged in tip-top order; 3, no name, yell., fine type, grand col., well up on 2nd; 4, no name, weight, good col., pencilling, staged well; 5, Livingstone. **CINN.** (3): 1, no name, nice Jonque, fine, level, rich ground col., neatly pencilled, good qual., type, neat body and carr.; 2, no name, good buff, fine type, grand feather, well staged; 3, Cunningham, yell., in good feather, nice exhibit. **SELLING.** **BORDER.** 10/6 (4): 1, Crabb and Finlayson; 2, Fraser; 3, no name; 4, Stevenson. **LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID** (4): 1, Heron, Goldie-Bullie, fine size, hot col., top cond., parentage well blended here; 2, Paterson, wings, eyes mkd., Goldie-Canary, fine size, good col., mks., perfect feather, cond.; 3, McCready, Goldie-Bullie, nice feather, cond., steady, well shown, falls subs.; 4, Pirrie. **DARK CAN.** (3): 1, Paterson, good size, Jonque Goldie-Can., in perfect feather, rich col., well blended, steady, showy; 2, Heron, good Jonque Linnet cross, fine depth col., hot, level, perfect feather, very steady; 3, Pearson, Greenie Mule, nice feather, cond., steady, beaten here. **BRIT. GOLDF.** (11): 1, sp. Wallace, grand Finch, creates a record here by winning the red ticket three years in succession, and being 2nd the two previous years, we believe, in the same class, capital face, rare, deep, square cut expansive blaze, distinct, perfect markings, rare wings, buttons, finely mooned hard to beat; 2, Gribben, nice size, good col., rich, distinct mks., steady, falls blaze; 3, Gentleman, nice for col., mks., well up in size, steadiness, well beaten for blaze; 4, Trotter; 5, Mason; 6, Lyle. **BULF.** (5): 1, no name, real good one, fine tone col., rich, deep, perfect feather, rich wing bars, broad, well defined, jet black cap, smart, pleasing appearance; 2, Patterson, fine size, rare cond., steady, perfect feather, falls only in depth col.; 3, Trotter, shade smaller, steady, good feather; 4, Pirrie; 5, Gentleman. **GREENF.** (5): 1, Mason, grand Jonque, perfect col., feather, fine size, steady, staged in lovely cond.; 2, Gentleman, nice Jonque, fine feather, good cond., steady, not quite so massive as leader, but pressed; 3, Mallon, good Finch, fine feather and cond., well beaten for size; 4, no name; 5, Pirrie. **LINETT** (8): 1, Mason, topper, fine size, grand col., rich nutty brown, well pencilled, steady, well shown; 2, Paterson, steady, good col., mks., falls size, very steady; 3, Trotter, nice exhibit, fine col., steady, runs well up on 2nd; 4, Gribben, fine col., mks., soft when we saw it; 5, Kirk; 6, Pirrie. **LINETT.** F.M. (8): 1, Molloy, nice specimen, fine size, col., neatly pencilled front and flanks, fine tone col., nice type, steady; 2, Mason, good col., pencilling, steady, just wee bit less subs.; 3, Laidlaw, smaller, slightly better col., steady, presses on 2nd; 4, Mallon; 5, Brown; 6, Trotter. **SISKIN** (5): 1, Paterson, fine col., Jonque, nice size, fine cap and bib, nice dark cap, well defined mks., finely pencilled, steady; 2, Johnston, fine little yellow, rich col., mks., very steady, presses hard on leader; 3, Creedy, nice feather, good cond., beaten col. and subs.; 4, no name; 5, Pirrie. **MEALY OR TWITE** (4): 1, 4, Gribben, leads with nice Twite, fair, good size, nice col., well pencilled, perfect in plumage, steady; 4th, we could not find; 2, Paterson, fine Mealy Poll, nice size, good col., fine poll, bib, nice pencilled, steady; 3, Trotter, Mealy, nice feather, good cond., steady, falls col., size. **LESSER REDPOLL** (7): 1, Gribben, lovely col., well tanned, pencilled, nice poll, bib, fine plumage, steady; 2, Paterson, nice size, fine feather, poll, bib, falls in tanning; 3, Cunningham, quite nice one, very wild; 4, Trotter; 5, Mallon; 6, no name. **BRITISH.** **SMALL** (3): 1, sp. Pirrie, nice Chaffin, good size, fine feather, col., steady, well shown; 2, Baird, fair Chaffie, badly staged; 3, McDonald, we could not find. **LARGE** (5): 1, Crawford, fine Waxwing, in lovely feather, nice even mole col., not a ruffle, fine waxes, very steady, easy win; 2, Paterson, Hawfinch, nice size, good feather, rather dull col., steady; 3, no name, Waxwing, nice size, steady, falls in cond.; 4, Pirrie; 5, Baird.

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SCUNTHORPE C.B.S.

Third show held Nov. 13. Yorks: 1, Wright; 2, Stainton; 3, Ebbatson. Nor.: 1, 2, Stainton; 3, Ebbatson. Finch: 1, Wright; 2, Ebbatson; 3, Stainton. Mule: 1, 2, Ebbatson; 3, Stainton. Mr. Gladwin (Nottingham) judged.—J. Fawcett, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Fifth annual show, headquarters, Marlboro' Hotel, Jan. 1. Entries were very disappointing, only 40 birds facing the judge (Mr. J. H. Roe), but the enthusiasm of the few members who turned up was very evident, and after tea, provided by the host, Mr. Williamson, much leg pulling took place, which was enjoyed by all and made quite a social gathering. **Champ.** Yorks Yell: 1, 2, 3, Cowley; 4, Swindon. Unflig.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Cowley; 4, Swindon; he e, Baylies. Nov. Buff: 1, 2, Hawkesford. Hen: 1, Hawkesford. Unflig. Ck.: 1, 2, 4, spl, Protty; 3, vhc, Hawkesford. Nor.: 1, 4, 2, spl, Yardley; 3, Barron; 3, Raby; vhc, Hickling. Mule or Hyb.: 1, spl, Raby; 2, 3, Barron. Goldie or Bull.: 1, 2, 4, he e, Barron; 3, vhc, Raby. A.V. Hardbill: 1, 3, 4, Barron; 2, Raby. Spl. best Champ. Cowley. Nov. Protty. Nor. Yardley. Brit. Raby. Points for cups: Champ., Cowley, 18; Swindon, 6; Barron, 4; Bayliss, 3. Nov. Protty, 11; Hawkesford, 4; Yardley, 7; Hickling, 1. Brit., Barron, 17; Raby, 11. Winners of cups presented by society: Champ., Swindon, 55 points. Nov., Protty, 22. Brit., Barron, 26. Annual meeting for election of officers, second Wednesday in Feb.—G. W. Bayliss.

FORFAR P.P. & C.B.S.

Annual show, Jan. 1 and 3, and despite the war there was a fair turnout of cage birds. The society has an excellent management, as follows: President, Mr. Ernest Grant; Vice-Pres., Messrs. D. Duncan, W. Warden, J. Fyfe, and J. Duncan, along with an energetic committee. Norwich, though not strong in numbers, contained some birds of exceptional merit. Mr. Grewar having some really good specimens forward. Borders were better patronised. There was also a fair turnout of British, Mr. Fyfe, as usual, having a good team. Judge, Mr. Gentleman, of Avonbridge.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. **YELL.** CK. (2): 1, Grewar, good one, fine head, thick-set body, short wings and tail; 2, J. Taylor, falls in type to leader, scarcely so good in feather, shade long. **HEN** (3): 1, Grewar, wins easy, best of type, size and col., nice short wings and tail; 2, Masterton, falls in col. size and type to leader, still a good Nor.; 3, Pter Taylor, fair col. and size, still on the lengthy side for our liking. **BUFF.** **HEN** (2): 1, 2, J. Taylor, fine size, nice qual. of feather. **VAR.** **YELL.** CK. (3): 1, Black, nice size, fine shape, good head, wings aid tail, wins; 2, Kennedy, falls head to leader, still a fair Nor.; 3, Masterton, similar to 2nd, scarcely so good feather. **BUFF** (2): 1, 2, Murray, both of good stamp, nicely shown, in rare bloom. **HEN** (2): 1, J. Taylor, fine size, shape and cond. wings; 2, Anderson, similar build to winner, scarcely so good feather. **UNFLIG.** CK. A.C. (6): 1, Murray, yell., fine qual., nice head, wings and tail, well shown; 2, Grewar, similar build, but shows to better advantage; 3, Dalgetty, buff, grand size, fine shape and qual., must have pressed; 4, J. Taylor; 5, Masterton. **HEN** (2): 1, Welsh, grand size, neat shape, good feather and condition; 2, Masterton, clear, good one, falls only in size to leader. **NON-FED** CK. A.C. (7): 1, Grewar, good one all over, grand size, head, etc., comes of a good family; 2, 4, both birds of good qual., type, and cond.; 3, Ewart, cl. of extra good qual., scarcely so well made as leaders, will improve. **SELL.** CK. (2): 1, Peter Taylor; 2, Ross and Duncan. **HEN** (3): 1, J. Taylor; 2, Peter Taylor; 3, Ross and Duncan. **BORD.** **CL. OR TKD.** **YELL.** CK. (5): 1, Craig, neat one, all there for qual., finely rounded body, neat head, etc., wins; 2, Irons, tkd., fine shape, jaunty carr., nice qual. and cond.; 3, Patterson, falls qual. to leaders, inclined to take wires when we saw it; 4, Rae and Reid; 5, Hastings. **BUFF** CK. (4): 1, Craig, head mkd., fine qual., neat shape and cond.; 2, Alex. Robertson, close up, nice head and body, fine carr. and cond.; 3, J. Robertson, we liked very much, all there for qual. and cond.; 4, Thomson. **YELL.** **HEN** (2): 1, Craig, good one, excellent col., fine shape and cond.; 2, Rae and Reid. **BUFF** (9): 1, Alex. Robertson, grand type, finely rounded body, neat head, well carried wings, excellent qual. of feather; 2, Craig, similar build to leader, fine head, wings and tail, seemed to be bit tired; 3, Dodds, falls qual. to leaders; 4, 3, Patterson. **VAR.** **YELL.** CK. (4): 1, Dodds, some thought might have given way to 2, Patterson, fine shape, neat wings and tail, better qual.; 3, J. Robertson, nice qual., fine full head, sweetly moulded; 4, Wilson. **HEN** (2): 1, Dodds, medal winner; 2, J. Robertson, fine qual., neat carr., feather like silk. **BUFF** (4): 1, Hastings, good one, fine qual., excellent shape, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Wilson, mkd. both eyes, nice head, finely rounded, still shade stout; 3, D. B. Irons, falls slightly in head to leaders, equal other points; 4, J. Robertson. **GREEN OR CINN.** CK. OR **HEN** (6) all greens: 1, Dodds, good one, fine col., neat wing carr., good shape; 2, 4, 5, Sturrock, shade thinner build, good qual. except 4th, which was rough in feather; 3, Thompson, good col., head, wings and tail, shade flat. **SELL.** CK. (6): 1, Irons; 2, J. Robertson; 3, Rae and Reid. **HEN** (4): 1, J. Robertson; 2, Irons; 3, Rae and Reid; 4, Ewart. **DARK MULE:** 1, McGillivray, buff Linnet Mule, fine size, good qual., well shown; 2, Fyfe, Greenie, presses hard, nice size, all there for qual. and col.; 3, McKay, Greenie, falls size to 2nd. Slimmer build, well shown; 4, Nicholl; 5, Cameron. **LIGHT MULE AND HYB.**: 1, McGillivray, var. Goldie, lucky to beat; 2, Fyfe, Goldie-Bullie, fine size, col., well known; 3, Fyfe, Linnet-Bullie, fine size, will improve; 4, Nauty. **GOLDF.** (6): 1, Grewar, fine size, neat blaze, falls slightly in tanning; 2, Ewart, larger blaze, shade better col. all over; 3, Myles, steady, rough feather, nice head and face; 4, Nicholl; 5, Strachan. **BULF.** (7): 1, 2, Cameron and McArthur, two fairly good ones, fine caps and col.; 3, Irvine, sweet hen, might have separated leaders; 4, Law; 5, Douglas. **LINETT** (5): 1, Greig, wins on the small side, fine mks., shade pale in col.; 2, Myles, poor; 3, Marnock, lacks col., plenty of mks., fine size. **SISKIN** (5): 1, Grewar, fair Siskin, falls head, no bib; 2, Bell, better cap and col., well shown; 3, Black, nice col., cap and markings; 4, Mack; 5, Fyfe. **REDPOLL OR TWITE** (2): 1, Butters, mean, fair size, fine markings; 2, Greig, Lesser, rather poor col., fine lacing. **GREENF.** (6): 1, Fyfe, fine col. and qual., falls size; 2, Law, good type and size, falls col.; 3, Marnock, similar to 2nd; 4, Greig; 5, Fyfe. A.O.V. **BRIT** (6): 1, McKay, Bearded Redwing, good one in every way, well shown; 2, Grewar, Chaffie, poor col.; 3, Law, Yellowhammer, wants another moult; 4, Greig. **SELL.** 1, Irvine; 2, Greig; 3, Dewar; 4, Grewar; 5, Milne. **GIFT:** 1, Rae and Reid; 2, J. Robertson.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Annual show held Dec. 4 in the Workmen's Club. Unfortunately the weather conditions could not have been worse. As usual, about 100 birds were staged, which was considered quite satisfactory in view of the number of exhibitors. The exhibits all through were a fine lot, and included a few well-known winners. Some real good birds were amongst the Canaries. British were very good, especially the Bullfinches. Foreign, although few were an attractive lot. Cup and medal for most points went to Mr. G. W. Charlton, with 55 points, he having a very good team of Borders out; 2nd, teapot, Mr. M. Simpson, 49; 3rd, R. Johnson, 45; 4th, Geo. Barkess, 44; 5th, S. Dodds, 32. One of our oldest fanciers, Mr. Geo. Barkess, was unable to be present owing to ill-health; all wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Wm. Curry, the well-known Bullfinch exhibitor, and Mr. Wm. Tomlinson, judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CK. (7): 1, Simpson; 2, sp. vhc, Cresswell; 3, Dodds; he e, Marsh. **UNFLIG.** (2): 1, sp. 2, Cresswell. **HEN** (6): 1, 2, 3, Barkess; vhc, he e, Barkess. **YORKS CK.** (3): 1, sp. Simpson; 2, Dodds; 3, Nixon. **HEN** (5): 1, sp. 2, Simpson; 3, he, Dodds; vhc, Nixon. **BORD.** CK. (3): 1, sp. 2, Charlton; 3, Dodds. **YOUNG** (6): 1, sp. 2, vhc, Charlton; he e, Dodds. **HEN** (5): 1, sp. 3, Charlton; 2, vhc, he, Dodds. **MULE OR HYB.** (4): 1, vhc, Charlton; 2, Barkess; 3, Simpson. **GOLDF.** (3): 1, Simpson; 2, sp. 3, Barkess. **BULF.** (9): 1, sp. E. Jameson; 2, Simpson; 3, Barkess; vhc, he, Charlton; 4, Campbell. **LINETT** (7): 1, sp. vhc, Carr; 2, Johnson; 3, he e, Simpson. **GREENF.** **CHAFF.** ETC.: 1, sp. 2, Johnson; 3, Carr. **SISKIN.** **REDPOLL OR TWITE** (5): 1, sp. 2, Johnson; 3, Simpson, vhc, he, Carr. **HEN FINCH** (10): 1, sp. e, Jameson; 2, Barkess; 3, Marsh; vhc, he, Campbell A.O.V. (5): 1, he, Johnson; 2, 3, Christer and Son; vhc, Barkess. **FOREIGN.** **LARGE** (2): 1, sp. Christer and Son; 2, Jameson. **SMALL** (5): 1, sp. 3, Johnson; 2, vhc, he, Christer and Son. **SELLING.** 10s. (5): 1, sp. 2, 3, Marsh; vhc, Barkess; he, Charlton.

WIGAN.

Wigan Roller C.C. annual singing contest, Legs of Man Hotel, Dec. 17 and 18. Messrs. Massey, Kilshaw and Waring judged, and gave entire satisfaction. 207 birds were entered, and the attendance was excellent.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, sp. F. Barnett, H.R. 4. H.B. 3, Bass 4, Sch. 3, F. 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 29 pts.; 2, sp. A. Harper, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Bass 4, S. 2, F. 2, W.T. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27 pts.; 3, sp. F. Hocking, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Bass 5, Sch. 3, F. 2, W.T. 2, W.G. 3, G.E. 3, total 25 pts.; ex. 3, sp. K. Pericles, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Bass 4, Sch. 2, F. 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 25 pts.; 4, sp. J. Lyons, H.R. 4, H.B. 4, Bass 3, Sch. 3, F. 1, W.T. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 25 pts.; ex. 4, sp. H. G. Hill, H.R. 3, H.B. 3, Bass 3, Sch. 2, F. 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 25 pts.; vhc, sp. J. Walton, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Bass 3, Sch. 3, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 24 pts.; vhc, sp. J. Lyons, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Bass 2, Sch. 3, F. 2, W.T. 1, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 24 pts.; vhc, sp. J. Kilshaw, H.R. 4, H.B. 3, Bass 2, Sch. 3, F. 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 2, B.T. 1, G.E. 3, total 24 pts.; vhc, J. Wardleworth, H.R. 3, H.B. 3, Bass 3, Sch. 2, F. 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 2, total 24 pts.; he, J. Kilshaw, 23 pts.; he, H. Bumby, 23 pts.; he, H. Best, 23; c. T. Walton, 23; c. G. Austen, 23. **NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS:** 1, sp. H. Bryan, H.R. 3, Bass 3, H.B. 2, Sch. 3, W.G. 3, F. 2, W.R. 2, B.R. 2, B.T. 1, G.E. 4, total 25; extra 1, sp. J. Heyward, H.R. 3, Bass 3, H.B. 2, Sch. 2, W.G. 2, T. 2; W.R. 2, B.R. 2, B.T. 2, G.E. 4, total 24; 2, sp. G. Smith, H.R. 5, Bass 4, H.B. 2, Sch. 3, F. 2, B.R. 1, B.T. 1, G.E. 4, total 22; extra 2, sp. J. Tomlinson, H.R. 4, Bass 3, H.B. 3, Sch. 3, W.G. 3, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 22; 3, sp. C. W. Wilson, H.R. 3, Bass 3, H.B. 2, Sch. 2, W.G. 2, F. 2, W.T. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 2, total 22; extra 3, sp. T. Aldridge, H.R. 3, Bass 4, H.B. 2, Sch. 2, W.G. 2, F. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 23. 1 F. total 22; 4, sp. Mrs. Wantling, H.R. 3, Bass 4, H.B. 2, Sch. 2, W.G. 3, F. 2, W.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, 23 pts. 1 Fault, total 22; ex. 4, sp. F. Edgerley, H.R. 3, Bass 2, H.B. 2, Sch. 3, F. 2, W.R. 1, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 3, total 20 pts.; vhc, sp. E. Hibbert, 20 pts.; J. Harrison, 20 pts.; T. Thwaites, 20 pts.; he, J. Swift, 19 pts.; J. Mathews, 19 pts.; J. Rothwell, 19 pts.; c. W. T. Unsworth, 19 pts.; Mrs. H. Wantling, 19 pts.; G. Wantling, 19 pts. **CHAMP. OLD BIRDS:** 1, sp. H. Roebuck, H.R. 4, Bass 4, F. 2, B. 4, Sch. 3, W.G. 4, F. 2, G.E. 5, total 26 pts.; 2, sp. F. Hocking, H.R. 4, Bass 3, H.B. 3, Sch. 3, W.G. 3, F. 1, B.R. 2, B.T. 2, G.E. 4, total 25 pts.; 3, sp. J. Wardleworth, H.R. 4, Bass 3, H.B. 2, Sch. 2, G. 3, G. 1, W.G. 3, F. 1, B.R. 1, B.T. 1, G.E. 4, total 24 pts.; 4, sp. K. Pericles, H.R. 4, Bass 4, H.B. 2, Sch. 3, G. 1, W.G. 3, F. 1, B.R. 1, B.T. 1, G.E. 4, total 24 pts.; 5, sp. G. Cross, H.R. 3, Bass 4, H.B. 3, Sch. 2, G. 1, W.G. 3, B.R. 2, B.T. 1, G.E. 4, 2 off for faults, total 22. **AMAT.**: 1, sp. J. Lomas, H.R. 5, Bass 4, H.B. 2, Sch. 3, W.G. 3, F. 2, B.R. 1, B.T. 2, G.E. 4, total 26 pts.; 2, sp. T. Blomley, H.R. 5, Bass 3, H.B. 3, Sch. 2, W.G. 3, F. 3, B.R. 1, B.T. 2, G.E. 3, total 26 pts.; 3, sp. G. Mills, H.R. 5, Bass 4, H.B. 2, Sch. 2, W.G. 3, F. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 24; 4, sp. E. Meadows, H.R. 5, Bass 3, H.B. 3, Sch. 2, W.G. 3, F. 2, B.R. 1, B.T. 2, G.E. 3, total 24; vhc, sp. J. Tomlinson, H.R. 5, Bass 3, H.B. 2, Sch. 4, W.G. 2, F. 2, B.R. 1, B.T. 1, G.E. 3, total 23 pts.; he, J. Mathew, 23 pts.; c. H. Bibbert, 22 pts.; J. Tomlinson, 22 pts. **NOVICE ANY AGE:** 1, sp. T. Hinson, H.R. 6, Bass 3, H.B. 2, Sch. 2, G. 2, W.G. 3, F. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 27 pts.; 2, sp. J. Earnshaw, H.R. 5, Bass 4, H.R. 3, S. 2, G. 2, W.G. 3, F. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 1, G.E. 3, total 26 pts.; 3, sp. R. M. Nuttall, H.R. 6, Bass 3, H.B. 2, Sch. 3, W.G. 3, F. 2, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.F. 4, 27. 1 off, total 26 pts.; 4, sp. J. Flinteroff, H.R. 5, Bass 3, H.R. 2, S. 3, W.G. 3, F. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 24; vhc, sp. W. T. Unsworth, H.R. 5, Bass 4, H.B. 2, Sch. 2, W.G. 2, F. 2, B.R. 1, B.T. 2, G.E. 4, total 24 pts.; c. W. T. Unsworth, 23 pts.; c. R. Mather, 23 pts.; c. J. Plant, 23 pts.; c. J. Mawhood, 23 pts.; c. S. Whittaker, 23 pts.; P. Greenall, Sec.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

H.M. and H.O.C.—Replied to by post.
CANARY WITH SWELLING (Dndor).—Sorry I failed to "spot" your first reply; but it is impossible to remember the details of all weeks afterwards, hence the necessity for giving a clear reference to former replies. I would advise you to keep the bird from now until it is time to mate up in spring in the largest flight you have available, and treat as follows for several weeks. Give the same staple diet of summer rape as advised before, with just a pinch of canary on top of it daily. In addition, give separately twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts white millet, niger, teazle and maw. Give a fair amount of green salad, such as watercress, as long as you can get it in a fit condition for use, and at other times give instead a morsel of sweet apple or boiled carrot. In the drinking water add every second day for a week ten drops of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence; and in the following week

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Westan's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Barber Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

give every second day instead in each, two tablespoonful of water, a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron, half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. In the third week give only pure water, and afterward go back and repeat the course in the same order until the bird has had three or four courses. You might also keep a cube of hard common salt stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at now and again for a few weeks.

NOT REARING YOUNG (P.M.E.).—Yes, I agree with you. It is rather hard luck when a beginner fails to rear any of the young which his hens seem to bring forth without any trouble. But I cannot, with only the few particulars you give in your letter, put my finger on the probable cause in your case. Get the forthcoming annual when ready, wherein you will doubtless find something just to the point, which may enable you to clear up the matter yourself and help you to avoid it in the coming season. Meantime, digest well the contents of the book which has been sent you, especially with regard to the treatment of the birds during the winter and early spring, and follow its advice as to mating and subsequent management, and I do not think you should find much difficulty in rearing the young this season. If any point is not clear to you, or should there arise any particular difficulty which you fail to find dealt with in the book, then write at once and give full particulars, and I shall be very pleased to be of assistance to you.

CHEWING FEATHERS (S. H.).—First of all well examine the cage, probing any suspicious crack or joint with a pin on to a sheet of white paper, to see if you can discover any red mites, and if you do, take the necessary steps to eradicate them. Keep it in a bright and healthy position, not overheated, nor yet quite cold, and see that it is quite free from sudden extremes of temperature and draughts. Continue the present staple diet, and in addition give twice a week separately, half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats; on two other days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on each of the remaining days give a morsel of watercress, if obtainable in good condition, or otherwise a morsel of banana, sweet apple, or boiled carrot. In the drinking water add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may appear necessary. Do not worry about the colour of the inside of its beak; it is quite normal.

MATE FOR YORKSHIRE (J.C., Constant Reader).—(1) If there has not been any recent introduction of Belgian blood into the stock your bird comes from, you could not do better than mate him with a quarter-bred Belgian hen, selecting one with as little prominence of shoulder as you can get, and

as well up on the leg as possible. From this introduction you would undoubtedly get a good improvement in length of leg, and at the same time add to the style, or "swagger" of the birds. (2) You may possibly get a very suitable bird of the type you need for about 15/- or thereabouts, but as the actual price must depend upon the vendor and what he considers the value of the bird to himself, it is, of course, impossible to name any definite price.

A TRIPLET (Drake).—(1) Keep all three birds in question in a bright and healthy position, and choose the coolest part of the room. You need not overheat them, but see that they are free from sudden extremes of heat and cold and draughts. In addition to the staple seed diet, give every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give either a morsel of banana, sweet apple, watercress (only if obtainable in good condition), or boiled carrot, and on these days add to the drinking water four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirits of nitre. Unless the bird quite recovers from this trouble before the breeding season commences, it would certainly be very inadvisable to use it for stock. (2) Give this bird a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and otherwise feed it the same as No. 1, except that instead of giving the sponge cake, substitute a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. Keep a cube of hard common salt stuck in the wires for a week or two for it to peck at when it likes, and in the drinking water add every second day for a week a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea and six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and after this four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. (3) Diet this bird the same as No. 1, and in the water add for three consecutive days ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. After this give instead in each two tablespoonful of water for drinking, a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron, half as big, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. You must see that all the birds are not exposed to the effect of the damp walls you name.

EFFECT OF STRAIN (Stockport).—The hen seems to be suffering from anal prolapse, which might have arisen, either from the constant strain of excessive constipation on a debilitated constitution, or from the laying of an abnormally large egg last season as you suggest; but in that case it would have been noticeable since that time. The bird will be of no further use for breeding, and the kindest thing would be to put it out of its misery. If you wish to treat it, give ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water for two consecutive days, and then six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of opium every second day for a week. Stop all other drugs and give an ordinary seed diet with a morsel of sweet fruit or watercress, when the latter can be obtained in good condition, three or four times a week. Bathe the vent with a small dossil of wool and a warm solution of witch hazel each evening for a week or two, using a saucerful of warm water. As the trouble seems to be of old standing, it would probably be worse than useless to attempt any manipulation to return the relaxed part.

EASIEST TO BREED (A. P., A Novice).—You should make up your mind which class you want to go in for, and then address a query to each department as to which is the easiest for you to begin with. You will be wise to avoid jumbling Canaries, British, and Foreign all together if you expect any success in rearing young. In such an aviary as you describe probably two or three pairs of Budgerigars, and no other birds at all, would be the bed-rock of simplicity for successful results, with a fair degree of certainty. But on this matter, if you decide on Foreign, you should send a query to our Mr. Page. With regard to Canaries, I take it you intend allowing the birds to fly loose in the aviary. In that case, two cocks and four or five hens should give you good results; or if you really wish to retain the Finches, you might turn in five hens and one cock Canary, and allow the Goldfinch and Linnet to remain, on the chance of them, or one of them, mating up with the Canaries, when you would have a fair chance of breeding pure Canaries, and possibly one or two varieties of Mules. If you do this you must fix up eight or ten nesting sites. Borders, Norwich, or ordinary Rollers would be about the best breeds for you to experiment with, and you should stock the place only with birds which have been bred and reared under normal conditions of temperature. Then there is no reason why you should not meet with a fair amount of success.

ROLLER QUERIES (A Beginner).—(1) A schoolmaster is a term applied to a Roller of good singing abilities, which is employed for teaching young Rollers to sing an educated type of song. (2) Hartz, Seifert, British, etc., are all terms applied to one and the same breed—the Roller—and are of no material value at all in the great majority of cases. (3) Glucke and Water-Glucke are terms used to describe a certain song tour which some Rollers are taught to sing. A bird with a good variety of different tours would be the most satisfactory to you. (4) Yes, a Roller cock bred in 1915 will be quite ready to breed himself this coming April.

A SEXTETTE (Upkerry).—(1) It is impossible to tell what will be the ultimate result of the cage falling with the bird. Individuals vary tremendously in the way they are affected by these sudden shocks. I have known birds that were previously excellent singers live for years after, apparently in the best of health, and never utter a note of song, and I have known others singing furiously five minutes afterwards. Between these extremes practically every kind of variation may be found. Bathe the foot for a few minutes daily for a day or two in warm water, then dry and rub on a drop or two of whisky, or any stimulating lotion. If he appears in good health and condition there is no reason why you should not mate him for breeding this year. (2) Sorry, but it is quite impossible to give all particulars about breeding and rearing young in this column. The usual seed diet is continued just as usual, the egg foods and all extra foods for the young are given in a separate vessel, and it is not necessary nor advisable to soak the seeds in water. Beyond this let me refer you to "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager will send you, post free, for 7d., wherein you will find all details on every point. (3) You will also find careful directions how to distinguish the sex of Canaries in the handbook named above. Experience and close observation are the only means by which one can

hope to become expert at sexing Canaries. The song is the best guide. If it is full, defiant, and given in an unbroken strain, with much inflation of the throat and perceptible throbbing as the notes are produced, the bird is tolerably certain to prove a cock. (4) A shrewd guess may be made at the sex before the young leave the nest, but guesswork is not knowledge. (5) The reverse cross would be better for certain reasons, which you will find discussed in our forthcoming "Annual." (6) It is quite admissible to mate a buff Yorkshire cock with a buff Yorkshire hen now and again, and if not overdone the result will be advantageous to the quality of the birds rather than otherwise. For this purpose select birds of good average size, slim, and with close, boxy plumage. The tendency is towards increasing substance and coarseness of feather.

DEVELOPED FRILLS (Frill on Chest).—Possibly it is a natural defect in the plumage, the birds having slightly too profuse feather, but not so bad but that it can be hidden for a time by skillful washing, or, if the recent moult was the first adult moult, it might have only appeared since the plumage has become fully developed. If this is the case, only the necessary skill in hand-washing will remove the frills temporarily, and the birds should be mated with close, boxy-feathered, and clean-thighed birds to breed it out of the progeny. If the fault is only slight you would find double-buffing some of those affected produce good results, provided they have not previously been double-buffed. On the other hand, it may be that the birds have only gone a little soft in condition, and in that case the following treatment should quickly set matters right. Offer the bath early in the day on every bright, mild day, and in addition to the staple seed diet give every second day for a week or so half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the intervening days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle and broken groats, and keep a morsel of raw carrot stuck in the wires for it to peck at, renewing it as often as required for a week or two. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this in the drinking water two days in every three until the birds are in good hard condition.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FEEDING THE WILD BIRDS (W. B. P.).—One of the best ways of feeding the most interesting of the wild birds that frequent the garden, is to construct what is termed a "bird table." This is made like a small table with legs about six inches from the ground, the legs being continued above so as to project above the table level, and a piece of string tied from one to the other, and so all round. The object of this is to prevent the sparrows getting all the choice pieces. They are afraid of the string and will not go on the table, whereas Robins, Thrushes, etc., are not so suspicious. A little soaked chicken meal, or dog biscuit, with potatoes and scraps from the table makes capital food, also a handful of mixed seeds for the Finches. For the Tits suspend a lump of fat and a half coconut to a branch of a tree. This can be placed as near to your window as you can get it. You will then have the pleasure of watching their movements.

BREEDING BLACKBIRD-THRUSH HYBRIDS (J. Rawland).—The cross between the Blackbird and Thrush has lately been produced by a breeder in the North, but he mated his birds the opposite way to yours, although I should think it was quite immaterial which way one tried, as long as the hen bird was young and quite steady. As regards your

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Siskin," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Tufted," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

other cross, I think both birds should be hand-reared, as the Mistle is inclined to be wild and very secretive during nesting time. I do not think you will succeed with the aviaries so close to each other, unless the hens are both of the same species. A cock bird in one aviary and a hen of the same species in another would be certain to upset each other and prevent them taking to their appointed partners. Place a bundle of furze or rough boughs at the end of each aviary, and fasten a couple of old nests in each in the most suitable positions, hidden some way from observers.

LINNET NOT SINGING (Novice).—Your bird is sulking and put out by the new arrival. Your best plan is to remove the other one out of hearing, and after a time bring him back a little way, gradually getting him nearer. (2) It is too early yet to think of breeding with them—March will be quite early enough. It is not much use attempting to do anything with Linnets until they are quite fit, that is, in full song, with a nice dark bluish beak. You should take advantage of the next two months to let them get used to their partners, or they will be afraid of each other when first introduced. As regards feeding, you had better continue with your present treatment, and next month commence to give them just a little extra hemp seed and a spoonful of wild seed mixture occasionally. As soon as the dandelions begin to grow, give them a fresh young leaf, and the seedling flower head when ready. Have you our Nutshell booklet on the Linnet?

TREATMENT OF SKYLARK (Constant Reader).—You omitted to send us your name and address; perhaps you will forward it on a postcard. The Skylark is not a difficult bird to keep in confinement, but if not properly fed and treated is disappointing as a songster. His food should be good and nutritious, but not too stimulating, or he sometimes gets very wild. I think I cannot do better than advise you to get our Nutshell Booklet No. 3 on this bird. It tells you how to mix your own food,

hand-rear young ones, how to keep the birds in health, and other useful information. All this is dealt with much more fully than I am able to in these short replies. I am glad to hear you are fond of birds and like our paper. If you are in trouble with them at any time and need advice, I shall be pleased to assist you.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

NEWLY PURCHASED BUDGERIGAR (C.B.).—You have done quite right to keep this bird caged separately and away from your other birds, and you must do so till it is in good form again. Give two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak so as to clear the bowels of all impurities, and continue the use of the chemical food daily till the bird is quite fit. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging alongside the perch, where the bird can easily get at it, and also give a small piece of sweet apple twice a week while the winter months last. Keep the bird in a warmish part of the kitchen, yet where the temperature is as even as possible, also where it will get light and air, and yet be free from draught. Hang a millet spray in the cage; this may induce more activity on the bird's part in picking out the seeds, as they are very fond of spray millet. The spray should be suspended from the top of the cage, so that the bird must cling to it while picking out the seeds. The cage tray or cage bottom must be cleansed daily while the looseness lasts. Dry earth will answer for covering the cage tray, with a light sprinkling of gritty sand on top of same.

WHYDAH (P. & Co.).—(1) The Paradise Whydah is widely distributed over Northern, Eastern, and South-Western Africa. (2) They are free breeders in captivity; only isolated successes have occurred so far, but they should breed in an aviary containing a small pond, surrounded by reeds and tall hedges, say on three of its sides. They are fairly hardy, but sometimes succumb during cold wet winters, as they go out of colour (moult) during our winter. (3) They are best purchased when out of colour, say, May and June. (4) They usually come into colour about July or August in this country, and the process may occupy a month or more.

PARROT WITH FITS (E. E. C.).—The fact that the fits are decreasing in severity is a good sign. Repeat the treatment for another four or five weeks and then again report. So long as there is a slight improvement, either in severity or frequency, it is a hopeful sign. The bird had been suffering from the attacks for some weeks before you wrote, therefore there can only be gradual abatement. If the bird is suffering from worms there is sure to be

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Aradacids," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

evidence of same in its droppings sooner or later. I must emphasize the need of your keeping the bowels moving quite freely. If the bird will not eat the oats it does not matter much, as though very wholesome, they are not absolutely necessary. I do not think, unless the bird is wasting, that there is any cause for anxiety at present, and if the improvement is only slight and very gradual, so long as there is no permanent going back, you cannot expect much more. Later it may mend more rapidly. Keep the bird in some well-ventilated position, but there must be no draught, and I should also be inclined to have a thin board made to cover up the top of the cage—a square, or circular board, with a slot in the centre to slip over the ring and boss is all that is required. It would help the bird not to be able to see anything to attract its attention when it looks up. If there should be any relapse write again at once.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS (Betty).—Procuring it a mate and the consequent duties of incubation might check the continuous laying. That is all I can suggest as a check. If it continues, instances of egg binding will become more and more frequent, and she will succumb to one of them. Perhaps if you repeat your query and give me full details of cage, and how they have been fed and treated generally, I could give you a more helpful reply. I should, however, if it were mine, painlessly destroy it, as a bird with paralysed feet cannot enjoy life, and I should not consider it of any use as a stock bird for breeding purposes, and I really consider that the better and kinder course to take with it. The young hen should be ready for breeding this year, but you should give her as a mate a male that is not related to her at all. If, sentimentally, you wish to keep the bird with paralysed feet, then keep her in a cage by herself, where she can nestle comfortably in one corner of the cage and not be disturbed by her own kind. She should, in fact, be out of their sight (and hearing if possible), so as to still productive instincts as far as possible. There should be no husk in her cage. I must repeat that I do not consider a bird in this state of any use for breeding. For stock purposes use only perfect birds—perfect as to health, plumage, limbs, and all faculties. You must do this if you wish to breed birds worth the food they eat.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Lowestoftian.—Kindly note that we do not publish letters that are unaccompanied by the name and address of the sender.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. Williams.—Amazon Parrot. Cause of death, pneumonia and dropsy of the pericardial covering of the heart.

Mrs. Boldster.—Exhaustion following the results of hermatitis (a skin affection).

BEST price given for either sex, Norwich, Porks, Rollers, Bolders, also cock Goldfinch, Mules and Linnet Mules: Stapleton Bros., 123, East-st., Walworth. (173)

WANTED, good large Norwich or other varieties, exchange prize-winning Yorkshires, sell reasonable; mutual approval; yours first: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms. (181)

WANTED, large yell. 1914 Norwich cock, exchange typical unflighted buff Norwich cock and yell. hen; approval both ways: W. Waraker, Witwell-terr., Guisborough, Yorks. (170)

WILL give 4/- each, cock Canaries or Mules, full song, 1/- hens; 4/6 large fed cock Canaries, 4/6 large fed hens; wanted Parrot, cheap: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (182)

WANTED, large yellow green variegated Norwich hen (unflighted), must be first-class bird, in exchange for clear yellow Norwich cock: Collins, 36, Somerset-rd., Knowle, Bristol. (168)

GENTLEMAN'S silver lever watch, 35/-; ladies' ditto, 13/6; gentleman's clothing, ladies' clothing; exchange Canaries, British, Foreign: Parker, Draper, 11, Winchenden-road, Fulham. (180)

BARNES AND SONS, Aviaries, Merthyr, are wanting large quantities of Norwich, Yorkshires, Rollers, Bolders, pairs or cocks, also cock Mules and all kinds of British; best prices paid. (173)

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshire hen Canaries, give 20/- dozen; hen Goldfinch Mules, 12 each; buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens, any quantity: Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E. (177)

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, in fact, anything, alive; prompt cash, or will deposit with Editor, or from my Scotch agent, Mr. G. Bond, 46a, South-st., Innerleven, Methil, Fife: Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (168)

WANTED, good Norwich or Yorkshires, sound and healthy, can spare, in exchange, pure Pom., maiden bitch, of good pedigree, rather large, even rich chocolate and healthy, very sharp, but kind, sell £2: F. Hood, 165, Bury-st., Lower Edinmouth. (171)

WANTED at once, Australian Piping Crow, Glossy Starling (cock), Cornish Chough, Blue Jays; good price for suitable birds, but only tame birds considered, state whether birds come from outdoor aviary.—Guy Falkner, 6, Montpelier Square, London. (164)

WANTED, for export, will give 7/- to 8/- a pair for Yorkshires, in small or large quantities, coloured or natural; also 5/- a pair for large Norwich; Crests, 10/- to 12/6 a pair, and 5/6 a pair for Bolders; also common songsters, any variety, 4/6 each; send particulars to: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (168)

1,000 CANARIES.

Wanted, British birds and cages, best cash prices given; complete stocks bought: Edgar Broadbent, 355, London-rd., Sheffield. (179)

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Worth of Canaries, all varieties, wanted; songsters, Norwich, Yorkshires, Rollers, also British: Edgar Broadbent, 355, London-rd., Sheffield. (145)

WANTED

Large, clean, healthy, coloured-fed Norwich Plain-heads, also cock Mules on full song; any quantity bought for prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (161)

WANTED, ANY QUANTITY

Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, Goldfinch Mules, cocks or hens, will give from 7/- to 15/- pair; 4/6 to 7/6 each for cock Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each hens; also Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches or Siskins; spot cash on receipt of birds or deposit with "Cage Birds": Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-place, and 63, Slater-st., London, E. (161)

CANARIES

Will give 5/- to 6/- each for good colour-fed Yorkshires and Norwich cocks, on song; also wanted any quantity of pairs, will give from 7/- to 8/6 pair; also cock Goldfinches, Canaries, any variety, we are open to take any cocks or pairs, and pay the highest prices; cash by return of post; send your offers along immediately to: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. Telegrams: "Parakeet." Phone: "Central 689."

8/- per pair offered.

WANTED FOR EXPORT

Will give 8/- per pair for large colour-fed Norwich, 7/- per pair for Yorkshires, 5/- per pair for Border Fancies. I also require all other varieties of Canaries and Mules. Send full particulars and stamp for reply. Will deposit cash.

H. GLEDHILL,

FLEET LANE, QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

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Good large Colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, will give 7/6 to

8/6 pair for good

birds, also Crests, from 10/- pair. Cinnamon and Lizards full value. Cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/6 to 6/6 each. Cock Linnet Mules, 5/- to 6/- each. 5/6 pair good Bolders. Also every variety of British Hard-bills for prompt cash or deposit.

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LARGE exhibition Welsh Goldie, exchange large Norwich hen, value 12/6: Jones, Vaynol, Harlech. (170)

SIB. hen Canary, 3/6, exchange Bramblefinch to moult out; on approval: Alfred Rutter, Kirbymorside. (189)

EXCHANGE clear yellow Crested cock, 1914, for green unflighted hen: Miller, 32, Easton-sq., Portland. (173)

WHAT offers? Two Border cocks and one hen, or exchange Mules with Finch notes: Turnbull, Montgomery. (181)

GRAND house-moulted cock Bullfinch, will exchange ditto Goldfinch, or sell, 6/-: Hanning, Albert-rd., Jarrow. (167)

COCK Goldfinch Mule, exchange for three large Bullfinch hens, or sell, 10/-: Williams, junr., 18, Elgin-st., Kirkcaldy. (180)

COCK Linnet Mule, good songster, 6/6; pair new felt-lined clogs, 4/s, 3/6; exchange; offers: Howland, Oskendon, Essex. (176)

EXCHANGE Pathe reproducer and 5 D.S. records for Norwich hen or large Bullies to value, 10/-: Jones, Vaynol, Harlech. (170)

TWO cock Goldfinches, six hens, hen Siskin, in exchange for a good pair Yorkshire hens: T. Morris, 13, Church-st., Athlone. (180)

COCK Redpoll, pull seed, water, and cage, exchange cock Canary: Mr. Brown, 19, King-st., Clown, near Chesterfield. (166)

CINNAMON or white Linnets and Greenfinches wanted, cash or exchange first-class Norwich: Brand, 42, Craigton-rd., Glasgow. (159)

EXCHANGE cock Linnet Mule, singing, for two proved muling cock Linnets or Goldfinches: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool. (168)

GOOD green Crested hen, 17/6, or exchange good suit length; approval: F. Clapham, 324, Langsett-terr., Stocksbridge, Sheffield. (179)

EXCHANGE house-moulted cocks, Goldfinch and Linnet, sure mulers, for Mule, wild notes, for catching: Ball, 43, Milton-rd., Wealdstone. (177)

HOUSE-moulted cocks, Chaffinch and Bramblefinch, 2/- each; cock Bullfinch, winner, 3/6; hen Bullfinch, 3/-: Dart, Seedman, Barnstable. (171)

CHAFFINCH and show cage, 12/6; Hawfinch show cage and case, 6/6; exchange Norwich show cages: Pearce, 281, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (172)

EXCHANGE, two Bullies, one Goldie, picked, cocks, for two unflighted Norwich hens; yours first; approval: Lumby, 76, Copley-rd., Doncaster. (174)

FOR sale, few Norwich hens, buff 3/-, yellow 4/-; house-moulted Greenfinch Norwich hen, bred Mules, 6/-: J. Williamson, Riddings, Alfreton. (172)

1915, CANARY-reared, two hen Greenies, one cock Linnet, for two young Roller hens; sell 5/-; yours first: Douglas, 15, Croft-st., Morecambe. (180)

EXCHANGE one pair Norwich, two Brambles, one Chaffinch (cocks), for two pairs of Rollers or cock Goldies: Lawrence, 141, Conlson-rd., Caterham. (173)

YORKSHIRE, 3/-; Roller, 2/6; I.M. cocks: Linnet, 2/-; Greenie, 1/-; two Redpolls, 1/6 each; wanted according: Thompson, 63, Wellington-st., Luton. (173)

ONE Goldfinch, two Linnets, two Greenfinches, two Chaffinches, all cocks, exchange boys' strong boots: Hugh Williams, 1, Church-place, Penrynheadraeth. (178)

TWO grand cock Goldfinches, with two large clear Norwich hens, 10/6 pair, or exchange good Yorkshires: G. Feasey, St. Luke's Cottage, Leamington Spa. (174)

GIRL Bunting hen, 2nd Clapham, 5/-; Norwich hen, variegated, 3/6; exchange others, Norwich songster preferred: Pearce, 64, Coleman-rd., Camberwell, London. (178)

GRAND muling Goldfinch, buff hen, for pair Yorks, yellow or green cock; standard length, unflighted, value 20/-; approval, deposit: Miller, Easton-square, Portland. (175)

TWO or three exhibition F.M. Goldfinches that can win in strong classes, good prices given for right stuff: E. Metcalfe, 18, North Hamilton-st., Kilmarnock. (173)

A GRAND dark Goldfinch Mule, 1915 bred, Goldfinch song, sell 7/6, or exchange yellow Norwich cock; approval: G. Hatton, 393, Station-rd., Winsted, Cheshire. (178)

SISKIN cock, cage moulted, full song, 6/6; or exchange for cock Goldfinch, equal merit; yours first, on deposit-system: A. Johnson, Chef, Noon's Hotel, High Holborn, W.C. (169)

REDWING and new show cage, h.c. in mixed class, Glasgow Red Cross Show, sell 25/-, or exchange typical Norwich cock, or Goldfinches: Vassie, 79, Dundas-st., S.S. Glasgow. (179)

PAIR of Goldfinch nets for sale, will hold Redpolls or Tits, 6 yards long, 2 yards wide, hand-made, 14/-, or exchange two pairs of Canaries: Pratt, Brentcliffe-ave., Thornywood, Nottingham. (178)

TWO aviary-moulted cock Goldfinches, four aviary-moulted cock Siskins; exchange, His Master's Voice Swan-neck, tone arm, and elbow, or wood horn: A. Draper, 55, North-st., Halstead, Essex. (178)

WHAT exchange for three good cock Linnets and cages, 1 double breeding cage, 1 Roller cage, 1 four-compartment cage, a show cage, a Thrush cage: Joseph Etherington, 59, Dale-st., Batley Carr, Batley. (168)

1915 cock Goldfinch Mule, variegated, colour-fed, 12/6, grand songster; cock Linnet, cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen, 5/-; approval; deposit; exchange large Norwich, pullets: Woodhouse, 21, Millgate, Newark, Notts. (174)

EXHIBITION Bramblefinch, Bullfinch, Redpoll, Chaffinch, cage-moulted, winners this season, with show cages and case, owner enlisted: W. Newell, 30, Wheaton-rd., Clarence Park, Pokesdown, Bourne-mouth. (177)

BEST cash offer secures following from outdoor aviary: 4 cock Goldies (2 H.M., 2 P.M.), 1 Bullie hen (I.M.), 2 Greenie hens (H.M.), 3 cock Linnets (F.M.), 4 Canary hens (Lanes-Norwich) 2 Goldie Mules, 1 Cutthroat, 1 Red-billed Weaver, 1 Bengalee, 1 Lavadavat: Davies, Strata Villa, Porth, Glam. (176)

I HAVE some of the finest Linnets in Yorkshire, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, tip-toppers; others 5/- dozen: Bullfinches, 3/6, like paint, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; Greenfinches, like Canaries, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, or part exchange any of the above for Canaries, Mules, etc.: J. Ingram, Bird Catcher, 54, Goulton-st., Hull. (170)

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE, 3 large hen Canaries, 1915, for pullets or hens: Bevan, 23, Victoria-rd., Cambridge. (166)

GOOD Yorkshire Rollers, cock and two hens for sale, or exchange: B. Newbery, Sidmouth-st., Sea-ton, Devon. (167)

EXCHANGE six Glucke Roller hens for good 1915 Roller cock, or sell 2/- each: Fiddler, 26, Thornton-st., Preston. (175)

EXCHANGE Norwich cock stock bird, £1, for Rollers, cocks or hens: H. Brookes, 90, Wolverhampton-rd., Cannock. (172)

GRAND pair of Yorkshires to spare, bred same as my winners, 30/-: Samuel Green, Victoria Mount, Blyth, Wigan. (173)

LARGE square Parrot's cage, exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hen, or sell 10/-: Brooks, 157, De Bouvoir-rd., Dalton, N. (176)

TWO large Norwich hens, bred from winners 7/6 to clear, exchange rabbits; offers: Breeze, Meadow View, Littleport. (167)

EXCHANGE, 3 large buff Norwich hens, good type, for good yellow cock, good head; approval: Bent, Midsummer Norton. (182)

FOUR Border Fancy hens, two Norwich hens, Yorkshire hen, sell 12/-; exchange: Bartlett, 67, North-load-st., Glastonbury. (174)

BARGAIN. Two yellow Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; exchange Norwich cock; yours first: Mr. Rothwell, 10, First-st., Burnley. (178)

EXCHANGE two Roller hens for big yellow chubby hen, Norwich, or sell 6/-; yours first: Glover, 28, Stanley-rd., Nuneaton. (171)

WILL exchange high-class Canaries for scrap brass, copper, zinc, pewter, solder, lead, or tools: Steele, 80, Ordsall-lane, Salford. (174)

EXCHANGE good unflighted Yorkshire Greens for clear stock cocks; sell from 25/- pair: Teare, Palatiner-rd., Douglas, Man. (175)

WANTED, two cock Canaries, exchange for rolled gold lever watch, new; sell 21/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (179)

TWO fine buff Norwich hens, exchange yellow, good head; sell 35/-; approval: Williams, 1, Mary-st., Blaengwynf, Port Talbot. (171)

AVIARY, 4ft. 6in. long, 4ft. 6in. high, 22ins. wide, complete, 12/-; exchange single breeders: Parkinson, 13, Cedar-st., Accrington. (178)

TWO grand F.M. cock Goldfinches, exchange large typical buff Norwich cock; approval; yours first: Eccles, Rhosynedre, Ruahon. (175)

EXCHANGE pair Crests, Barnett's strain, for two large Norwich hens, or Rollers, to value; sell 25/-: Shepherd, Hilltop, Ledsford. (175)

THREE clear buff Norwich hens, exchange for var. yellow cock, or sell 3/6 each: F. Walshaw, 18, Alington-st., Longsight, Manchester. (179)

EXCHANGE two Canaries, hens, 2 cock Canaries, cock Goldie, for two muling hens or Pom.: McBride, 159, High-st., Irvine, Ayrshire. (170)

CHAMPION crests, £1 to £10 pairs, approval, exchange Norwich, Yorkshires, or Mules: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (119)

EXCHANGE clear yellow Yorkshire cock winner, unflighted, for buff Norwich cock, unflighted: J. J. Howarth, 129, Duke-st., Rochdale. (169)

WILL exchange three large Norwich hens for two cock Goldfinch or Linnet Mules; mutual approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

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SPARROWHAWK, beauty, hand reared, 5/-, exchange: A. March, Evesham. (201)
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HAND-REARED cock Jay, talks and whistles, show plumage, 10/-; exchange: Joyce, 9, Rosamond-pl., Oxford-rd., Manchester. (200)

THREE hand-reared cocks, Blackbird, Thrush and Skylark, 10/6 each, with cages; exchange: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (201)

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LARKS, grand cock Larks, clean, healthy, 4/- dozen; hen Larks 1/9; hen Linnets, cock Greenfinches, 1/6; E. Rowe, 24, West-st., Chatteris. (190)

WANTED, one or two extra big field moulted cock Blackbirds, also well-spangled cock Starlings on approval; state price: Adams, 26, Agnes-st., Glasgow. (191)

GENUINE cock Song Thrushes, Blackbirds, 3/6; guaranteed thoroughly tamed, healthy, singing; warranted: Crisp, 35, Southmill-rd., Bishop's Stortford. (192)

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LARKS, grand cock Larks, clean, healthy, 4/- doz.; hen Larks, 1/9 dozen; hen Linnets, cock Greenfinches 1/6 dozen; E. Rowe, 24, West-st., Chatteris. (170)

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

SOME good Borders for sale, no buff hens: Crawford, 202, Saracen-st., Glasgow. (186)

EXCHANGE buff Border hen and cock Linnet, top-per, for Border cock: Bisset, 83, High-st., Fraserburgh. (187)

EXCHANGE grand pair of Yorkshires for pair Borders, or sell 17/6; yours first: Uffindell, 8, High-st., Purley. (191)

BORDERS, buff cock, ticked yellow hen, Craig's strain, 10/-; good stock pair: Laidlaw, 60, Castle-st., Sanguhar. (198)

BORDER Fancies: Grand green and cinnamon, cocks and hens; approval: McMillan, 67, College-st., Dumfries. (199)

NINE Border hens, cold bred, to clear, yellows and buffs, 3/- each; stamped reply: Jas. Cargill, Cantanda, Kelly, Fife. (170)

SIX yellow cinnamon hens, good colour, from 4/-, bred from winning strain; stamp: Whitelaw, 95, Elderspark-st., Govan. (193)

FEW smart buff hens left, from 5/6 each, light type, rare quality; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-rd., Peckham, London. (188)

SMART pair Borders, cock on song, 7/6 pair; 2 single breeders, 3/6; Daisy air gun, 2/-; offers: King, 2, King-st., Glastonbury. (189)

BORDERS, few from this winning strain left; see show reports; state wants; reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin. (191)

WANTED, Borders, cocks, also singing cocks; state lowest prices; any quantity bought: Andw. Dawson, 69, Duke-st., Glasgow. (198)

HENS, clear, variegated, and marked buff, clear yellow, Craig's strain, 3/- each, 1/- four; approval: Tiffin, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk. (198)

CHAMPION Borders, see latest wins, Lanelly, stock or show birds from 7/6 upwards; appro. stamp: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea. (193)

EXCHANGE clear Border hens, Bennett's strain, 1915, for green Borders, buff cock, yellow hens: Gamble, Clydesdale, South Wigtown. (196)

FEW smart Borders, part with at reasonable prices, one or two pairs from 10/-: Robert Lawson, Mill Braeterr, Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (196)

BORDER Fancies; hand-some pair, from winners, matched to produce show specimens; sacrifice 10/6: Kerridge, Kitchen-rd., East Finchley. (187)

BORDER Fancy Canaries, 3 pair; 1915 cock Goldfinch Mule, 5/6; Hybrid breeding cock Greenfinch, 2/6; Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas. (197)

WANTED, Border Canaries for cash; same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (192)

PRIZE-BRED Borders, clear yellows, buffs and variegated cocks, from 5/-; hens from 3/-: Lyall, Society Buildings, Montrose-st., Brechin. (175)

NOTICE: All my stock, including winners, to clear cheap; hens from 3/-, cocks from 5/-; stamp reply: Wm. Munro, Strathgry, Perthshire. (197)

FEW Borders to spare, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6; Goldfinch mules, cock and hen, 8/- the two; approval: Forth, Burnside, near Kendal. (189)

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SMART yellow cock, 1915, grand type, splendid singer, 10/-; approval willingly; stamp reply: Bosworth, 265, Alcester-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham. (195)

THREE smart buff Border cocks, 12/6 and 15/- each; also marked buff hens, real inkpots, 5/- and 7/6 each; all related to my winners: Pratt, Strand Dairy, Exmouth. (199)

BORDERS, few left, quick sale, greens and variegated, for breeding or songsters, cocks from 7/6, hens from 2/6; write or call: Daw, 31, St. John's-rd., East Ham. (183)

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FIFTEEN Border hens, mostly 1915 birds, from outside aviary, 2/- each to clear, stamped reply: Alexander Ogg, Maryville Cottage, Factory-st., Lech-winnich, Renfrewshire. (197)

TYPICAL buff green cocks, also buff green and cinnamon hens, good colour and markings; prices reasonable; approval; stamp reply: Farrer, 222, Jefferson-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (201)

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BORDERS, clear, pink-eyed, cocks and hens, buff, cinnamons, marked cocks, also matched pairs; all even marked bred, and two yellow cinnamon hens; cheap; stamp: Brownlee, 32, Somerville-st., Cambuslang. (177)

Mr. R. H. SAMPSON, Pontardulais, has a few choice young Borders remaining for disposal, including ticked yellow cock, he, Lanelly; buff hens, he, Crystal Palace, 2nd Swansea; yellows, 3rd, he, Swansea; prices nominal to clear. (200)

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PRIZE WINNERS

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BORDERS

WANTED immediately, any quantity of male and pairs of Borders, highest prices offered in the trade; send your offers along.—G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (199)

Crests and Crestbreds.

WANTED, good Crests, best price given: J. Howard and Sons. See other Wanted advertisement.

ONE or two pairs of Crested Canaries; cheap for sale: Rond, 23, Windsor-rd., Mainda, Newport, Mon. (196)

CREST and Crestbred cocks, from 9/6 upwards: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hamstead, London. (189)

LARGE, high-class, nearly green young Crestbred cock, 25/6; approval: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent. (200)

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WANTED, good, clean, healthy Crests and Crestbreds, for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (195)

LARGE Crestbred cock, Crest hen, 1915, 55/-, or exchange good Crest cock: J. Mcinnott, 55, Meersbrook rd., Sheffield. (191)

FEW good Crest and C.B. hens for sale, cheap; also stock pairs: Reynolds, 47, Goodhead-st. Meadows, Nottingham. (183)

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain; a few good birds for sale, approval, stamp reply: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (180)

FEW good birds for sale, reasonable, 1914 and 1915; from good stock: Miss Fieub, Mount Pleasant Cottage, Starcross, Devon. (191)

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CREST or Crossbreds for sale, single or pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- pair; approval deposit: W. Harris, 120, Sneuton-rd., Nottingham. (194)

SYMONS BROS., Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall, have a grand selection of Crests and Crestbreds for sale; seen any time; approval. (108)

MATCHED pairs from 50/-; Crest cocks from 41; Crestbred cock, 15/-; stamp reply: Angus McDougall, Carronvah-rd., Larbert, Stirlingshire. (181)

STRONG, well-bred 1914 variegated Crestbred cock, nice round head, 10/-; approval: Hacker, Beechcourt, St. Helen's Park-rd., Hastings. (194)

F. R. GARNER has few good Crests and Crestbreds for sale, prices from 10/- upwards; approval; stamp reply: 32, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (170)

CRESTS and Crestbred cocks from 12/6, pairs from 25/-, bred from prize stock; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (58)

SPECIAL, good Crested cock, 3rd Norwich Alliance, 25/-; grand Crestbred hen ditto, 20/-; pair, 40/-; approval: Garner, 32, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (170)

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W. RADMORE, 17, Maddlewood-aven., Plymouth, has for disposal Crest and Crestbreds from his well-known strain; price, 10/6 to 60/-; stamp reply: 194

ABOUT 40 Crests and Crestbred, each from 7/6, pairs from 15/-; healthy birds, bred from prize stock; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-aven., Forest Gate, Essex. (104)

TWO dark Crested 1915 cocks, two dark Crested hens, 30/- the lot; two 1915 Seifert cross cocks, four ditto hens, 16/- lot; stamp: Lud, Cotnam, Bristol. (201)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, 35 years breeder of the best, many winners sold; some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (17)

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1914 variegated Crestbred cock, £1; 1915 variegated Crested cock, £1; 1915 variegated Crested cock, 15/-; Crestbred hens, 7/6; approval: Irving, Cecil-aven., Enfield, Middlesex, London. (191)

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GRAND pair Green C.B. cock and Grey Crest hen, 1915, full sister to my Glasgow winners, 70/-; buff cock and even marked dark Crest hen, winner of many prizes, 70/-: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert. (195)

CRESTS.—Being one of the oldest breeders in the Fancy, having bred and shown hundreds of winners, have few good birds to part with: price from 7/- to £6; approval: G. Williams, 50a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (194)

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J. A. GRANT can spare a few Crestbred cocks and hens, all are B.L. rug, with long head feather right to end of beak; will sell very reasonable and send on approval anywhere at my risk; carriage paid: Thistle House, Lossiemouth. (169)

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S. COX, 58, Watford-rd., Erdington, offers several high-class Crest pairs, from 25/- to 70/-; all odd hens sold: A. J. Smith and T. J. King's strains direct, cold-room bred, sound and healthy; approval (cash or deposit); stamp for particulars. (193)

THROUGH removing, must part with a lot more Crests, all bred from winners; Crestbreds, turnover to bill-end, from 15/-: 1915 green Crest cock, he, Glasgow, beauty, £3; Crest cock, vhe, 20/- selling, sell 14/6; bargains; approval: Bewick, 30, Nursery-rd., Windy Nook, Gateshead. (196)

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EVEN MARKED Dark Crest cock, 1915; clear yellow Crestred hen, 1914; large birds, 20/- pair; pair Yorkshires, long buff cock, winner, yellow hen, very smart, beautiful position, both 1915, 15/- pair; extra good cock Bullfinch, 2/6; pair Goldfinches for breeding, 4/-; few good cock Goldies, 2/6, approval, deposit, with pleasure: Maisey, Aldermaston, Berks. (187)

NOTICE, special offer, choice exhibition dark Crested cock, immense, perfectly formed drooping crest, nicely centred, rare type and quality; 15/-; other, sure winner, only 30/-; also choice exhibition Crestred cock, grand size and substance, marvellous head feather, turnover to end of beak, only 27/6, honestly worth £3 for stock alone; also several other massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, only 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- and 42/- each; also indolently matched pairs to breed winners, only 15/-, 17/6, 21/- to 4/- pair; Palace winning strain, all cold room bred, honestly worth pounds for stock alone; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warringer, 25, Glemsford, Norwich. (191)

T. J. KING, 3, Columbia-pl., Cheltenham, offers lovely unfledged dark Crest cock, marked one wing, 50/6; variegated unfledged dark Crest cock, wide large crest, 40/6; superb yellow green Crested cock, 1st Cheltenham, perhaps best yellow Crest alive, £20; yellow green Crestred cock, 2nd Cheltenham, few can beat this, £8; nearly green Crested cock (brother sold £25), price 50/6; very fine yellow cock, large grey Crest, 50/6; heavily variegated cock, large wide crest, 40/6; unfledged lightly variegated cock, big wide crest, 40/6; unfledged variegated Crestred cock, big head, 30/6; variegated cock, giant, large round crest, 90/6; giant green Crested cock, 50/6; large variegated cinnamon Crestred hen, 60/6; nearly green Crestred cock, good head, 20/6, 25/6; green Crested cock, 20/6. (191)

CLEARANCE SALE

Owing to the death of M. J. C. Wallace, the whole stock of well-bred Crests are to be sold. The stock includes some well-bred birds related to former winners at the Crystal Palace. Apply by letter to Miss Wallace, 115, Rosemount-pl., Aberdeen. (180)

Cinnamons.

WANTED, Cinnamons, any quantity: Palmer and Son, 66/70, Slater-st., Shore-ditch, London, E. (191)

YORKSHIRE unfledged cinnamon marked cock, bred from good stock, 10/-: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead. (192)

WANTED, large, typical, clean, healthy Norwich Cinnamons, for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (195)

PAIR Norwich Cinnamons, yellow cock, buff hen, 15/-; 5, buff Norwich cinnamon cocks, 7/6 each; healthy: Wilkinson, 3, Trinity-st., Halifax. (192)

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E. GODLEY, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn, has Cinnamons and Plainhead Norwich for sale; single from 7/6; pairs from 15/-; state requirements; stamp; approval. (129)

GIVING up, grand buff Cinnamon cock, can win anywhere, not been used, 50/-; approval, deposit; others from 10/- upwards; about 60 good breeders, single and double, also two yellow green Norwich cocks, 1915, 20/- each; a few young Norwich cocks, from 7/6; stamp for reply: Howarth, 3, Rydal-rd., Blackburn. (182)

Greens.

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs, from 10/- each; approval; no single yellow hens: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes. (471)

YORKSHIRES, 8 cocks, 12 hens, £4 10s. lot, from my Palace strain, or 12/6 pair: Mockridge, 14, Juner-rd., Tue Brook, Liverpool. (151)

NORWICH greens, 100 birds for sale, most of my exhibition stock, also the whole of the stock of the late A. Pugh, leading novice G.C.A.; no reserve; finest Norwich green stock; plenty of hens; over 50 unfledged greens must be sold separately; state wants at once; pairs or singles; prices very reasonable; cages and appliances; stamp reply: Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool. (191)

Belgians.

BELGIAN and Yorkshire crosses, also Yorkshires: Welch, 93, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (153)

BELGIANS, several 1915 birds for sale, from my well-known winners, pairs of single, reasonable prices, approval: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (174)

CHAMPION Belgians, grand birds, disposal: same strain my championship winners last two Palace shows, cheap; approval: G. S. Baker, Georges-rd., Barnstaple. (191)

HAVING enlisted, all my Belgians for sale; grand young, also stock birds, both colours and sexes, same strain my winners, Palace, Edinburgh, Barnstaple, etc.; cheap; approval: A. Baker, Richmond-st., Barnstaple. (195)

Lizards.

CHAMPION Lizards, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (194)

ALL my stock and cages on sale, cheap to clear; reason, ill health: Mrs. Dewnap, 14, Princess-st., Glossop. (193)

LIZARDS, Golden cock, 3 hens, sacrifice 12/-; Challinch, Bramblefinch cocks, 3 hen Muller, 7/6; Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (200)

LIZARDS, 40 pairs of good birds, best of blood, 10/6 pair, or cocks 6/6, hens 4/6, beauties, or exchange Norwich (good), or offers: Griffiths, 93, Stornford-rd., Garston, Liverpool. (198)

1914 gold and silver cocks, winners, from 10/- each; pairs from 10/6; also Norwich pairs from 12/6; also odd cocks from 7/-; approval: J. Green and Sons, 256, Chancel-st., Leigh, Lanc. (199)

W. P. BARNES, breeder champion Lizards, winner L. and L.F.A. Championship Trophy, 1913-14, best silver hen Hardwick, best Lizard Recluse, 1915-7, properly matched, from 17/-; odd cocks from 8/6; no odd hens; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham. (194)

W. P. BARNES, breeder champion Lizards, winners L. and L.F.A. Championship Trophy, 1913-14, best silver hen Hardwick, best Lizard Rochdale, 1915; properly matched, from 17/6; odd cocks from 8/6; no odd hens; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham. (191)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, Norwich and Yorkshire specialist. Winner of numerous silver cups, medals, etc.; well-known strains. Better blood unobtainable. Grand specimens to spare; both varieties; reasonable; approval; inspection cordially invited; inquiries solicited; stamp: 113, Northfield-rd., Walsley, Sheffield. (191)

J. HODDER, Breeder of high-class Norwich, winner of championships, good stock birds reasonable; approval, stamp; seen by appointment: Waltham, 25, Ashurst-rd., North Finchley, N. (191)

FRANK F. LAWSON, Norwich Specialist, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, one of the best exhibition strains in the fancy. Stock birds from 10/- each. Pairs from 20/- upwards. Stamped inquiries solicited. (191)

WANTED, cocks in full song, 5/- each given: Jones, Aviaries, 126, Plaistow-rd., West Ham. (190)

WANTED, Norwich, any quantity: Palmer and Son, 66/70, Sciat-st., Shoreditch, London, E. (190)

WANTED, Norwich; will give 8/- a pair; any number: Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (191)

SEVERAL, well-bred Norwich hens, large type, 3/6 each; to clear: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (190)

GRAND yellow cock and buff hen, 20/-; few others at reasonable prices; on approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (160)

500 Norwich for sale, mostly 1915 bred, price reasonable; approval: A. Pirie, 213, Montrose-st., Brechin. (191)

G. GLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, has some real good show birds, winners, very cheap, 5/-, big bargains; approval. (188)

NORWICH cocks from 6/- to 10/- each; hens 3/- to 5/- each: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry. (192)

NOTICE, Grand lot Norwich, cocks 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (190)

FIVE cocks, four hens, 1914, outside bred, clear Norwich, 30/- each, bargain: Swires, 24, Sea View par., Morecambe. (197)

SIX pairs Norwich, all colour-fed, 6 Yorkshire hens; stamp reply: Ridgway, 7, Brown-st., Failsforth, Nr. Manchester. (197)

LARGE typical yellow and buff Norwich hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

WINNERS for sale, yellow and buffs, cocks and hens, must sell, stamp for reply: Thomas Hutton, Ivyica, Ladbroke. (144)

NORWICH pairs for sale, good quality; guaranteed own breeding, 15/- pair; approval: Ratchiff, Greenhill, Grantham. (193)

MASSIVE 1915 ticked buff Norwich hen, good head, father took 1st, special, 2nd, 8/6; Hubbard, North Kilworth, Rugby. (195)

HUGH ALEXANDER, Back-st., Tarbolton, has some high-class Norwich for sale; see report of Ayr and Paisley show. (166)

NORWICH breeder has few good pairs or singles, prices reasonable; state wants: Black, 3, Westbourne-ter., Hove. (196)

FEW typical birds, cocks 7/-, hens 4/-; upwards matched; pairs 12/-; cash approval: Cousins, 48, Lickley-st., Ripton. (194)

GOOD Norwich cocks, 7/6, also good Crests and Crestbreds, 10/- each; seen any time: 15, Avery-row, New-Bond-st., W. (189)

SELLING out: typical winners, from 15/- to 50/- per pair; also eggs; inspection: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater. (177)

LAST six hens, from prize winning strain, 16/- to clear; several worth 10/- each: Burgess, Hairdresser, Arcade, Ramsgate. (186)

MRS. ANGUS (nee Miss A. Scott), 17, Regent-st., Lancaster, has some tip-top stock birds for sale, also all her winners. (200)

LARGE typical pair, 1915 bred, plain heads, trour winners, 12/6, worth 25/-; non-fed, approval: Clarke, Butcher, Basingstoke. (190)

FOUR unfluffed buff Norwich cocks, large and typical, massive birds, bargain, 10/6 each: Kelly, Draper, Kirkcubright. (187)

TWO buff cocks, unfluffed, good stock birds, 41 and 10/6 each; yellow Siskin Mule, 7/6: D. Harrower, Ladbroke, Fife. (198)

YELLOW cock 8/-, buff variegated 7/-; hens, yellow 4/6, buff 3/- to 4/6; cages cheap; or useful exchange: 50, Undine-st., Tooting. (200)

R. HANFORD, Derby, has splendid collection Norwich for sale, cocks, hens, or breeding pairs; state requirements; all prices. (190)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, also Yorkshires (must be healthy); state lowest price to: Grace, Bird Dealer, Wishaw, Scotland. (200)

NORWICH cocks, 5/9, 6/9, 7/9, in full song; hens to match, 2/-, 3/-, 3/6: Syd Mothersole, 20, Hummerstone-rd., Leicester. (181)

NORWICH cocks, well bred, grand type and quality, full song, 10/6 each: A. J. Horwood, 8, Lawson-avenue, Long Eaton. (190)

NORWICH for sale, buff cock, buff var., do., buff hen, all unfluffed, 10/- each; cheap; approval: James Taylor, 115, High-st., Brechin. (193)

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers grand Norwich, 10/6 pair; fine condition; excellent value; cold-room; packed free. (172)

NORWICH cocks, yellow and buff, bred from winners, splendid condition, 7/6 to 12/6, approval: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath. (187)

YELLOW and buff cocks and hens, 1914 and 1915, cold-room; hens 3/6, cocks 7/6: Miss Howell, 31, Queen's-rd., Brentwood, Essex. (163)

TYPICAL yellow and buff cocks and hens, single or pairs, from 8/6 upwards; approval; state wants: W. G. Poole, Stratford-on-Avon. (197)

FEW good cocks and hens, 6/- each, all related to my winners, from 7/6 upwards; appro.; stamp: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea. (189)

VARIATED buff Norwich cock, good type feather, 25/-; buff cock 15/-; buff variegated hen 10/-; Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle. (197)

HIGH class Norwich cocks from 6/6, in full song, hens, 3/6; all 1915, the pink of condition: C. Harbour, Grocer, 263, Glyn-rd., Clapton. (187)

WANTED large stout-headed Norwich, size and colour-fed most essential, cheap for cash: Edgeley, 491, Grovel Green-rd., Leytonstone. (188)

SHORT cobby unfluffed quality buff hen, 12/6; unfluffed yellow cinnamon cock, 12/6; buff sister, 8/6: Platt, 5, Bramford-lane, Ipswich. (199)

FEW smart typical birds; cocks from 10/6, pairs 18/- upwards; perfect health and plumage; approval: Kernes, Klugton St. Michael, Chippenham. (171)

GIVING up. Bargains. Big yellow cock, 10/-; unfluffed ditto, 8/6; two unfluffed buff hens for 7/6: Salter, 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby. (168)

SEVERAL fine young Norwich hens, strong and healthy, 2/6 each; yellows 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterloo-st., Hove. (193)

LARGE typical buff Norwich cock, 3 first local, splendid stock bird, 1914 bred, 15/-; approval, deposit: V. Mutton, Rectory-rd., Redditch. (201)

A FEW good Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, single or pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- pair; approval deposit: W. Harris, 120, Smeinton-rd., Nottingham. (194)

TWO firsts, two specials, best Norwich, and second best bird in show, Croydon; stock birds reasonable: Halhead, 13, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley, Surrey. (194)

WILLIAM PHIPPS, for splendid, typical, massive Norwich, winner over 100 prizes, also cups; approval; cold: 16, Millplate-ave., Isleworth. (111)

EXCEPTIONAL offer, grand colour-fed marked Norwich hen, res. in 20/- selling class last month, accept 6/6: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (198)

ONE evenly marked buff Norwich cock, 1914 bred; two clear yellow hens, 1915 bred; 15/-; deposit: Mark Bennett, Broughton, Astley, Leicester. (186)

YELLOW and buff hens, large, typical birds, from winning stock, 15/- each; also grand exhibition buff cock, 60/-: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet. (191)

SYMONS BROS., Melbourn, Liskeard, Cornwall, can spare some of the largest Norwich in the fancy, from 10/- upwards; seen any time; approval. (168)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, for cash; same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (191)

FEW smart typical birds, cocks from 10/6, pairs from 15/-; all clean moulted and healthy; approval: Robson, 23, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (191)

CHAMPION Norwich plainhead, buff cocks, can win, 1915 bred, cheap to clear, from 10/- each; approval; deposit: C. Handley, Walsoken, Wisbech. (190)

AVIARY bred Canaries, Norwich type; cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; week's approval; deposit: Hedges, Confectioner, Wallingford, Berks. (191)

GRAND pair large yellow variegated cock and clear buff hen, 30/-; clear yellow 1915 cock and buff hen, 30/-: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert. (191)

W. KEARY, winner numerous prizes and two challenge cups has few pairs of Norwich and Yorkshire for sale at 15/- pair: Church Institute, Twickenham. (158)

UNFLUFFED buff cock, 15/6; unfluffed ticked buff hen, 10/6; yellow ticked hen, 7/6; unfluffed ticked buff hen, 7/6: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (190)

HAVING purchased several well known fanciers' stocks, can offer remarkable value in cocks, hens or breeding pairs; state requirements to Hanford, Derby. (92)

MUST reduce stock, 2 buffs, 1 yellow, large short cobby birds, guarantee won honour, 20/- each; approval anywhere; cash or deposit: Olive, Plumber, Sittingbourne. (187)

A FEW winning Norwich for sale, cheap to clear, also some very fine winning British; stamp for particulars: James McNeillie, 13, Market-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries. (199)

EXCEPTIONALLY large buff hen, good head and chest, 25/-, absolute bargain; yellow cock, 10/-, buff cock 7/6; approval, deposit: Smith, 13, Newton-rd., Burton-on-Trent. (187)

SPLendid Norwich cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; cold room, 1915, cash, approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester; close to Midland Station. (196)

G. DOWELL, breeder of high-class Norwich, has few grand birds for sale; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/4; approval; deposit: Spread Eagle, Langport (late Yeovil). (189)

D. DEVOY, typical unfluffed Norwich pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; yellow and buff cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 15/-; yellow and buff hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; see show reports: George-st., Stranraer. (180)

GIVEN away, typical colour-fed buff Norwich cock, grand all-round specimen, full of quality, accept 12/6, worth treble for exhibition: A. L. Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (198)

1914 big variegated buff cock, 12/6; unfluffed buff cock, ticked, 12/6; yellow cock, 7/6; big buff hen, 7/6; approval willingly; cash with Editor: Bates, 84, Moseley-st., Southend. (195)

EXTRA good colour-fed yellow Norwich cock, and fine large marked buff hen, a grand pair that should breed winners, 25/-; approval: Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford. (195)

CHAMPION Norwich: Can spare large clear buff, 3rd Hull, under Robson; two unfluffed yellows, good stock birds; few unfluffed hens; state wants: Potter, Godlard-aven., Hull. (199)

THOMAS FERRBERT, 35, South-st., Redditch, must clear large buff cock, winner 2nd, 15/-; large wing-marked yellow hen, 8/6; buff cock, 7/6; 2 clear yellow hens, 5/-, 6/6; approval. (195)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Norwich, offers exceptional bargains; many winners; all large; inspection invited; letters only. (59)

GOOD healthy hens, must be cleared, only 2/6 each, worth double; two breeding cages, 22in. long, enamelled inside and out, loose fronts, 3/- each: S. Large, 59, Sprules-rd., Brockley. (196)

OWING to pressure of work I am parting with 6 pairs, or single, of Norwich, prize bred, cold room; no reasonable offer refused; approval: 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham. (191)

CLEAR buff cock, one of the richest coloured buffs living, 20/-; unfluffed clear buff hen, 10/-, grand daughter of buff cock, on "Cage Birds" approval: G. Nottley, 13, King's-place, Bedford. (191)

HANDSOME rich yellow and variegated young Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/6 each; every bird guaranteed: Harris, 55, Beak-st., London, W. (198)

A. EMERY, 9, Field-lane, Horningwood, Burton-on-Trent, has for sale yell. cocks, 10/- upwards; buffs 8/6 upwards; hens 4/- upwards, short and cobby, 1915 bred, closed rings, approval. (190)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 35 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (191)

GIVING up: two unfluffed yellow Norwich cocks, one buff ditto; also yellow cock and three buff hens; four double breeding cages and two single ones; what offers: W. Crosling, 8, Fern-st., Darlington. (195)

THREE large 1914 bred clear yellow hens, grand colours, 6/6 each; two unfluffed yellow cocks, very hot colours, with nice buff hens to match, 14/- pair; approval: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (192)

GENUINE opportunity for good all-round stock bird, massive marked buff cock, 1914 bred, possesses good head, neck and front, well carried wings and tail, close fitting feather, plenty of substance, a real giant, price 43/-; deposit; approval anywhere: good yellow and buff hens wanted: King, 200, Kingston-rd., Portsmouth. (186)

Superlative Value in Norwich and Yorkshires.



Prices as follows:—No "gush" or absurd exaggeration; but sold for what they are worth on the perch—not hocus strains. Cocks or hens, for exhibition, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Pairs, correctly matched to produce best results by me personally, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-. These are marvels at the price. Other useful birds, Cocks, 7/6, 8/6; Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; Pairs, matched to produce best results, 10/6. Cages to hold one bird, 3d., to hold two or three birds, 4d. W. Rudd, Specialist, Norwich. (191)

CLEAR yellow cock, 20/-; buff green hen, 10/-; approval: Brown, Hendry-st., Bainsford, Falkirk. (196)

ONE clear unfluffed buff Norwich cock, 15/-; one do., 12/6; one clear yellow, 1914, 12/6; one unfluffed heavily green marked buff hen, 5/6; all good size and good birds: 12, Foster-rd., Chiswick, London. (191)

HIGHLY-BRED Norwich, no better blood; big, thick-set unfluffed buff cock, 20/-; another high quality, 12/6; genuine buff muling hen, 7/6: Norman, Bird Specialist, "Eyre," Carshalton, Surrey. (190)

SEVERAL unfluffed Norwich for sale, yellow cocks, buff variegated cocks and hens, buff hens, no yellow hens, winning strain; approval, deposit; stamp for reply: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (179)

GENUINE birds; two pairs, massive yellow cock, buff hen, 25/-; large unfluffed buff cock, yellow hen, 25/-; house moulted Siskin, 5/-; exchange singing Mule; approval: Smedley, New Village, Rainworth, nr. Mansfield. (187)

VERY smart ticked yellow hen, winner, 25/-; clear yellow hen, gem, can win, 15/6; massive buff hen, 10/6; all good heads and well-filled up chests and necks, and perfectly healthy; exchange: Robinson, 37, Broad-st., Windermere. (198)

NORWICH for sale, 2 large clear buff cocks, 50/- and 15/-; variegated buff and yellow cocks from 10/- to 10/-; hens from 3/- to 7/6; pairs from 6/-; good healthy stock: Joseph Dodd, Vicarage-st., Whitwick, Leicestershire. (189)

McKAY, 73, Grace-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne, winner of Northern Norwich young bird cup at Gateshead, has some good yellow hens, prices from 5/-; also a few buff cocks, one yellow cock, working men's prices; stamp reply; approval. (192)

NORWICH, winner medal most points 1915; clear yellow cock, marked buff hen, 30/-, a good pair; buff cock, 12/6; buff hens, 8/6 and 10/-; small yellow hen, 4/6; good heads and wing carriage; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (187)

CLUB Show winners: Have still a few good birds left, yellows and buffs, mostly unfluffed, unsurpassed for type and quality, and can be had singles or pairs at giving-away prices; approval: John Young, 76, Burn-rd., Rutherglen. (201)

GRAND richly-coloured unfluffed clear yellow Norwich cock, 15/-; large wing-marked buff hen, 10/-; good heads and shape; or 24/- the pair; also large clear buff cock, splendid buff, 12/6; approval: Bond, Terriers, High Wycombe, Bucks. (195)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has several winning Norwich for disposal, including the Scotch National winning buff cock, now in excellent form; several fine variegated buff hens bred from him, rare type and colour producers; approval. (182)

CHAMPION Norwich, few decent size birds, good heads and necks, buffs and yellows, cocks, 8/6, 10/-; hens, 6/-, 7/6; pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; six days' approval, cash or deposit Editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (183)

MR. A. L. HAWKES has another rich colour-fed buff Norwich cock to dispose, real gem for style, type, and size, with an extra stout head, and feathered to perfection; taken honours; accept 17/6; given away: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (198)

CHOICE Norwich at war prices: Variegated buff cock, good quality and feather, 41/-; unfluffed buff cock, 15/-; ditto, clear buff, 15/-; nice yellow hen, feather like silk, 10/-; all from noted winners; approval: F. Pilcher, Strand, Walmer, Kent. (195)

MUST sell: lightly marked yellow cock and good buff hen, 9/6; clear yellow cock, 6/6; lightly marked do., 8/6; four clear buff hens, nice type and size, 3/- each; all unfluffed and perfect condition; approval: Alfred Peters, Pantton Hall, Wragby, Lincs. (194)

NORWICH Canaries, 1/11, by C. A. House. Tells the fancier all that he needs to know to enable him to become successful as a breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead. The chapters on "Forming a stud," and "How to Produce the Ideal," are worth the cost of the whole book many times over. Cage Birds, 154, Fleet-st., London. (191)

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, Staffs, can spare some grand Norwich from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in the fancy; probably more winners have been bred and sold out of my rooms than any man living; over 50 years' breeder and exhibitor; three buff green cocks, unfluffed, 10/- each; also three green hens, 5/- each; approval. (191)

TYPE and quality of the best; grand variegated unfluffed buff cock, second, only once shown, brother to my yellow winning hen: see report Aberlillery, Cardiff, 1st and 3rd specials Swansea; see Llanelli; price 45/-; variegated buff cock, 1914, same blood, 25/-; Lesser Redpoll, F.M., he Swansea, 17 in class 7/6: William Addison, Brynwhelach Office, Llanyfelach, near Morriston, Swansea. (193)

FOR sale, the following high-class Norwich, comprising Barnes' and Stubbs' blood, unfed clear yellow cock, capped marked buff hen, 42/-; unfluffed yellow cock, clear buff hen, 42/-; another grand pair stock birds, 12/-; also few good unfluffed hens, from 10/- to 20/- each; approval: Raeside, Fullarton-st., Irvine, Ayrshire. (200)

NOTICE, special offer, monster stock yellow and buff Norwich cocks, only 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, and upwards; also monster stock yellow and buff hens, only 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and upwards; also judiciously matched pairs to breed winners, only 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, and upwards, rare size, type, and quality, Palace winning strain; all cold room bred; honestly worth pounds for stock alone; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warming, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (195)

NOTICE, special offer, monster 1915 buff Norwich cock, immense size, rare type, and quality, only 17s. 6d.; also large stock yellow hen, rare size and substance, only 10/6, or 25/- the pair; also large typical 1915 yellow cock, rare size, type, and quality, will make winner next season, only 17/6; also choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, only 10/6, or 25/- the pair; all bred from big winners; rare chance for beginners; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warming, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (196)

FANCIERS wishing to purchase champion bred high-class Norwich.—All my own breeding, related to winners Sheffield, Birmingham, Coventry, Nottingham, Leicester, Edinburgh. I have 200 birds for disposal, all colour fed, correct type, full of quality, large clear yellow unfluffed cocks, large yellow variegated cocks, 11 each; large clear buff unfluffed cocks, 11 each; large clear buff variegated unfluffed cocks, 11 each; massive clear or variegated stock cocks, 1914 bred, 11 each; massive clear buff or buff variegated cocks, 11 each; large buff and yellow green stock cocks, 11 each; 1914 bred; buff green cock, winner, 11 10/-; large clear unfluffed yellow hen, 11 each; large clear yellow hen, 1914 bred, 11 each; yellow variegated hens, 11 each; large clear buff and buff variegated hens, unfluffed, 11 each; large clear buff and variegated hens, 1914 bred, 11 each; large 1914 bred buff green hen, 11; cinnamon yellow variegated hens, 10/- each; medium sized clear yellow or yellow variegated hens, 10/- each; medium sized clear buff or buff variegated hens, 7/6, 5/- each; rather small yellow and buff green hens, 5/- each; all the above have good heads, full cheeks, short flights, tail, correct Bull finch type; all birds sent on 3 days' approval; if not satisfied money returned; fanciers invited; call any time: Apply, T. Ross, Butcher, 24, Catherine-st., Leicester. (191)

VARDY'S NOTED WINNING STRAIN

Few nice pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; also few cocks from 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; hens, very cobby, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; all strong, healthy, and no better blood living; approval: Vardy, Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts. (195)

JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH

Grand unfluffed yellow Norwich cock, a beauty 12/6; lovely buff hen to match, 7/6, 19/- the pair; a bargain, beautiful unfluffed buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; state wants; inspection invited; approval, cash or deposit Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds. (174)

J. C. BARNES

Norwich specialist; 25 years' study; well-known stud. Winner Sheffield Challenge Cup outright (3 years in succession). 200 birds to select from. Few choice specimens to spare. Cocks from 20/-, hens from 10/-, inspection invited; approval: 113, Northfield-rd., Walsley, Sheffield. (191)

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Every bird on approval; bred from my winners at Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford, Scotch National, and all leading shows; cocks, big heads, grand type, size, quality, from 10/-; hens ditto; pairs from 15/-; Rev. Nume, 96, Victoria-rd., Dundee. See Cinnamon. (191)

W. N. TURNER

Breeder of Champion Norwich
I have bred and supplied winners at all leading shows, and have a large stock to select from; exhibition and stock birds at reasonable prices; this strain has been winning for the last 20 years, and there is no better blood in the fancy. See latest show reports; inspection invited; approval willingly: 3a, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester. (191)

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Glucke and Waterglucke strain; winner of numerous prizes, specials, medals, also first prizes in the champion young birds point competition of the P.R.C.C. 1915; also birds bred by me won first and second and thirds in various shows this season, which I think is the best recommendation for my strain. Have a few young cocks, bred from my well known winners, at moderate prices, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each: K. Pericles, 37, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester.

Scotch Fancies.

SCOTCH Fancy cocks and hens, all colours, cheap to clear, young; approval: Chas. McLean, 57, New-rd., Ayr. (169)
SCOTCH Fancies, cocks and hens, young, good birds, cheap to clear: Hugh Howie, 29, Oswald-rd., Kirkcaldy. (196)
SCOTCH fancies; three hens, high-class birds, used to cold room; cheap; approval: Dunbar, The Terrace, Penryn, Cornwall. (192)
SCOTCH Fancies, a few left, all high-class birds, may be had cheap to clear: H. Pringle, 64, Cambridge-drive, Kelvinside, Glasgow. (196)
FOR sale, 10 Scotch Fancies, cocks and hens, 1914 bred, or will exchange for exhibition British or Mules: J. Lavery, Infant School, Lurgan. (196)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, champion Yorkshire Breeders, winners of highest honours possible for over 30 years; many championships Crystal Palace, including championship last Palace show. As we are not exhibiting have some of the best Yorkshires living for disposal, show or stock birds, wonderful length, teeming with quality, bred direct from our championship winners; pairs matched to breed winners, 15/- to 60/-; single birds proportionate; these are not dealers' Yorkshires, but the highest possible breeding; approval: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire. (164)
BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20-guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.U. 30-guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.: 46, South View-terr., Sandy Lane, Bradford. (196)
E. CHESHIRE, Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich; inspection cordially invited: 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (196)
L. DYKES, the present-day champion (see show reports), breeder and exhibitor of the finest Yorkshires that have ever graced the show bench. Some grand birds for sale for show, or stock birds, to breed them; prices reasonable; state wants; satisfaction assured; reliable aviaries: 16, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (496)
OGDEN BROS., Breeders, Exhibitors, and Exporters of the best of the world has produced: Thornton, Bradford. (196)

COCKS from 7, 6, hens from 5/-, clear and marked, on approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (160)
COCKS, vigorous condition, 7/-; hens, 3/6: J. Carter, 109, Richmond-rd., Barnsley, N. (192)
WANTED, Yorkshires, any quantity: Palmer and Son, 66/70, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London, E. (200)
A FEW good Yorkshires for sale, 1 cock, 7 hens, cheap: Neighbour, 12, Arthur-rd., Holloway. (200)
LONG typical Yorkshire cocks, 6, 6, 7, 6, 8/6; remarkable value; approval: Hanford, Derby. (92)
WANTED, cocks in full song, 5/- each given: Jones' Aviaries, 126, Plaistow-rd., West Ham. (190)
WANTED, for outside aviary, two clear Yorkshire hens, 1915 bred: Lott, 97, Cheapside, London, E.C. (194)
FEW smart pairs of slim, stylish birds, from 25/-; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (174)
YORKSHIRE Canaries, buff cocks and hens, 7/6 to 12, 6, winning strain: Parker, 58, Gloucester-rd., Bristol. (186)
YORKSHIRES, some fit to win, at low price to clear out; extra good hens: Cattell, Wincrope-rd., Newcastle. (201)
GIVING up: Few good Yorkshires, cheap to clear, singles or pairs; state wants: Bluck, Westbourne-terr., Hove. (196)
CLEAR buff cocks, 7, 6, 8, 6, 10, 6, yellow cock 10/6, hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval: W. G. Poole, Stratford-on-Avon. (197)
GOOD healthy Yorkshires for sale; cocks 7/6 to 12/6; hens 2/6 to 6/-; Apply, 13, Lancaster-terr., Metherly Tydd. (191)
FEW pairs buff cocks and hens, cheap, seen any time: Scudder, 45, Ashland House, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W. (193)
TYPICAL young Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 5/-, hens 4/-; bred from my winners: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (154)
CANARIES, large 1915 Yorkshire cocks, singing, 3/-, 4/- and 5/- each; hens, 1, 6, 2/-: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorsehill, Glam. (191)
1915 CLEAR buff cock, clear yellow cock, 7, 6 each, good type and feather; approval: Edwin Clulbe, 33, Louisa-st., Chester. (197)
YORKSHIRE Canaries, high-class breeding stock, cocks, in full song, 8/-; Draper, 47, Palmerston-st., Battersea Park-rd. (153)
R. HANFORD, Derby, has splendid collection Yorkshires, cocks, hens, or breeding pairs; all prices; state requirements. (193)
TWO unfledged yellow ticked Yorkshire cocks; good birds: Inman, 43, Derby-rd., Thornbury, Bradford. (See British). (193)
GRAND pair of Yorkshires, bred same as my winners, 30/-; approval: Samuel Green, Victoria Mount, Bryn, Wigan. (193)
YORKSHIRES, splendid 1915 buff cocks, 6/6, cold room; approval: cash or deposit: Wright, 73, Ash-grove, Wavertree, Liverpool. (196)
FEW grand Yorkshires, 7, 6; exhibition Border Borden, 3, 6; wanted, large yellow Norwich hen: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (206)
HIGH CLASS young, healthy, coloured Yorkshires, cocks in song, 10/-, pairs 12/6. Breeder, 222, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham. (207)
G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick. Yellows and buffs out of Ogden Brothers champion strain, winners at Inverness, cheap, 7/6; approval. (188)
SINGLE cocks or hens, splendid length, type and quality, matched pairs from 10/-; approval: Clough, Wilson-st., Sutton Mill, Keighley. (171)
G. SIMESON has some good Yorkshires for disposal, from winners; reasonable prices; approval: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (179)
YORKSHIRES, mostly Crisp's strain, all bred from my winners; cocks 8/6, hens 5/6; approval: Lloyd, 84, Cliffe-rd., Crickwell, N.W. (142)
WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for cash, same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (192)
YORKSHIRES, Cocks from 6, 6, hens from 3/6; good strong healthy birds; inspection invited: Robertshaw, 50, Hammond-st., Halifax. (192)

YORKSHIRE hens; yellow cinnamons, marked buff, ditto variegated yellow, ditto buff, clear yellow, and clear buff, Spanm, Stivichale, Coventry. (200)
BARGAINS in Yorkshires, fine strain, hens from 3/6, cocks 8/6, must sell, 4d. each: Alice L. Wood, 36, Westwick-gds., W. Kensington. (201)
FOUR pair first-class Yorkshires for sale, 25/- pair, for 44 10/- the lot; giving up Fancy; approval: Sgt. Evans, Bethesda, North Wales. (197)
C.B. Diploma, 4th last Palace show, clear yellow cock 41; nestmate cock 15/-; not fed this time; hens for same, cheap: 38, Cemetery-rd., Crewe. (194)
CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners, for sale, or exchange poultry; approval: Arthur Radley, 48, Kinder Bank, Moldgreen, Huddersfield. (183)
CLEAR yellow Yorkshire cock, one of the best, 1914; exchange for good buff hen, 1915; approval: yours first: White, 118, Brandon-rd., Brixton Hill. (193)
YORKSHIRES: I have still a few 1915 birds left, bred from winners and winning strain; cocks from 15/-; hens from 5/-: Firth, 25, Old Steine, Brighton. (197)
A. SUTCLIFFE has some real good Yorkshires for disposal: cocks from 6/-; hens 3/-; cash or deposit; write, stating wants: 46, Hammond-st., Halifax. (195)

L. B. YATES has a few good Yorkshires for disposal, bred from winners in open competition, price very reasonable; approval: 135, Maybury-rd., Woking. (130)

P. JOHNSTON, 123, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, London, N., offers some choice Yorkshires, mostly 1915; straight typical hens, very reasonable; stamp reply. (193)

FINEST Yorkshire Canaries, in full song, cocks 10/6, hens 5/-; also a fine large showing cage; inspection invited by appointment: E. C. Anselmi, 139, Lupus-st., S.W. (195)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, colour fed, long typical young birds, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval: cash or deposit editor: W. Johnson, Breeder, 55, George-st., Leeds. (161)

MUST reduce stock; 4 buff and yellow upstanding Hybrids, grandly feathered, 15/- each; approval anywhere; cash or deposit: H. Olive, Plumber, Sittingbourne. (187)

R. TINDALE offers several exhibition and stock Yorkshires from his well-known strain, at very reasonable prices; approval, deposit: 6, Gill-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (160)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire: show or stock birds; pairs from 12/6; also Goldfinch Mules; see High-gate show reports: Carrington and Petty, 62, Con-stantine Road, Hampstead. (189)

A BARGAIN, outdoor bird-room, 18 birds, cages, seed utensils, show cages, drying cage, complete, £15 the lot; particulars by letter: J. Hubbard, 52, Pen-y-graig-rd., Pen-y-graig. (183)

FOUR Yorkshire hens, two 1915 Cinn., marked yellow, two 1914 buff, 4/6 each; three Yorkshire single breeders, 3/- each; exchanges entertained: Andrews, 123, Gordon-rd., Peckham, S.E. (195)

GEO. BRADY offers some very good Yorkshires for sale, singles or matched pairs; reasonable prices; inspection invited, or birds sent on approval; state wants: New Mill-rd., Holmfirth. (174)

T. C. CRAWHILL offers some good Yorkshires, bred from his winners, at reasonable prices, singles or matched pairs; approval, deposit: 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (14)

PRIESTLEY's high-class Yorkshires, show or stock birds, cocks from 5/6, hens from 3/6, cash or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed; travelling cages, 3d. extra: 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford. (157)

I HAVE still a few pairs of high-class Yorkshires, including winners at Leyton and East Ham, also several odd cocks and hens, for sale; inspection invited: Collinge, 29, Balmoral-rd., Leyton. (158)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Norwich from my noted strain, cocks at 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; on approval: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (194)

CHAS. MORRISON, the Yorkshire breeder and exhibitor, has some splendid pairs for sale from 15/6 upwards; all bred from my winners; satisfaction or money returned; stamp reply: Clifton-rd., Brighouse. (197)

EXHIBITION unfledged buff Yorkshire cock, tightly marked, smooth as a bottle, right shape, a bargain; approval, cash or deposit; travelling cage, 3d. extra: J. and F. Haggis, Ambler Thorne, Halifax. (187)

PAIR clear Yorkshires yellow cock, buff hen, 10/-; pair Norwich clear yellow cock, ticked buff hen, 10/-; variegated buff cock, clear yellow hen, 8/6: Williamson, Mount Pleasant, Riddings, Derbyshire. (196)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires; splendid length, type and quality; cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; hens 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6 upwards; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (197)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, including cup winners, Clears, Cinnamon, marked green, marked pink eyes; pairs or singles; inspection invited; also Yorkshire-Belgian crosses: R. Welsh, 93, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (195)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, typical; cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-, matched pairs cheap; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (187)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, bred from my cup winners. I have a lovely yellow cock for sale, 15/6, also a buff one, 12/6; both standard length and real bargains; approval: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (199)

YORKSHIRE hens, yellows and buffs, mostly 1915 bred, from 7/6 upwards, also two buff self green Yorkshire cocks, 1 yellow, 1 buff, at 12/6 each; approval: Alexander Wilkinson, Hazelwood House, Keith. (199)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; over 50 to select from; seen any evening, Saturday afternoon, or Sunday morning: H. F. Bowring, 67, Everington-st., Fulham, near Fulham Cross. (195)

W. D. HALL has some good Yorkshires for sale, single or pairs; winner of the "News of the World" Challenge Shield; pairs from 15/- upwards; seen any night, or state wants: 124, Suncroft-st., Kennington Cross, London. (119)

TWO yellow marked hens, 6/6 each; 1 clear yellow, 12/6; slim, upstanding buff cock, full cinnamon blood, 15/-; smart four-pointed buff cock, 12/6; both unfledged: Bonniwell, 63, St. Quintin-aven., North Kensington. (196)

SEVERAL good stock Yorkshires for sale, yellow cocks from 7/6 to 15/-; yellow hens, 7/6; buff cocks from 10/6; buff hens from 5/- to 15/-; approval; deposit; or exchange Norwich: Houston, 31, Willowbank-cres., Glasgow. (200)

R. SPILLY, Queen-st., Farnworth, Bolton, has four grand Yorkshires for sale, yellows and buffs, for type and quality cannot be beaten, bred from cup and medal winners; have won in open; inspection invited; on approval. (184)

GRAND 1915 yellow Yorkshire cock, 15/-; two yellow hens, 10/- and 6/6; Wright's Illustrated Book on Poultry, as new; also Life of Beconsfield; exchange exhibition British or breeding cages: Wright, 11, Montrose-st., Darlington. (196)



YORKSHIRES, ETC.

Exhibition, stock birds, or specially selected songsters for cash or easy payments. Fine, typical, yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks, on full song, and seven inches long, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand properly matched pairs to breed winners, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair, in clears, ticked, and green marked. Extra smart

lengthy hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6. All cold-room bred and kept, and all clean and in tight feather. Coloured-fed or natural colour. Exhibition cocks and hens at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, in Yorkshires and Norwich. These are worth double and can soon win their cost. **EASY PAYMENTS**.—Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Illustrated price list and full particulars post free (Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Borders, etc., in stock.) Specially selected Yorkshire and Norwich songsters at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each, that will sing by day or gaslight. Send for my illustrated price list, post free. All birds on seven days' approval to any part at my risk. Travelling cage 3d. extra. Only and old address: **J. TAYLOR**, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford. (196)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; 20 grand birds; see show reports; typical lengthy cocks, yellow and buff, 10/-; buff hens, 7/6; winners amongst them. Inspection invited; approval: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (172)

J. C. BARNES, Yorkshire specialist, well known strain, straight and lengthy, tight in feather, stylish; yellow cock and buff hen, 20/-; buff cock and yellow hen, 20/-; yellow cock, 10/-; buff cock, 10/-; buff hen, 10/-; approval: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (160)

TO those wanting first-class stock birds, no fancier could wish for better, I have just a few pairs, with plenty size, type, and quality of the very best, 40/- a pair, honestly worth double, satisfaction guaranteed: E. Saxon, 27, Oxford-rd., Smeethwick. (193)

YORKSHIRES, same strain winners Huddersfield, Sheffield, etc., 1914 buff cock 20/-, yellow hen 10/-, 1915 yellow ticked cock 25/-, buff cock 30/-, buff cock 15/-, few hens 7/6 upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (178)

YORKSHIRES, same strain winners Huddersfield, Sheffield, etc., 1915, yellow cock, 20/-; variegated buff hen, 10/-; buff cock, 15/-; yellow hen, 7/6; variegated buff cock, 12/6; large stock cocks, 15/- to 30/-; approval deposit: John Radley, 257, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (193)

MR. A. L. HAWKES has a typical deep coloured yellow Yorkshire cock, won 2nd in young stock show, grand length, with plenty of legs, 15/-; also an exceptional all-round buff cock, real gem for length, style, and type, feathered to perfection, 15/-: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (198)

CHAMPION Yorkshires—G. A. Parker has some of the best; winners of nine cups 1914 and 1915; cocks, 10/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; pairs, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-; cash or deposit; reasonable approval; inspection cordially invited: 17, Litchfield-aven., Stratford, E. (187)

P. T. COWLEY has a few cocks and hens for sale from 10/-, same strain as my noted winner at Coventry, Burton, Wolverhampton (West Bromwich), Birmingham, etc.; all on approval, or inspection on Saturday afternoon or Sunday all day: Holmdene, Zimmere-rd., Little Bromwich, Birmingham. (194)

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has some good Yorkshires, from his challenge cup winners, eye and wing marked yellow cock, will make a champion mother, won 1st, claimed at catalogue price. "Cage Birds" says: "1st, Silk, model." I have several more hens and cocks quite her equal; approval: (182)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1/12, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: **CAGE BIRDS**, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. (196)

I HAVE still some fine Yorkshire stock pairs left: clear buff cock, clear yellow hen, 60/-; clear buff cock, ticked yellow hen, 50/-; ticked yellow cock, clear buff hen, 50/-; variegated buff cock, clear yellow hen, 40/-; clear buff cock, variegated yellow hen, 40/-; clear yellow cock, clear buff hen, 40/-; approval willingly: J. Harrop, 17, Waller-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (198)

GIVING up: Yorkshires, clear yellow cock, 15/-; clear buff cock, 10/-; cinnamon marked buff hen, 10/-; variegated yellow hen, 10/-; two clear buffs, one clear yellow, hens, 15/- the three, all coloured; five singles, one double breeders, four show cages, all accessories, all 1914 birds; sell £2, or exchange good Waltham Lever watch; approval: yours first: Samuel Oldfield, 12, Union-st. South, Tadmorden, Yorkshire. (192)

PERCY HIRST is reducing his stock, and has the following highest class Yorkshires for sale: 1914 yellow cock, 35/-; 1914 buff cock, 25/-; unfledged yellow cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 14/-; also one or two grand unfledged buff cocks, from 10/- to 40/-; these birds are the same strain as my winners; see reports, Skelmanthorpe, City of Bradford, Queensbury, Huddersfield, Great Horton, Bradford East, Halifax, and other leading shows; approval; deposit: Station-rd., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield. (198)

BINGHAM & FURNESS

have some elinking Yorkshires for disposal, excellent in length, type, and quality; cocks from 12/6, hens from 7/6; inspection invited: 43a, Hawthorn-rd., Hillsbro', Sheffield. (196)

25/- WORTH FOR 12/6

In order to reduce my large stock of Yorkshires to make room for breeding, I offer three grand long slim yellow cocks, over 7in. long, with lovely buff hens to match, also three very big buff stock cocks, with charming yellow hens to match, at 12/6 a pair. These are honest value at 25/- a pair, and I will send to any address in United Kingdom on six days' approval on receipt of cash; cash returned in full if not satisfied; travelling boxes 3d.: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (161)

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CASH OR EASY PAYMENTS

Splendid Roller cocks, in full song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; hens, 4/- upwards; Norwich and Yorkshires, same prices; stamp reply: Russell, 85, Whitton, Hounslow, Middlesex. (198)

Club Reports.

CRYSTAL PALACE DIS. & PENGE.

Annual General Meeting Alexandra Hotel, Penge, Jan. 12, fair attendance. Balance shown of £2 1s. 1d. after paying for two silver cups. Officers elected. Annual subscription £4, payable at desired quarterly instalments; dates of shows: Pair Show, Feb. 9; First Feather, July 12; Annual Show, Nov. 8. Secretaries kindly note. Several new members were elected and only one resigned. Room for more.—W. D. Fyett, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard St., Jan. 10. Mr. A. Barrie, chair. Officers for year appointed: Pres., D. Brown; Vice-pres., Mr. Crawford; Sec., J. L. Smith; Treas., D. Curstons; auditors, J. Lawrie and J. Johnston. Decided to have a Pair Show, Jan. 29, at 2.30, in Laidlaw's Rooms; entry 6d. Garrioch model prize cards. Classes: Crest, Nor., Scotch Fancy, Bord., Yorks., Mule or Hyb., Brit. single, specials won't be paid for. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.—J. L. Smith.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Lee Green, Jan. 6, Mr. F. Childers in the chair. Balance-sheet showed a balance on the right side of £1 11s. 6d., which was considered very satisfactory, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to all concerned. All officers were re-elected. Programme for 1916 was postponed to the next meeting. The annual pair show will be held on Feb. 3, at the Salisbury, Clock Tower, Lewisham. No schedules sent out but entries will be taken on the night of the show. We hope all members will help to make the show a success by bringing as many entries as possible.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

BACUP ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting, Park Hotel, Jan. 4. Four new members were elected. It was also decided to support Mr. Bests in organising a Control Board for the B.R.C.C. and the oneering question. Final arrangements were made for Members' Show on Jan. 15. Mr. Oldroyd, of Wakefield, was appointed as judge. The following officials were elected: President, Mr. Elce; Committee, C. Bradley, J. Camps, H. Johnson, G. Johnson, H. Nuttall; Chairman, G. Wantling; Vice-Chairman, J. Melhuish; Treas., M. J. T. Johnson; Sec., H. Wantling, 5, Parramatta-st., Rawtenstall, Manchester. Any Roller fancier wishing to join may do so by writing to the Sec. or attending any meeting on the first Tuesday in each month at the Park Hotel. This is the cheapest Roller C.C. in the country; entrance fee, 6d. subscription, 2/6.—H. Wantling, Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.A.

Meeting Jan. 8, Mr. Dalton presiding. Decided to hold Pair Show on Jan. 29, birds to be staged at 4.30, judging to commence 5 sharp. Classification: Nor., Yorks., Bord., Green, Bord. Cinn., 2 classes each; Yell. Cook and Buff Hen, and vice versa, Hybrids and Mules 1 class each, Can. Bulli, Goldi, Linnet, Siskins, Greeni, A.O.V. Mule. Entrance 6d. per cage; judge Mr. T. Holbrook, Mules; Canary judge to be selected at next meeting on 21st. In connection with the Pair Show there will be a judging competition for which an entry fee of 3d. will be charged, and prizes given as follows: 3e. 6d., 2s. 6d., and 1s. 6d. Any local fancier desirous of joining should apply to either the assist. sec, Mr. D. P. Rees, or myself.—All Hitting, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE, BOWLING AND TONG (Combination).

General meeting, Jan. 10, Barley Mow Hotel, Bowling, for election of officers and other business, including rules, etc., of shows, next competition, prizes, and specials. Meeting was adjourned at a late hour till the show day, Jan. 22, at the Barley Mow. Judging at 3. Officers for year: Pres., Mr. B. Cowell; Vice-Pres., Messrs. Uttley and Co., W. Boldy, E. Murray, A. Holmes, J. W. Baker, W. H. Symes, L. C. Casey, L. Hodgson, Messrs. Hammond's Brewery, Ltd.; Committee, all members; Chair, C. Atkinson; Sec., J. E. Hudson, 12, Crawford Street, Bowling, Bradford; Asst. Sec., G. Pownall; Auditors Messrs. A. Wardman and L. Hodgson, jun. Any member, upon payment of 9d. per year, can be a full member of the Combination. Intending members please pay as early as possible. J. E. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

LANGS. AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting, Newmarket Hotel, Manchester, Dec. 18. Decided to accept Mrs. Burgess's, Bristol, generous offer of a £3 3s. challenge cup to be competed for each year at one show, to be decided upon, and awarded to the best Lizard in show bred that season, and the bona-fide property of the exhibitor, a medal to be given to each winner until any one wins it three times, when it becomes his own property. Unanimously agreed that secretary write thanking the donor. A discussion ensued in regard to holding a club show, but, owing to small attendance, it was decided we leave matter over until meeting at Oldham, when, it was hoped, we would have a bigger attendance. At Oldham, Dec. 9, we had quite one of the best attendances, and best meetings, for a long time. Decided to hold a club show at Volunteer Inn, George Street, Oldham, Jan. 29 and 30. Six classes for Lancashires, 10 Lizards, and 4 Nov. Lizards, a 15s. Selling, and two open classes, A.V. Can. and A.V. British, members of L. and L.F.A. not to compete in open classes. Prizes will be 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for 1/- entry fee, half prize money if less than eight entries. There will be a 2/6 spl. best bird in these two classes. Mr. Clark, the genial landlord, is giving a handsome spl. for most entries; Mr. Hampshire 2/6 second most entries; the society a spl. most entries in Novice classes, Mr. John Hamer 2/6 best Lizard, Mr. Barker Clegg 2/6 best Lancashire cobby; other specials being given by Messrs. Clark, Stanfield, F. Hamer, T. Millington, G. Fliton, W. Hardy, W. Moorby, two 2/6 spls., and J. Rankin. This is a complete answer to the critics as to whether our society is trying to keep the breed going—28 spls. in 23 classes. Entries close Jan. 24, and must be sent along with fees to me. Mr. Robert Barras was appointed judge, and, failing his acceptance, two other popular judges were nominated. It is hoped to open the show at two o'clock on the first day. I shall be pleased to receive specials from any member not present, to be allotted as desired, or left to be given to special section, one for best novice or best Lancashire, for instance. I will send particulars of open classes on receipt of postcard.—John Rankin, Hon. Sec., 44, Hall Carr Road, Rawtenstall, Lancs.

LLANELLY.

Annual show of the Llanelly C.B.S., Jan. 11. Entries were splendid, over 700 exhibits being staged, the show proving the second largest in point of entries that this society has held—a well-deserved tribute to the plucky fanciers of Llanelly who ran their show on the same lines as in former years, and did not safeguard themselves behind the sliding scale. Everything worked smoothly thanks to the able management of Messrs. T. J. Gregory and Tom Jenkins, now old hands at the game, who were assisted by a hardworking committee in Messrs. H. Evans, W. J. Harry, T. J. Gregory, jun., D. R. Jones, Harry Gregory, Ben Evans, W. H. Reynolds, Sam Jones, D. J. Thomas, Sam Lewis, T. Jenkins, H. Webster, E. Teague, E. Cole, D. Saunders, J. Davies, A. McDouell, G. Thomas, W. Hoskins, R. Anfield, D. F. Davies, Danl. John, E. Owens, W. D. Davies, W. E. Lewis, D. J. Crawford, Geo. Evans, W. Davies, and Jos. Owen. The Sec., Mr. D. H. Davies, although new to the position, had everything well in hand and proved a really worthy successor to our old friend, Mr. Danl. John, whom we were pleased to see at the show much improved in health. Amongst the many visitors present we noticed Mr. Parlett, who had accompanied his well-known team of birds all the way from Sheffield. The classes throughout were well filled, most of the noted cracks putting in an appearance, and competition was very keen. Yorks were good in qual., though we should like to have seen them more numerous. Borders were the finest collection yet seen at this show and produced keen competition, the judge having a difficult task in separating the winners. The novice Bord. classes brought 50 entries in three classes, the first four in each of the classes being really good exhibits that could have held their own in the open section. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries, and Mr. Houlton Mules and British.

MR. ROBSON'S CLASSES.

CL. OR TKD. BUFF (10): 1, Broome Bros., wing mld., grand shape, well cut away behind, good short wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Stubbs Bros., lovely col., grand shape, good wings and tail, hardly as exquisite qual.; 3, Davies, cl., nice size and shape, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, a trifle longer, still a good one; 4, Richards, grand size and shape, nice pos., hardly as fine feather as leaders; vhc. Tedstone, hc. Greaves; c. Mabbett. CL. OR TKD. YELL (12): 1, 2, Stubbs Bros., both cl., real gems, leader superb col., good size and shape, grand cobby shape, 2nd beautiful col. and qual., grand shape and pos., perhaps hardly as good in head, still hard to separate; 3, Richards, cl., shade smaller than leaders, nice shape and pos., pair col.; 4, Davies, cl., grand col. and qual., nice size, neat head, neck and wing carr., in good order; vhc. Mabbett; hc. c. Jones and Davies. VAR. (16): 1, Dr. Wood, yell., grand size, good head and neck, nice deep chest, well cut away behind, best of wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, hc. Stubbs Bros., saddle-mld. yell., splendid tone of col., lovely qual. and cond., nice cobby shape, well-packed wings, close up; 3, Davies, head and wing mld. yell., very typical, lovely qual., nice shape and size, trifle paler col.; 4, Hitchings, lightly var., nice size and shape, hardly as tight in feather; vhc. Jones; c. Broome Bros. HEN (17): 1, Addison, eye and wing mld. yell., grand size and shape, lovely qual. and cond., best of wings and tail, A1 order; 2, 3, hc. c. Davies, cl. buff leading, very shapely, good head and neck, neat wings and tail, trifle loose in feather, 3rd cl. yell., grand col., nice type and qual., shade smaller than leader; 4, Jones, cl. yell., very typical, lovely qual., well-balanced wings and tail, nice pos., paler in col.; vhc. Stubbs Bros. UNFLIG. CK. (15): grand class: 1, 3, Davies, cl. yell., nice size and shape, good head and neck, nicely rounded chest, well cut away, best of wings and tail, lovely col. and qual., 3rd really good cl. yell., beautiful col. and qual., nice cobby shape, hard to separate; 2, Stubbs Bros., tdk. yell., gem for col. and qual., nice size and shape, had indulged in a bath when we took notes; 4, Jones and Davies, neck mld., nice col. and qual., good head and neck, nice deep chest, trifle longer than leader; vhc. Dr. Wood; hc. c. G. T. Jones. HIN (11): 1, York, cl. yell., nice size, cobby shape, well packed wings and tail, grand tone of col., lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Stubbs Bros., beautiful col. and qual., neat head and neck, nice wings and tail, hardly subs. of leader; 3, Mabbett, cl. buff, very cobby, neat head, good neck, nice short flights and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 4, G. T. Jones, cl., good size, col. and qual., nice wings and tail, trifle longer; vhc. Matthews; hc. Davies; c. Hitchings. NOV. (14): 1, hc. Grimeson, cl. yell., grand size, neat head and neck, nice chest, lovely col. and qual., trifle long; 2, Williams, yell., nice col. and qual., good body, shade weak in head; 3, c. Owens, cl. buff, nice col. and qual., hardly as large; 4, Williams, var. buff, very shapely, good col., qual. and cond.; vhc. Lewis. YORKS. CL. & C. YELL (11): 1, Dykes, cl., grand col. and qual., neat head, well filled back, good shoulders, well balanced wings and tail, lovely pos. and leg; 2, Edwards and Jones, cl., grand length, nice straight back, neat head and neck, good leg, hardly as rich col.; 3, Thompson, tdk., lovely tone, col., well moulded throughout, best of wings and tail, stands well on leg, nice pos.; 4, Baker, grand qual., very shapely, hardly the length and trifle pale; vhc. Francis; hc. c. Owens. BUFF (10): 1, Dykes, cl., neat head, good straight back, splendid length, grand pos. and leg, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Griffiths, cl., very shapely, nice col. and qual., neat head and neck, good pos., hardly length of leader; 3, Morgan and Phillips, grand length, neat head and neck, nice straight back, good leg and pos.; 4, hc. Owens, cl., grand col., neat head, good shoulders, nice straight back, well balanced wings and tail, many preferred for 2nd place; vhc. Pinnell; c. Thompson. VARIEG. (7): 1, Dykes, lengthy var. buff, real gem, beautifully moulded, good head, back, wings and tail, nice nerve and pos.; 2, Morgan and Phillips, lightly var. yell., lovely col. and qual., nice round head, good neck, shoulders, and back, hardly as nervy; 3, 4, vhc. Owen, var. yell., nice col. and qual., nice type, good wings and tail, well on leg, 4th var. buff, good type and qual., hardly length of leaders; hc. Watkins. HEN (5): 1, East, cl. yell., lovely length, well moulded throughout, shade pale in col., still a real good one; 2, 3, 4, Owen, nice team, tdk. yell., cl. buff, and cl. yell., all of the best type and qual., in first-class order. UNFLIG. CK. (15): grand class: 1, Dykes, cl. yell., real topper, neat head, good straight back, best of wings and tail, nice front, grand pos., well on leg; 2, Thompson, cl. yell., close up, perfect length, splendid type, good wings and tail, plenty of nerve, nice leg, good col. and qual.; 3, Walden, yell., grand length, nice straight back, good length and pos., hardly as well moulded; 4, Owens, wing mld. yell., nice col. and qual., good back, wings and tail, trifle flat on head; vhc. Hubbard; hc. East; c. Griffiths. HEN (13): 1, Thomson, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., nice round head, good neck and shoulders,

well braced wings and tail, lovely length and pos.; 2, Dobbs, cl. buff, good col. and qual., nice straight back, neat wings and tail, well moulded throughout; 3, Watkins, cl. yell., nice col., good length and pos., well up on leg, hardly cond. of leaders; 4, Owens, lightly var. yell., good col. and qual., neat head, good shoulders and back; vhc. East; hc. Walden; c. Owens. NOV. (19): 1, hc. Fry, cl. yell., neatly moulded throughout, good length, nice leg and pos., grand col. and qual.; 2, 3, Lewis, cl. yell., leading, lovely type and qual., good length, nice pos., grand length, 3rd cl. buff, good type and qual.; 4, Latham, good cl. yell. of correct type and qual., hardly in as good cond.; vhc. Goodenough; c. Bateman. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Jenkins, cl., a little gem, brimful of qual., grand shape, lovely tone of col., put down to perfection; 2, Madagan, correct type, splendidly moulded throughout, grand col., hardly as good polish; 3, Burton Bros., splendid type, qual. and col.; 4, Bobbett, nice type and qual., very jaunty carr., good col.; vhc. Pratt; hc. c. Sampson. BUFF (12): 1, Madagan, lovely col. and qual., true type, best possible order; 2, Jenkins, grand type, lovely col., leather like wax, very jaunty; 3, Burton Bros., neat and well moulded throughout, clothed perfectly; 4, no name, cl., exquisite col. and qual., nicely moulded; vhc. hc. McDonnell; c. Hoddinott. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Burton Bros., perfect shape, lovely feather and col., very stylish, splendid order; 2, Jenkins, grand type, perfect wings, grand carr., beautiful cond. and col.; 3, Madagan, close up, nice col. and qual., well moulded throughout, in perfect order; 4, Pratt, lovely col. and qual., correct type, very jaunty, nice order; vhc. Tedstone; hc. Sampson; c. Last. BUFF (15): 1, Burton Bros., neat head, shapely body, good back and wings, lovely col., qual. and cond.; 2, Pratt, perfect order, correct type, grand col. and qual.; 3, Madagan, good col. and qual., nice type, A1 order; 4, Jenkins, nice type and qual., perfect cond.; vhc. hc. Sampson; c. Evans. VARIEG. ETC. (16): 1, Jenkins, well-known cinn. mld., yell., exquisite qual. and col., splendid type, put down in this owner's usual style; 2, Tedstone, mld. buff, correct type, good col., nice wings, grand order; 3, Sampson, lightly var. buff, very shapely, nice wings and tail, well moulded, good cond. and qual.; 4, vhc. hc. Macdonnell, lightly var. buff, correct type, nice qual., A1 form; c. Burton Bros. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, 2, Middleton, leader jonque cinn., lovely tone of col., beautifully moulded throughout, shining like satin, easy win; 2nd buff green, lovely size and shape, grand col., nicely laced, feathered like wax; 3, Sampson, yell. green, nice size, very stylish, grand col. and qual., fails trifle thigh mld.; 4, Jenkins, grand jonque green, exquisite col., type, and qual.; vhc. Madagan; hc. Bobbett; c. Edgington. NOV. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Evans, eye and wing mld. yell., lovely col. and qual., splendid type, very jaunty, put down in splendid style; 2, Heslop Bros., eye and wing mld. yell., correct type, lovely cond., hardly as rich col.; 3, c. Thomas, cl. yell., lovely shape, beautifully moulded throughout, grand col. and qual., real good one; 4, Edgington, green, nice rich col., good type, grand qual. and cond.; vhc. Hoddinott; hc. Wall. BUFF (19): 1, 3, c. Thomas, leader wing mld., very shapely, nice size and col., grand feather and cond., 3rd good cl. of correct type and lovely col. and qual.; 2, Daniels, eye tdk., nice size, very shapely, lovely cond. and qual.; 4, Davies, cl., nice type and qual., hardly as tight in feather as leaders; vhc. Edgington; hc. Hoddinott. HEN (16): 1, Hutchinson, cl. buff, splendidly moulded throughout, grand feather and cond.; 2, 3, Davies, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., correct type, staged perfectly; 4, Thomas, cl. buff, nice type, good size, hardly as fine feather; vhc. Hoddinott; hc. Wall; c. Denyard. A.O.V. CAN (7): 1, Edwards, well known var. Crest, in good order; 2, 3, c. Mrs. Burgess, both cl. eap Gold Lizards, grand col., beautifully spangled, perfect order; 4, we could not find; vhc. Jones and Davies; hc. Jones. SELL 20s: 1, Burton Bros.; 2, Jones; 3, Jenkins; 4, Owen; vhc. Ford; hc. Latham; c. Thomas. 15s: 1, Griffiths; 2, Owen; 3, Jones; 4, Griffiths. 10s: 1, Lewis; 2, Francis; 3, Owen. LOCAL NOR.: 1, 2, 3, D. R. Jones; 4, vhc. hc. c. D. H. Davies. YORKS.: 1, Morgan and Phillips; 2, 3, 4, Owen. A.O.V.: 1, Phillips; 2, 3, Evans; 4, Phillips.

In Hybrids and British birds, most of the very best teams in the land were on view. The competition in the Hybrids was keen all through, but here and there a good one was not quite in the best of feather and so paid the penalty: "White Rose" was not at its best, as it still showed signs of not having quite got over a soft moult. Britishers were excellent, 54 in two classes H.M. and F.M. Goldfinches, and a lot of good ones; indeed, there were no real weeds in the lot. 57 Bullfinches, rocks and hens, in H.M. and F.M. classes, and such a high-class lot wanted a lot of getting together. Linnets were of fine standard quality, and Greenfinches were very good. Other British classes contained a splendid lot of exhibits, and this may be counted one of the best collections of the season in South Wales, good as others have undoubtedly been. It is horse work for the officials to so very ably and successfully conduct a one-day show of such magnitude. All the birds in the show were staged on tables, 4ft. 6in. high, and not a single cage was staged on the top of any other. The Market Hall is large enough to stage 3,000 birds comfortably and the light is good all over. Everything possible was done for the comfort and care of the exhibits, and the birds were out of the hall in a little over an hour after the show closed.

MR. HOULTON'S CLASSES.

LOCAL MULE (5): 1, 2, T. Jenkins, 6-point buff Goldie-Canary, and a dark yell. Goldfinch, in good cond.; 3, Reynolds, buff varieg., smaller; 4, Cole; vhc. D. F. Davies. BRIT. (7): 1, 3, 4, vhc. S. Jones, jun., grand Bullfinch leading; 2, c. D. F. Davies, pretty Goldi; 2, hc. Gregory. OPEN. CL., ETC. CAN. HYB. (4): 1, Martin and Archer, "Perfection," looking well; 2, Shellan, grand 6-point, in A1 cond.; 3, Jeffries, 4-point buff, in good order; 4, Heal, shade smaller. DARK CAN. (19): very fine class: 1, 3, 4, vhc. Jeffries, very fine yell. Goldi., yell. Linnet, yell. Siskin, and rare good buff Goldi., all in grand cond.; 2, Parlett, yell. Greenf., not quite so perfect feather; hc. c. Andrews. VARIEG. (8): 1, Dr. Wilson, var. yell. Greenf.-Can., looking fine; 2, vhc. Jeffries, both in good order; 3, Martin and Archer, very nice cond.; 4, Balli; hc. Evans; c. Oldham. A.O.V. and CAN.-BULLIE (11): grand variety of crosses: 1, Martin and Archer, most perfect Chaffi.-Greenf.; 2, 3, 4, c. Dr. Wilson, well-known yell. Can.-Bullie, perfect Linnet-Bullie, and Redpoll-Bullie, all in grand cond.; vhc. Edwards, nice Goldi.-Bullie, hc. Parlett, "White Rose," still suffering from recent soft moult. HYB. HEN (8): 1, Martin and Archer, fine clear Goldi.-Can., in grand fettle; 2, Ball, nice varieg. Greenf.-Can., in good cond.; 3, Jones and Davies, 4-point buff; 4, Wren, hen Goldi.-Bullie; hc. Ford; No. 3, Thomas, nearly cl. Goldi.-

Can., was passed as too good col. for a hen, and was soon claimed at catalogue price. GOLD. H.M. (24): 1, Russell and Morrine, beautiful clear cut, bright, polished face, rich clear col., fine shape, good tan, back and breast, moons and bars good cond. A1; 2, Collins, fine expansive blaze, good tail, moons and bars, colours well balanced, nice finish in all points; 4, vhc. Chick, quite close up to other in standard points; hc. Parlett; c. Camm. GOLD. F.M. (20): grand lot: 1, Mrs. Dalton, a grand stamp to put up for moult; 2, Edwards, grand cobby Welsh, wagon-horse shape, fine bird; 3, vhc. Ford, grand cond., rare moons, etc.; 4, Wren, similar bird; hc. Wilson; c. Gregory. GREENF. (18): 1, Parlett, fine handsome bird all over; 2, Dalton, fine all-round, grand cond.; 3, Fairhurst, close up in all points; 4, Lollborrow, cobby, compact, fine cond.; vhc. Gregory, best members; hc. Jeffries; c. R. Wood. BULLF. CK. H.M. (19): grand lot: 1, Wilson, well-known crack, looking a treat; 2, Andrews, cobby, good head, cap, wings and tail, rav. bloom, fine cond.; 3, Russell and Morrine, lovely breast and back; 4, Hepwood, well up to leaders gem for cond.; vhc. Jones, jun.; hc. Portman; c. Lucas Bros. HEN. H.M. (6): 1, Hepwood, robust built, grand cond.; 2, Middleton, clean cond.; 3, vhc. Jones, jun.; 4, Chick; hc. Ford. BULLF. CK. F.M. (21): a grand class: 1, Mrs. Gregory, gem; 2, Dr. Wilson, fine, but of raw material; 3, J. H. Davies, quite up and a good one; 4, Nash, also A1 in most points; hc. Jones, jun.; c. Portman. HEN (11): 1, vhc. Gregory, quite the don of the class; 2, Cole, a beauty, in fine cond.; 3, Lucas Bros., cobby, fine head, A1 cond.; 4, Holborrow, very neat good type; hc. J. H. Davies; c. Emerson and Wingstone. HAWF. (6): 1, Andrews, big, good one grand col., mldgs., sheen and polish; 2, Camm, rare bib, grand sheen; 3, Thomas, very good, level breast; 4, Bullock; vhc. Holborrow; hc. Ray. LINNET. H.M. (19): 1, Nicholas, grand old champion, in grand order, has won at this show for several successive years; 2, Parlett, grand body, just gives way a little in head only; 3, vhc. Oldham, grand pair very close up indeed; 4, Lewis, grandly mld., fails a little in subs.; c. Nicholas. F.M. (15): 1, Chick, regular swell for moulting purposes; 2, Bancroft, also very fine bird; 3, Nicholas, quite up to others in most points; 4, D. F. Davies, very good size and markings; vhc. Parlett; hc. S. Jones, jun.; c. Fairhurst. BRAMBLE, &c. (14): 1, Parlett, grand all-round Bramble, in fine cond.; 2, Mrs. Dalton, good col. and sheen Chaffi., fine solid cond.; 3, Oldham, Bramble, almost equal to 1st, a gem; 4, Prior, pretty good-feathered Chaffi.; vhc. Dr. Wilson; hc. Ross and Son; c. Bobbett. YELL. BUNT. (3), where are all the other good ones: 1, Chick, regular swell wings well; 2, Mrs. Dalton, more spotting on crown, fine plumage and cond.; 3, Addis and Payne, beaten in head mldgs. LESSER REDPOLL. F.M. (11): 1, Lucas Bros., regular little swell; 2, Mrs. Dalton, fine head, good body; 3, Morgan, very showy, grand bib; 4, Rees and Son, smart in col., markings, etc.; vhc. Prosser and Evans; hc. Addison; c. Jones, jun. H.M. (11): 1, Parlett, robust built, little gem; 2, Middleton, very pretty, rare bib; 3, Camm, grand cond., beaten in bib; 4, Hepwood, very smart cond.; vhc. Bancroft; hc. Lewis; c. Chick. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE. 1, Gldham, well-known crack Twite, A1 cond.; 2, Hepwood, lovely Mealy Redpoll; 3, Parlett, grand Twite, close up; 4, c. Mrs. Dalton, Mealy Redpoll leading; vhc. Nicholas; hc. Chick. SISKIN (11): 1, Mrs. Dalton, very pretty, good col., cap, bib, mldgs. and cond.; 2, Chick, pretty hen, grandly mld.; 3, Gregory, sen., pretty, rather smaller than 1st, nice bib; 4, Middleton, big bird, no bib, A1 in all else; vhc. Lloyd; hc. Jones, jun.; c. Ford. A.O.S.: 1, Dr. Wilson, Meadow Bunting, in grand order; 2, Thomas, good Corn Bunting; 3, Holborrow, very nice Reed Bunting; HEN (10): 1, Chick, lovely Corn Bunting; 2, Coombe, real hen good Corn Bunting; 4, Lewis, nice Goldi.; hc. Addis and Payne; c. Ray. THRUSH, &c.: 1, Lewis, very good Blackbird; 2, 3, Teague, decent Thrush and a Blackbird with beak not clear yet. A.O. SOFT: 1, Robinson, grand Waxwing; 2, Burrows, perfect Redstart; 3, Lewis, good Skylark. ALBINO: 1, Martin and Archer, old cl. yell. Yellow Bunting, looking soft to day. SELL 15s: 1, Wren, dark yell. Goldfinch; 2, Edwards, nice Goldi.; 3, Ford, varieg. Goldi.; Can! 4, Shellan; vhc. Parlett; hc. Jones; c. Bullock. 10s: 1, Parlett; 2, Edwards; 3, Shellan; 4, Lewis; vhc. Morgan; hc. Thomas; c. Jeffries. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, Aspinall; 3, Evans. LARGE: 1, 3, Burgess; 2, 4, hc. Aspinall; vhc. Phillips. Special winners in these sections: Messrs. Sampson, Nash, D. F. Davies, Gregory, sen., Chick, Hepwood, Jenkins, Middleton.

DONCASTER AND HEMSWORTH (Inter-Club Show).

Second show of the season, Nov. 27, at the King's Head Hotel, Hemsworth, a good entry of 182 being put down, including big teams by Mr. Truman, 20; Mr. Evans, 20; Mr. Blanchon, 14; Brown and Parkes, 14. The Doncaster members had quite a field day, capturing 15 firsts out of a possible 22. Doncaster Society won cup with total number of points on the two shows: Doncaster 229, Hemsworth 194, medal winner being Mr. Evans with total points 119. Mr. Brotherton, of Rotherham, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Yell. Yorks (9): 1, Blanchon; 2, Truman; 3, hc. Brookes; vhc. Norman; c. Taylor. Buff (9): 1, Hall; 2, Taylor; 3, Norman; vhc. Rusling; hc. Govier; c. Frost. Yell. Hen (9): 1, c. Truman; 2, Parkes; 3, Kelsey; vhc. Hall; hc. Howcroft. Buff Hen (7): 1, c. Truman; 2, Brooks; 3, Parkes; vhc. Taylor; hc. Brown. Yell. 1915 (13): 1, vhc. Norman; 2, Hunt; 3, Brown; hc. Street; c. Taylor. Buff 1915 (12): 1, c. Blanchon; 2, Street; 3, Hall; vhc. Taylor; hc. Rusling. Hen 1915 (14): 1, Govier; 2, Ab. Smith; 3, vhc. Blanchon; hc. Parkes; c. Taylor. Yell. Nor. (7): 1, hc. Evans; 2, 3, H. Smith; vhc. c. A. Smith. Buff Nor. (7): 1, 3, A. Smith; 2, Parkes; vhc. H. Smith; hc. Truman; c. Govier. Yell. Hen (8): 1, Evans; 2, Ab. Smith; 3, H. Smith; vhc. c. Truman; hc. Parkes. Buff Hen (7): 1, hc. Evans; 2, Govier; 3, c. Parkes; vhc. Truman. Yell. and Buff 1915 (9): 1, 2, Kendrick; 3, Brown; vhc. c. Evans; hc. H. Smith. Hen 1915 (6): 1, Kendrick; 2, Wade; 3, vhc. Truman; hc. c. Evans. C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc. hc. Brown. Goldi. (7): 1, Truman; 2, Rusling; 3, vhc. hc. Evans; c. Wade. Bullf. (6): 1, Lumby; 2, Cowling; 3, hc. Truman; vhc. Tomkinson; c. Evans. Greenf. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc. c. Evans; hc. c. Evans. Linnet (7): 1, Wade; 2, c. Evans; 3, Govier; vhc. A. Smith; hc. Rusling. Siskin, &c. (7): 1, Cowling; 2, Blanchon; 3, Pogmore; vhc. Beschoy; hc. Parkes; c. Wade. F.M. (11): 1, Evans; 2, Blanchon; 3, Pogmore; vhc. Parkes; hc. Truman; c. Wade. Mule or Hyb. (8): 1, hc. Evans; 2, 3, Blanchon; vhc. Frost; c. Truman. For. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc. c. Hartshorn; hc. Truman. Sell (1): 1, Kendrick.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

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GLASGOW and Western Counties Club Show of Norwich, Border, and Yorkshire Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, on Saturday, 22nd January. Admission threepence. No caged birds on exhibition.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec., 15, Alexander Street, Sandyford, Glasgow.

Singing Contests.

KIPPAX.

Members sing, Jan. 15, when only a moderate number of birds were entered: 1. B. Plows; 2. 3. R. Collinson; time-keepers, R. Collinson and R. Plows; tappers, O. Potters and W. Perkin. Some very good singing was heard.—R. Plows, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Weekly Linnets Contest Club Sing, Woodman Inn, Horselair, Jan. 15. 27 birds competed for three good prizes, three minutes' time singing:—1. B. Nelson; 2. Pugh; 3. Piper. Open Sing, Jan. 16; 29 competed for three good prizes, three minutes' time singing, and some nice singing was heard: 1. Pugh; 2. Beard; 3. Blackshear.—S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELEY.

Dove Inn weekly Linnets sing, Jan. 15, when the best singing this season was heard; 3 specials were sung for 4 minutes time singing: 1. Jones, 3min. 35 sec.; 2. Coles, 3. 33; 3. Silks, 3. 19; 4. Hardman, 2. 51; 5. Williams, 2. 49. Thacker wins one special nearest 1 min.; Ginger, nearest 30sec. Wright lowest singer. Special next week for lowest singer, presented by Mr. F. Norman. Gas-light singing sweep won by Hardman's "Charlie Chaplin."—J. Hardman.

LEEDS.

Leeds Quality Linnets Singing Club, held at the Plasterers Arms, Skinner Lane, Leeds, Jan. 17. Twenty birds contested: 1. 2. J. Chippendale; 3. B. Dearlove. Judges, A. Lorrman, E. Chippendale.—F. Turner, Sec.

Open Contest for quality Linnets singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Jan. 15, when 15 birds sang for three prizes, and some grand singing was heard: 1. W. Wharam; 2. A. Binns; 3. J. Hineson. Judges, Messrs. H. Wigfield and S. Butterfield. Jan. 16, when 18 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three prizes, and some grand singing was heard: 1. W. Wharam; 2. W. Lipman; 3. A. Hodgson; judges, Messrs. T. Sumner, J. Hinchinson, and C. Ward.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnets and Canary singing, Glassmaker's Arms, Linnets contest Jan. 15, 20 birds: 1. Richardson; 2. 4. Hirst; 3. Thompson. Canary contest, 10 birds: 1. Thompson; 2. Richardson; 3. Shaw. Jan. 16, Linnets, 19 birds: 1. Stockhill; 2. Hirst; 3. Thompson. Canary, 14 birds: 1. Thompson; 2. Wharam; 3. Smith and Shaw shared. We hope all Linnets fanciers will bring their birds on the first Sat. of Feb., and we also give a hearty welcome to neutral judges.—E. Stansfield, Sec.

Leeds Linnets and Canary F.A. Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnets singing, Jan. 15; 14 birds sang. 1. Hardcastle; 2. 3. Sissons; consolation prize, T. Ward. Judges, Naylor and Hayes. Jan. 15, a Roller contest; 16 sang. 1. 2. T. Johnson; 3. S. Johnson; consolation prize, Wharam. Judges, Sissons, Naylor, Hayes. Jan. 16, Linnets contest; 23 sang. 1. Hardcastle; 2. G. Hirst; 3. Mrs. Tennent; consolation prize, B. Smith. Judges, Crane, Naylor, and Hayes. Jan. 16, Roller contest; 14 sang. 1. 2. T. Johnson; 3. S. Johnson; consolation prize, Lacy. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor. Open contest for Roller Canaries, Saturday next, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. Extra special prizes.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec. (Advt.)

Twitterings.

The annual feed and prize distribution in connection with the Leigh C.B.S., writes Mr. R. Charleson, sec., will be held Jan. 29, at 5. Members and friends wishing to be present must give their names in not later than Jan. 26.

Kindly thank all exhibitors and the members who so kindly helped to make our show a great success, writes Mr. A. Sutcliffe, sec. Halifax C.B.S. Also the King's Cross band and harmonic parties who entertained the visitors to our show with good effect.

I have taken up the duties of secretary to Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A., vice Mr. Pitchford, who did not seek re-election at our annual meeting, writes Mr. J. Glover, 10, Brook Street, Stoke-on-Trent, and all communications should now be addressed accordingly.

I would like to inform my fancier friends, writes Sergt. J. Forster, Darlington, that through pressure of duty I am obliged to give up exhibiting, and am disposing of the whole of my stock, show cages, etc. I have come to this decision after long and careful consideration, but I shall still take an interest in the fancy, and if I can at any time oblige any fancier I shall be pleased. I shall still keep in touch with CAGE BIRDS.

Mr. A. Thomson, sec. of Larkhall Red Cross show, writes that the awards in class 56 were accidentally duplicated in the catalogue, and appeared again in class 65. The correct awards in class 65 were 1st, No. 6; 2nd, 5; 3rd, 10; vhe, 12; he, 9; c, 2.

The many customers of Mr. H. Watson, for ten years a regular advertiser of British Birds in CAGE BIRDS, will regret to hear that, after having served his country in the trenches and obtaining his discharge, he has had the misfortune to break his leg in two places, and will not be able to do any further catching this season.

Owing to business pressure, writes Mr. E. Norton, I have had to relinquish the secretaryship of the Leeds C.B.S., and I thank all members and friends who have helped me so willingly during my term of office. I hope they will give my successor, Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill, Leeds, to whom all communications must now be addressed, the same support which they have extended to me.

I beg to thank you and your artist for the life-like portrait of my buff cock on CAGE BIRDS' front page, Jan. 8, writes Mr. G. Notley, Bedford. The success I have had with my birds is entirely due to CAGE BIRDS and the drawings of your artist. Owing to a long illness which laid me aside for several years I should have been completely in the dark had it not been for CAGE BIRDS, but through perseverance I have crept well to the front under the most unfavourable conditions.

Mems for Canary Owners.

If green food is scarce, owing to the season, sow the waste seed from the bottom of the cage in a little moist earth in a box.

Place the box in a warm cupboard or sunny window, and you will soon have a plentiful supply of "salad" for your bird.

Boiled summer rape also makes a good substitute. Allow a teaspoonful per bird twice a week.

Put it into cold water, bring to boiling point, boil for ten minutes, drain in a sieve, and rub dry with a towel.

Boiled rape must not be allowed to get sour; remove at the end of the day any that is left.

If your bird sleeps during the day, red mite may be suspected; these rob him of his nightly rest, and he must sleep somewhere.

In such case dissolve an ounce of camphor in half a pint of methylated spirit, and with the solution paint all perch ends and any crevices which may be the hiding places of the parasites.

Also place a piece of soft cloth over the cage top at night, scald this in the morning, and dry for use again. This simple trap will soon clear off the red mite if consistently used.

A White Skylark.

At the recent show of the Chester-le-Street C.B.S., a pure white Skylark was exhibited by Mr. S. Lindsay. We believe the bird was reared from the nest by the exhibitor.

We have received the report and balance-sheet of the Reading C.B.S. Although the balance in hand at bank has been reduced by nearly £5, the report shows several satisfactory items. The membership continues to increase, and the annual show was quite a success. The hon. sec. is Mr. O. C. Smith, 73, Audley Street, Reading.

"British Birds for January," Messrs. Witherby, High Holborn, one shilling, opens with an account by Lord Rothschild of the work of the late Henry Eeles Dresser, the great ornithologist, who died on Nov. 2 last at the age of seventy-seven years. The name of Mr. Dresser will for ever be famous through his monumental works, *Birds of Europe* and *Eggs of the Birds of Europe*. The issue contains some additions to the list of British birds, and the usual "Notes," which are of great interest.

It was with great pleasure I saw the sketch of my Grizzle Crest on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, Jan. 1, writes Mr. C. Poulton, and I must say it does your artist great credit. The bird has only been shown twice, namely, at the City and Suburban A.C.B. annual shows. It won second last year, and first this year. I wish a Prosperous New Year to CAGE BIRDS, of which I have been a reader for many years; I have gained a lot of useful information from it, and I thank you for the honour bestowed on me.

Ten Shillings For Your Thoughts.

The head-line to our front page this week will carry the thoughts of many of our readers back to their early days in the hobby of pet bird-keeping. If they will put these thoughts into writing they will be helping those who would follow in their footsteps, and, incidentally, they may win a prize of ten shillings, for we shall award this amount to the most helpful article received by Tuesday morning next, Jan. 25. It may deal with the keeping or breeding either of Canaries, Hybrids, British Birds, or Foreign Birds. Envelopes should be endorsed "Beginner," and addressed to the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. We reserve the right to publish any essay sent in, and the Editor's decision as to the winning essay must be accepted as final.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. S. Hawksley, treas. Mansfield C.B.S., I have to announce the death of our secretary's mother, Mrs. Jane Gabbitass, wife of Mr. John Gabbitass, of Mansfield, at the age of 65 years. Mr. J. Gabbitass has been a fancier for over 45 years, and I am sure fanciers of Mansfield and district will extend their heartfelt sympathy toward the relatives of the deceased in their sad bereavement.

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. C. Bailey, Hon. Sec. Altrincham Open C.B.S., of the sad loss sustained by one of the members, Mr. P. Drinkwater, in the death of his wife. Mrs. Drinkwater herself was a Border fancier and an exhibitor, but for some years she has suffered ill-health. Many fanciers will be acquainted with Mr. Drinkwater, as he was a sec. of the late Altrincham C.B.S., and all will join with us in tendering him sincere sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Prize Money Paid.

We are informed that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows; if any winners have been overlooked, they should apply to the respective secretaries:—Llanelli and Glasgow Red Cross.

Why Not Imprisonment?

For leaving unattended for nearly a week two caged Linnets and a Greenfinch, with the result that the birds died of starvation, Mrs. Annie Tapscott, of Wilfrid Street, S.W., was, on Dec. 30, at Westminster, fined £4.

Money in Norwich Canaries.

We hear that many of the Norwich at Glasgow Red Cross show changed hands at catalogue prices, £10 and upwards. One buyer alone claimed £52 worth of birds, and we wish him good fortune over his plucky purchases.

A Tale and a Tail.

According to a local newspaper "Jacob," the talking Macaw exhibited at the Glasgow Red Cross Show, is able to say the Lord's Prayer backwards. The same paper says that there was at the show a Whydah "the size of your thumb, and with a tail three feet long." Some tail, indeed.

After Nineteen Years.

In the Avicultural Magazine for January, Dr. Butler relates the escape of a Diamond Dove which had been in his birdroom for nineteen years. This bird was one of a pair purchased by Dr. Butler in 1896, and was therefore at least twenty years old.

Corrections in Glasgow Report.

Mr. M. B. Wallace, owner of 1st prize Goldfinch at Glasgow Red Cross Show, writes to say that the words, "3rd Ayr, etc.," used by our reporter are incorrect. The winner of 3rd at Ayr was disqualified, as stated in our report of that show, and we regret the mistake which Mr. Wallace has written to correct. Mr. Wallace's fine Goldfinch won at Glasgow the special for best British Bird, a fact which was not known to our reporter when the report was sent. Mr. Heggie, hon. sec., writes that 1 and 3 in the A.O.V. Canary class should read Mrs. Burgess, not Rukin, as in catalogue, and in our report.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Station Cafe, 8. Ad-journed lecture on Seeds and other Foods. Mr. T. Harrison.—C. Bailey.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Special meeting, Prince of Wales Hotel, Jan. 22. Important business.—W. Newell. (Time not stated.—Editor.)

Accrington C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Crown Hotel. Special meeting, 8. Entries for members show Jan. 29, arrange cups, receive overdue subs., etc.—A. Noble.

Burnley O.S.—Jan. 25, Star Inn, 7.30.—Lecture by a well-known fancier on Breeding, all fanciers and friends invited.—R. Hines.

Boiton Woods C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. General meeting, bal. sheet, and election of officers.—H. Bryant.

Charlottesville F. and U.S.K.S.—Jan. 26, St. Luke's Institute. Table show, stock to be staged by 6. breeders' nomination cup up for competition.—C. H. Pope.

Clapham C.B.A.—Jan. 25, Headquarters, 8. Arrangements for pair and Finch show.—T. J. Hose. Cednor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Report of open show.—Smith and Lees.

Darvel C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Town Hall, 7.30. Annual general meeting, bal. sheet, election of officers.—J. Taylor.

Dubmire Workmen's C. C.B.S.—Jan. 23, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Enrolling new members, will intending members kindly attend.—G. T. Lynn.

East Ardley C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Black Swan, 7.30. Annual meeting, report and bal. sheet, election of officers, and other business.—A. Walton.

Edmonton F.A.—Jan. 27, Charity Schools, Church Street, 8. Cups won at annual show will be presented.—W. H. Jackson.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 22, Station Hotel, 7. Election of officers and bal. sheet, proposed new rules.—A. W. Hartley.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S. Jan. 22, Wear's Cafe, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, and other business.—A. W. Knaggs.

Green C.A.—Jan. 27, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture on Greens and Staging of Same, by Mr. W. Young, also election of committee for annual dinner.—T. R. Jones.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Nightingale Hotel, 8. Amateur and novice table show and judging competition for silver medals. Final judge, Mr. Griffin. Fanciers and friends invited.—P. Brooks.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W. Matched pairs and British show, judged by Mr. G. Robson. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—F. C. Knight.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 25, The White Swan, 7.30. Table show, Nor. pairs (yell. ck. and buff hen) (buff ck. and yell. hen), A.O.V. stock pairs.—Day and Roberts.

Llanelli C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Greyhound Hotel, 7. All ticket money to be in, also prize money paid.—D. H. Davies.

Leigh C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Names to be given in for feed fixing date of first table N.F. show.—R. Charleson.

Laiestryke Bowling and Tong Comb.—Jan. 22, Barley Mow Hotel, 3. Combination show for Laiestryke Bowling and Tong Societies. During judging the general meeting will be continued. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers.—J. E. Hudson.

Midland Roller C.C. Jan. 27, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc., other business. New members welcome.—J. W. Thomson.

National Green Mhd. Y.C.C. Jan. 22, Market Tavern Bradford, 6.30. Results of competitions and other business.—J. Chambers.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, East End, C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Blue Bell Hotel, Shields, Road, Byker, 7. Bal. sheet, election of officers.—J. W. Coutts.

North Liverpool C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Headquarters, 8. Annual gen. meeting, bal. sheet, and election of officers.—H. Holden.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Jan. 26, Shields' Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. General meeting.—R. Havis.

Oldham C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Will members bring unsold tickets and moneys for social.—G. Mills.

Portsmouth and Southern C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Headquarters, 8. Meeting.—C. J. Olding.

Pontypool C.B.S. Jan. 29, Headquarters, 7. Annual meeting, bal. sheet presented, election of officers.—H. H. Vaughan.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S. Jan. 26, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8. Annual general meeting, paying out prize money, etc.—A. K. Hunter.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—Jan. 25, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Bal. sheet, auditor's report, election of officers and other business.—W. Stafford.

Stratford and East London F.S.—Jan. 26, Eagle, Chobham Road, Stratford, 8. Presentation of cups, specials, and prize money won at annual.—A. Wasey.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Jan. 22, The Old National Schools, 5.15. Annual general meeting, bal. sheet, date of next show, election of officers and judges for next show, etc.—W. Dodd.

Swansea C.B.A.—Jan. 22, Mansel Hotel, 7.15. Arrangements for members pair show.—D. P. Rees.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Wharf Hotel, 8.—G. Mitchell.

Todmorden C.B.S. Jan. 25, Temperance Hotel, 8. Entering up night for annual show to be held Jan. 29.—A. E. Spofforth.

Windhill C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Union judges, rules, and officials, bal. sheet for members show.—Taylor and Halliday.

The British Fanciers' Opportunity.

In opening the Red Cross show at Glasgow, at which there was a grand entry of 1,300 birds, Sir John Ure Primrose, after referring to the object of the show, which was the endowment of a bed in one of the Red Cross hospitals, said that the rearing of song birds was an industry which might well be developed in this country. The Germans had grasped the possibilities of profit-making in the training of cage birds, and no less than £20,000 worth of song birds were imported to this country from Germany every year, while at least twice as much was sent to America. At the end of the war there would no doubt be a large number of men incapacitated from their regular work, and in the rearing of song birds they would find not only congenial but very gratifying employment.

A Novel Way of Breeding Canaries

By J. WOOD (Dearnley).

Showing how Canaries may be bred among a mixed collection of birds in an out-door aviary.

THOSE who have an outdoor aviary, in which they keep, perhaps, a mixed collection of British and foreign birds, and who may have thought at times of adding a few Canaries for the sake of variety, but have been doubtful as to whether they would stand the climate, may be interested to hear my experiences of Canaries kept in an out-door aviary in Scotland during the past four summers.

I bought a buff Border fancy cock and two yellow hens in the autumn of 1911, and put them in cages inside the house attached to my aviary. Here it was evidently too cold for them, for I found the cock dead the following morning, so I brought the hens indoors and bought two more cocks. I kept them in a heated greenhouse during the winter, and paired them up in spring.

By the beginning of May it was getting too hot for the birds in the greenhouse during the day, when the sun was shining, so I put the cages into the aviary, and after a day or two in their new quarters I opened the doors of the cages and let the birds fly about. This did not interfere in any way with the breeding operations; the hens came off the nests at times, had a feed and a fly round, and then went back, quite contented, to their eggs or young ones.

At first I was careful to keep a little seed, water, and egg food in the cages, and also outside in the aviary, but as soon as the birds got used to going outside for their food I stopped putting any into the cages. The seed I supplied in three-hole self-filling hoppers, holding a pound or so in each—canary in one, summer rape in another, and a smaller one for hemp, and egg food I gave in a deep china dish. The first two seasons I made it with hard boiled eggs, using both the white and yolk, and bread-crumbs, the same as I had been in the habit of making when I bred Borders in the usual way in cages some years previously, but latterly I changed to dried yolk of egg, which seemed to answer the purpose just about as well, though the birds are not quite so fond of it.

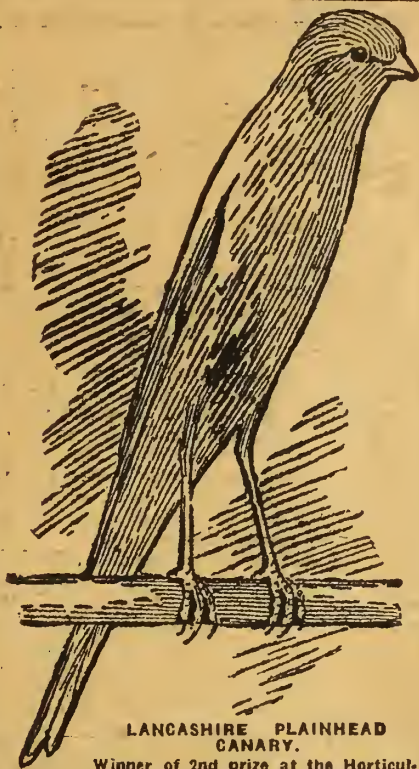
Keeping my birds in this way, they did not give so much trouble as in cages, nor did they take up so much of my time in the mornings. I caged them all up, young and old, in the autumn, and kept them in the greenhouse over the winter. The young ones were wild when first caged, and it was some time before they became quite steady.

I continued in this manner during the following seasons, introducing fresh blood when required, and disposing of my surplus birds to avoid overcrowding. I always paired up suitable birds together in cages, and had the hens sitting on eggs or young before I let them loose in the aviary; this prevented indiscriminate breeding, as the birds remained faithful to their mates for the whole season.

Of course, odd hens mated with one of the already paired cocks, but that did not much matter, for naturally I took care to pair up my best hens. Some of the birds formed curious attachments; for instance, two hens insisted on sharing the same nests all through one season, laying, sitting, and rearing their young together in quite a friendly way.

It is advisable to have plenty of nests to prevent the birds quarrelling for possession of them. The second nests do not require to be in the cages, but can be fixed to the walls or in any odd corners. The birds will usually prefer those that are highest up. I used to fix up earthenware nest pans, felt nests in platform, small boxes, old cages, etc., and supplied the birds with plenty of moss, which I washed before giving to them, and a few feathers when available, and they soon made excellent nests for themselves, building them of moss and dried stalks of greenstuff, and lined inside with feathers, the down from groundsel and thistles, or cotton wool. I found that those birds, bred in the aviary for a couple of generations, built better nests than the original cage bred ones.

I found that I had to be cautious about interfering with the young ones in any way, once they had their eyes open and were partly feathered, for if I touched them in order to remove a dead one, or even just looked at them sometimes, they would jump out of the nest, and it was impossible to get them to stay in it after that. They were too young and weak to get back to the nest again, so were apt to die of cold or hunger on the ground, even if they escaped injuring themselves when falling down. To prevent



losses of this sort, I prefer the nests to be inside cages or boxes of some sort.

I found that a cold snap in the breeding season, especially about the end of May, was very dangerous to the cocks; it carried them off in a few hours with bronchial pneumonia—a bird might be singing in the morning and dead by the evening. The hens were not affected in the same way. Once or twice a bird got jammed between the back of a cage or box and the wall of the house, so cages should either be fixed right up against the wall, or a brick or something of the sort placed between.

The birds were always given plenty of water for bathing, and armfuls daily of greenstuff, such as groundsel, chickweed, rats' tails, dandelions, and other sorts of weeds, especially when seeding or flowering. When Canaries are given abundance of this class of food they only eat the seeds and flowers, leaving the green leaves practically untouched; this forms a natural food for all birds, and my Canaries fed their young largely on this diet, and they thrived well on it, and did not suffer from diarrhoea, as some fanciers might imagine.

From my birds kept in this way I derived considerable pleasure, with the minimum of trouble. It was a pretty sight to see perhaps twenty Canaries all flying about together in the sunshine, or perching among the natural branches, while the cocks were singing their sweetest. Visitors, too, were attracted by the birds, and often remarked how much happier they seemed than those in cages.

Is it Cruel to Ring Wild Birds?

Writing to the "Yorkshire Post" against the marking of wild birds with rings, Mr. R. Fortune says: "In my address to the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, I said that a certain number of cases had been brought to my notice where birds living on clayey land had suffered cruelly through these rings. Mud or clay had got on to the rings and underneath, had hardened, and had caused wounds and sores to form, which had eventually caused the leg to canker and the bird to die. Two cases of Lapwings dying in this manner have come under my own notice. I have heard of a Partridge suffering in a similar manner. Another case I may mention is that of a Linnet. Some shreds of wool had caught in the ring on the bird's leg. The wool then caught in a branch of gorse; the bird was held fast, and could not escape, the result being that it died a lingering death, and was found hanging head downwards near its nest. When we know how very seldom indeed it is that a dead bird is found, we can only conclude, with even the few examples I have mentioned as an illustration, that it is quite possible for hundreds of birds to suffer in a similar manner."

The Fancy Very Much Alive.

Allow me space to thank all who replied to my advert., writes Mr. F. Stothard, Darlington. I had replies from all parts of England, Scotland, and Wales, and sold all the British in record time. The Hawfinch was claimed by first post Saturday morning. I have done a good deal of business through CAGE BIRDS, but this is the record for Christmas time. 27 applicants with a single advt. proves not only the value of CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium, but also that the Fancy in general is very much alive, and that fanciers are doing their utmost to keep the old flag flying. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

The Old and the New.

By Jas. Rogerson (Ashton-in-Makerfield)

Chaffinch-Canary Hybrids reputed to be possible more than seventy years ago.

WHILE looking through my great-grandfather's books I came across one named the "Bird Fancier," and I thought there might be something in it that would interest your readers. It is a book published in 1842 by Henry Mozley, of Derby, and I think a few points very interesting, especially as there has been during the last few months a controversy regarding past and present methods of bird culture.

In CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 8, in the Questions and Answers column I noticed a reply to a question regarding the Canary-Chaffinch Hybrid, in which it says this is the cross we are all looking for. This is from my book: "Mules may be produced by pairing the male of another species with a hen Canary. By this means great beauty and variety of colours is produced. An old male is better, and it is necessary he should have been brought up from the nest. When from the Citril Finch, Siskin (two birds inhabiting the South of Europe) and Goldfinch, they are finer and handsomer than from the Canaries, they sing louder and longer, but are difficult to teach, and whistle imperfectly. The Mules, except from the Citril, are generally barren. They seldom breed with the Goldfinch after they are four years old, but are as fruitful till then as with their own species. When paired with the Linnet, it is seldom there is more than one breed in the year, but the produce will breed, though not with certainty, either among themselves or with the Canary or Goldfinch. They may also be obtained, but with greater difficulty, by pairing with the Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, Bullfinch, or Sparrow. It is said that from these crosses there are always more males than females. A hen without a crest is better, as this is no ornament to the large head of a Mule. The young ones must be brought up the same as young Canaries."

Bechstein's "Universall Pastes."

The author also says:—"The following paste, as a general food for all kinds of birds, is recommended by Bechstein in his excellent treatise on cage birds. Take a loaf of well-baked stale white bread; put it again into the oven and leave it till it is cold; then pound into a mortar, and if it is good flour it will keep for two or three months; every morning take a teaspoonful for each bird, and pour on it three times as much milk, luke-warm or cold. This makes a nourishing paste that will keep long without being sour or sticky; if mixed with some insects or chopped worms it will be fit for the most delicate birds, and will keep them in life and health."

These two he calls "universall" pastes, and says they are excellent where numbers are kept together. (1) "Take a white loaf, well baked and stale, soak well through with water, squeeze it and pour boiled milk over it; add about two-thirds of wheat or barley meal, and make it into a paste." (2) "Grate a carrot finely, soak a small white loaf in fresh water, squeeze it, and mix both together in a mortar with two handfuls of barley or wheat flour. These should be fresh every morning, as they soon get sour."

Ancient Canary Wisdom.

"The more simple and natural the food for Canaries the better. There is nothing which is found to agree with them better than rapeseed; for the sake of variety, a little oatmeal and millet, bruised hemp or canary, or poppy-seed, especially for those which are intended for breeding, may be added. Give some of the latter a mixture of egg, bread, maw seed and scalded rapeseed with their other food. They also require a constant supply of green meat, groundsel and chickweed in the spring, plaitain, lettuce, or radish leaves in the summer, and endive, watercress or slices of apple in the winter."

On another occasion I shall be glad to write further extracts on the birds, their food, and the old-time treatment of ills, for I think a comparison between new and old methods of keeping a subject of interest to all bird-lovers.

In our advertising columns recently a lady was asking for three dozen freshly-killed House Sparrows weekly. Are these wanted for "Lark pie," or is it a tame Owl that want five Sparrows a day? Anyway, the countryside can easily spare the Sparrows.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

THE GREAT JOINT LONDON SHOW.

What are "Louvain Whites"?

We hear from Mr. Silver that there has been a great application for schedules of the show to be held at Holborn Hall Feb. 23. Among the Foreign birds will be seen some especially rare and beautiful species, and there will be White Canaries, both of British and Belgian nationality; the latter are known as "Louvain Whites." The list of special runs to the large number of 180, about 60 each section, and one of these is for the best Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid. There are nearly 70 classes for Canaries, about 30 Foreign, 20 British, and 8 Hybrids. The feeding of the Foreign birds will be in the capable hands of the Hon. Mrs. Bourke and Mrs. Thynne. Schedules will be sent on application to Mr. Allen Silver, F.Z.S., 7, Bampton Road, Forest Hill, S.E.

Correspondence.

On Sending Birds by Rail.

SIR,—As we recall the good that must have been done by the innumerable helpful hints, lectures and advice which have appeared in our paper, CAGE BIRDS, we cannot but be moved to say we are extremely indebted to you, and the least we can do is to say "Thank you." The wish that you may have a Happy and Prosperous New Year in return for your good service to the Cage Bird Fancy can but exist in the heart of every reader of CAGE BIRDS.

That the doings of all fanciers, with any useful hints that may appear to them worth recording, will as ever be acceptable to you for publication goes without saying, and if an abler writer than your humble can pass a few hints upon the despatch of live birds, I am convinced that some cases of suffering by our pets whilst travelling to new owners will be avoided.

From Scotland a few days ago I received a chocolate box about 2in. deep, containing three Norwich Canaries, not a scrap of food or moisture apparently having been provided by senders. For all my innumerable despatches and receipt of live birds, even to and from Ireland and the extreme North of Scotland, I do not recollect anything to equal such a case as the one which prompts me to ask for your assistance in this direction, namely, "Instructions to despatchers of live stock." For example, picture a young enthusiast who is recommended to try an advert in CAGE BIRDS in order to dispose of some of his surplus, and his predicament when a few depositors request birds on approval. He, maybe, has never sent a bird by rail before in his life, and this is where my hint applies. I feel sure these few remarks will meet not only with your approval, but with a response that will prevent any future discomfort to our travelling pets.

DESPATCHINGS.

An All-British Bird Show.

SIR,—Further to Mr. Cockerill's letter, I am quite willing to run an open show in Liverpool for British and Foreign birds only, that is if I can get the support of the British Bird enthusiasts. First of all, let it be understood that all profits shall go to charity. I am in negotiation for the best hall in Liverpool, and I am fixing the dates for June 10 and 12, Whit Saturday and Whit Monday. These dates will give every fancier a chance of attending the show.

This, I think, is the first venture of its kind to be attempted in England (I am open to correction). So let the British Bird men rally round me. There will be classes for novices and a liberal classification. Seeing it is to be a charity show, I appeal to any fancier to guarantee the class he is interested in. I want no amalgamation if possible, so here is a chance for all to help a little. I am willing to give all my time to making it a success. Anyone who has run a show knows the amount of work there is, so I think I am quite in order in asking British Bird men to help the show by guaranteeing classes. I shall be pleased to receive suggestions of any kind, also specials in galore. Mr. V. H. Deacon, of Liverpool, has promised £1 ls. in cash to the exhibitor who sends most entries.

Now for the judges. I will leave this to the exhibitors. Any exhibitor may nominate whom he likes, the judge who receives most votes to be appointed. I shall reserve the right to appoint one judge, if he will officiate, that is Mr. Chas. Houlton, St. Helen's, who has helped us along so well in the past. Now fanciers, don't be afraid, let me have your opinions, through CAGE BIRDS, or by letter.

J. W. METCALFE.

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Colour in the Norwich Plain-head.

Its Origin and Importance.

SIR,—It's a pleasure to let Mr. Williams know how I bred my winning yellow cock, which I don't call "extra" good in colour, neither am I a worshipper of the last and least to be considered factor in the making up of a good Norwich Plainhead. Its father was a thigh ticked yellow of good all-round properties, whilst its mother was a short, thick-set clear buff bred from my saddle-marked yellow hen that produced the cup winner at our last Plymouth show.

As regards the use of Cinnamon or the Lizard as a cross, I know little about either, but I know a fancier whose stock, about twelve years ago one of the best in the West of England, was absolutely spoiled by the introduction of the Cinnamon, and I think Mr. Gill will bear me out in this respect. As regards the Lizard, I should say it was a move in the wrong direction.

You may go on and on advising, covering the same ground time after time, and yet the proportion of winners or even uniform stock bred year by year is very disappointing. I find many fanciers cannot take telling, and should you attempt to point out faults in their stock they get ruffled. If a person were to call me a fool I should ask him why, and if he convinced me, I should thank him for it. The only sure way to success is to have birds properly mated, and there is more in this than meets the eye.

I don't like to see people repeatedly laying out money and making no progress, neither is it certain that the pairing of two show birds is the right thing to do, for they may have the same failing, and such will be so apparent in the progeny that in the course of time you can spot them on the show bench as belonging to Mr. So-and-So. Keep up size by mating up the biggest for stock only, and breed typical hens from good-shaped and clean-cut mothers; then rate the big cocks to your home-bred hens which have a fair percentage of "green blood" running through their veins. That's how I breed my winners.

W. SPILLMAN.

SIR,—I am sorry to see that my attempt to get Mr. Allsopp to disclose his knowledge of the origin of colour in the Norwich Plainhead has got no further than to make him admit that in no manner has he made a definite statement.

What he wrote, therefore, was the outcome of a fertile imagination having for its origin certain "globular markings" he had seen on "Norwich" Plainheads. He does not know how they got there, but assumes from certain similarities they must have been obtained from the Lizard. He apparently does not wish to blend the Lizard with his Norwich, bearing in mind this variety has for some years past been of a "mongrel" character, so he tempts others to try their luck. Further, his statement is put forward merely as circumstantial, and he "gladly throws it into my lap." What a generous spirit! Let him keep it, and work out his own salvation. What I have said about green-marked birds I can prove, because I, with others, know the value of the suggested mating.

His statements as to one of your contributors "lifting his elbow" and as to me being "fair game" do not assist the discussion, but I trust they have given him satisfaction.

As Mr. Allsopp knows nothing "definite" about colour, I wonder if he remembers that in writing about size nearly a year ago he said that stock cocks carrying Lancashire and Crest-bred blood were used in some rooms with success, and again tempting the beginners who were looking to this corner for practical help with the statement "I understand the first cross of the Crest with the Lancashire produces youngsters in which no effect of the cross is apparent, so with the Norwich and Lancashire, or Crest-bred, for many such change hands each year as good Plainheads, even though first crosses." He also stated, "It is no secret, however, when one realises how close has been the attention Crest breeders have paid to the breeding of short-beaked Crests and Crest-breds of late years. If the Crest-bred has brought so much heart-burning, please credit it with some good." I would consider it worth my while to take advantage of the Crest-bred cross if for this reason alone. Perhaps Mr. Allsopp will tell us whether he has used these crosses either before or since he made those statements, and, if not, why not? Does he think that the Lancashire-cum-Norwich on page 14 of this week's CAGE BIRDS would do good in his room? Now please, don't tell us that you made no definite statement, or that the views then given were based on circumstantial evidence. These red-herrings have been in pickle too long to tempt any but the vaguest tyro. We

don't want to know what was done years ago when the Plainhead was in the making, but let him tell us what he is doing now. Come, Mr. Allsopp, actions speak louder than words, and a little practice is worth more than a whole heap of theoretical philosophy. Mr. Sanders, "Yellow Green," and myself have told you how we get colour without going to the Lizard. Now empty out your stocking and let us see what there is in it; peradventure it is like a schoolboy's pocket.

FRANK COLE.

SIR,—I am pleased to hear that someone was interested in Mr. Allsopp's letter, and I am sorry "Yellow Green" thinks my criticism was in anything but a friendly spirit. I am sure it is far from my thoughts to be in any way unfriendly. My only object in tackling Mr. Allsopp's letter was to put him right where I knew he was wrong, and Mr. Allsopp admits he may be wrong in his reply to Mr. Cole. When a man writes for publication he lays himself open to criticism. I am sure that nothing Mr. Allsopp or "Yellow Green" can say will put me out, and as long as one keeps to the point, the birds, I shall enjoy a good argument. But after the way Mr. Allsopp treated "Novice" in his articles of a season or so ago, he ought to be the last person to squeal when he gets his corns trodden on. Mr. Allsopp knows my motto is "Help the novice and encourage the Fancy," and I shall be pleased to help Mr. Allsopp in any way. I am sure the man who becomes a successful fancier has to have the patience of two Jobs, and the luck of Old Nick. I have known scores who have puzzled their brains to produce something fit to look at, and have struggled on season after season without success. They become really down-hearted, and feel like giving up in despair, when by a lucky chance they find they have mated a pair of birds up that hit, and have produced something above the ordinary. Their old enthusiasm is lighted up when they are enabled to place on the bench a bird or two that will hold their own amongst the best, and when a fancier has reached this stage he seldom turns back. Now what can be done to help the beginner to reach this pinnacle?

J. BASTOCK.

Specials at Chester Show.

SIR,—I have not yet seen a report on the novice section for the Southern Border F.C. at Chester, at which I was an exhibitor, and although I have a catalogue, it does not state who won the three specials offered in the schedule. I should be very glad if the sec. would say, through your valuable paper, who won the three specials and who had most points in the novice section.

S.B.F.C. NOVICE.

A Homing Budgerigar.

SIR,—Having read in your interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS at various times of the homing instincts of birds, I thought it might interest you to know that I sold a young green Budgie to a gentleman about a quarter of a mile away from my outside aviary, and he came about a week after to say it had escaped out of the bird room window, and asked if I would sell him another. On taking him out to the garden to select another, there was the escaped bird running about on top of the open flight/trying to get in to the others. I trapped it and returned it to him no worse after being at liberty two days. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success, and looking forward for your Annual.

W. H. SWIVES.

Proposed New Society for South Shields.

SIR,—We intend holding a meeting on Jan. 26, at 7.30, at Mr. Hunt's shop, Ocean Road, and we give a hearty invitation to all who would like to attend. Those not able to attend the meeting are invited to write to

J. W. WATSON,

75, Leighton Street.

Congratulations.

SIR,—Hearty congratulations on your excellent Birthday Number; it is full of interesting matter from page 1 to 24. The Cage Bird Fancy ought to be grateful to have such a medium devoted entirely to their hobby. I should like to mention how pleased I was to see my article on Budgerigars standing first in the Essay Competition (Foreign Section). It is indeed an honour to be thus mentioned in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. At some future time, with your permission, I will write you an article on a few of my experiences during twenty-eight years as a fancier.

W. LIDGETT, hon. sec. Norwich C.B.S.

[We are sure that Mr. Lidgett's account of his experiences would be of interest and value to our readers, and we should be glad of the opportunity of publishing them.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

Many Letters unavoidably crowded out.—Ed. "C.B."

The Proposed Federation of Roller Societies.

A Scheme Outlined.

SIR,—In connection with the recent proposal of the Leeds Roller Club for the federating of all the Roller societies, it is now ascertained that we have been waiting for some one to open the matter for discussion (with your kind permission) in your columns. At a meeting of the Audley R.C.C. held Jan. 15 the matter received a favourable reception. The club would welcome a scheme that would have for its object the federating of every society in the kingdom, the protection of its members, and loyalty to the "parent society," the British Roller C.C.

Whilst at Birmingham show I had a chat with Mr. Hill, of the Birmingham Club, Mr. Kilshaw (Bolton), and Mr. Willows (the Midland), and ascertained that the personal opinion of each of these gentlemen was federation, with loyalty to the B.R.C.C. That's good, for they hold prominent positions in their respective societies.

I wrote in CAGE BIRDS' Annual for 1916 that I had a scheme of federation whereby every member of a recognised society would become part and parcel of the B.R.C.C. Briefly outlined, it is to call a meeting of representatives of the different societies. (Such has now been convened by the Provincial club, to be held in Manchester on Feb. 5, but as the B.R.C.C. show and general meeting, or an informal meeting, would be held on that date, will it not be advisable to postpone the Manchester meeting until Feb. 12? This would allow all desirous the opportunity of attending and placing the matter before the B.R.C.C. meeting for discussion previous to attending the Manchester meeting.) Each federated society to become a branch of the B.R.C.C., but to manage its own local affairs, as at present. Each to have a distinguishing title, say, the Leeds branch of the B.R.C.C., and to raise the yearly subscription to provide a levy payable yearly to the London society. This levy, together with the profits realised from rings, would be utilised in providing special prizes to be given at each federated club's open show, also to meet any deficiency that may arise in the working expenses of the London club.

It is feasible that such deficiency may arise, as under federation every member of a federated club would enjoy the privileges now enjoyed by members of the B.R.C.C., and many of us would then sever our membership, so that it would lose our 3s. 6d. yearly subscription. Such resignations would deplete the yearly revenue of the B.R.C.C. The amount could be arrived at if, after the first meeting, in the event of federation being decided upon, each present member who is so desirous send in his resignation to the B.R.C.C. The secretaries of federated clubs shall send to the London club the number of their members. It would then not be a difficult matter to fix a levy upon each member to make up any deficiency that may arise through the depletion of the B.R.C.C. membership. No member to be levied who continues his membership of the London club. An annual meeting of the federated clubs to be held in some selected centre, and each club to have option of sending one or more delegates, according to the number of its membership. The situation of the following year's annual meeting to be fixed by the delegates. One ring to suffice throughout the federated clubs, and alterations to judging standard only to be made at the annual meetings.

I appeal to all in the Roller hobby to do their utmost to help to cement the present threatened split amongst us, for there is nothing to prevent each club, as we now stand, from having a ring of our own if we are desirous of doing so. The larger the number of clubs having a ring of their own, the less competition, and it is unnecessary for me to explain what the ultimate result would be.

There is no doubt that the above briefly outlined scheme of federating can and will be improved upon, and such a course of action would be welcomed, but there is absolutely no necessity for us to waste our time in discussing the "little storms" that have led up to this threatened split. Let us form a bond of unity, and join in the spirit of "each for all and all for each."

JOSEPH TOMLINSON.

Catching Mice in a Bird-room.

SIR,—Can anyone mention a certain lure for these to get mice into the traps? Cheese and burnt oatmeal they seem to have no time for, and I am afraid of them getting into the cages presently!

J. WADSWORTH.

A Yellow Yorkshire Lost at Aberaman Show.

SIR,—On reading CAGE BIRDS this week I was pleased to find that Mr. Powell had come out of his shell. As to his answering my straightforward question I might put to him, I am of opinion that my question was a bit too straight. On his own admissions in his letter this week, I blame him for the lost bird. He admits that he packed the birds at 9.50 on Thursday evening, and that they were not sent off until Friday afternoon by the 3.49 train. Had it not been for Mr. Davies (show manager) turning up at 2.30, I suppose the remains of the other birds would still be at Aberaman. According to Mr. Powell's own statement, the birds were packed up eighteen hours before they were sent off from the show, and the only excuse he tenders is a hitch with the railway company, as they wanted to charge 3d. per hamper for collecting.

Why did he wait for Mr. Davies to call on him, knowing that he was ill in bed up till that time? Surely he or Mr. Thomas, his partner, could have gone to the station, as it is not more than three minutes' walk from where the show was held. Besides, the 3d. charge should have been paid by the exhibitors, not the Society, and if he had paid the 3d., instead of detaining the birds, he could have deducted same from prize money.

As to my second question, my informant was in his shop on Christmas morning when he made the statement, so he knows perfectly well who I mean without mentioning names. With regard to his being a sport, better known to other people than to me, I will make him a sporting offer for £2. He shall select three members of his Society known to me, and I will pick the same number from Cardiff personally known to him. A meeting can be arranged, his own club room preferred, and all his members may attend. I will then prove all I have said, and more. Providing he gets the best of the argument, I will divide the money between the societies represented, after deducting what little expense is incurred. Should I have the best of the argument, then Mr. Powell to pay.

There are several items on the agenda yet to be settled, and until these differences have been adjusted I fail to see how he can seriously hope that his society has come to stay.

J. O'LEARY.

[We have a letter also from Mr. W. Davies, the show manager, which is in too personal a strain for publication in full. He says, in short, that Mr. Powell did not go near the show on the Friday, that those who packed the birds were Mr. W. Thomas, the treasurer, and one or two of the members, and that Mr. Powell refused to assist in getting the birds to the station.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

Is the British Bird Fancy Worth Catering For?

Mr. Frostick is More Optimistic.

SIR,—I am hoping to be able to reply in the affirmative to my own query, as the response to my appeal for help for our great joint members' show at the Holborn Hall on the 2nd and 3rd Feb., has so far been excellent. I am very grateful for the encouraging letters I have received from members; it stimulates one to make greater efforts. I am delighted to report that the large numbers of classes provided (31) for British Birds and Hybrids will have no less than 50 valuable special prizes in addition to the prize-money—2s. 6d. for best bird in each class, 10s. 6d. for the rarest Hybrid, 5s. for Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid, 7s. 6d. most points insectivorous classes, five championship diplomas, bound volumes, show cages, five silver medals, two bronze medals, silver plates, many cash specials. Schedules will be posted this week.

The British Bird Fancy is on its trial, for never before has such an opportunity offered itself even at an open show, much less a members'. We are looking forward to a record show, and it now rests with the members to push on the good work by making every possible entry. We want every single member of the club to consider that he is responsible in some way for the success of our venture, and if he will only take his part success is assured.

JOHN FROSTICK,

Hon. Show Sec., N.B.B. and M.C.
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LEEDS C.B.S.

Final members' show, Dec. 27, St. George's School-rooms, with an entry of 217, some birds of exceptional merit being on view. C. Hunt's Chaffinch won Mr. James's special for best bird; J. Sykes, Mr. Malcolm Kitchen's cup for best unfledged, bred by exhibitor; this, being his second win, becomes his absolute property. Mr. E. Clegg judged Canaries, and Mr. H. B. Wilson British, and gave entire satisfaction.

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Points for the competitions: Members' specials, 6 highest birds: Haigh 107, Baldwinson 99, Owen 97, Sykes 90, Firth 90, Watkinson 83, Middleton 82, Marsh 81, Wilson 76, Hall 65, Chambers 59, Johnson 54; Section special: 6 highest birds: Yorks: Sykes 90, Marsh 81; Norwich: Baldwinson 90, Wilson 76; Border: Mennard 163; British: Haigh 107, Owen 97; Novice: Firth 90, Watkinson 82; Mr. Hattersley's breeders' medal, 3 highest birds: Sykes 54; Mr. Storey's special most points vhc, Brit: Middleton 15; Novice: Firth 14; Leeds cup, 4 starred birds: J. Sykes 37, Baldwinson 36; Mr. Somers' cup, six starred birds, Baldwin 54. In case of a tie, most prize-money wins; if the above are not correct please notify me.—E. Norton.

NEWARK C.B.S.

Sixth annual members' show, Friendly Societies' Rooms, Nov. 20. Entries not quite up to average, but quality of exhibits excellent. Silver challenge cup for best bird in show won by W. Lidgett; it now becomes his own property. Runner-up was also Mr. Lidgett's. Silver cup for best young Canary, W. Staniland; runner-up, W. Lidgett. Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, judged. Nor. Cl. Ck.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, Lidgett; 2, Ashton; hc, c, Staniland. Tkd. Varieg. Ck.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, Staniland; 2, Hopkinson. Hen: 1, spl, hc, Lidgett; 2, Ashton; 3, vhc, Staniland. Hen, Nou-fed: 1, Hopkinson; 2, Lees, Yorks. Cl. Ck. or Hen: 1, spl, 3, Ashton; 2, vhc, hc, Staniland; c, Hopkinson. Tkd.: 1, spl, vhc, Ashton; 2, 3, Staniland. Bred 1915: 1, spl, vhc, cup, Staniland; 2, Ashton; 3, vhc, hc, Lidgett. Brit. A.V.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Lidgett; 3, c, Spray; hc, Hopkinson. Mule or Hyb.: 1, spl, Lees; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Spray. For: 1, 2, 3, spl, cup, hc, c, Lidgett; vhc, Cook.—W. Lidgett Hon. Sec.

WORKSOP F.A.

The Fifth Annual Show (13 miles radius) in the "Golden Ball" Hotel, Dec. 4. The sec. is Mr. J. W. Ogden, the right man in the right place. The president's silver cup, best Can. went to Mr. P. Potts, with a topping tkd. yell. Yorks. ck., which won also spl. for best yell. ck. Best Mule or Brit., Simpson, for best buff Can. Potts; for best buff hen, Simpson, and for yell. Potts; best nov., Mr. J. Odlin. Judging was in the hands of Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) whose awards were well received. Yell. York (3): 1, spl, cup, P. Potts; 2, Simpson; 3, Bryan. Hen (4): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Potts; 2, Simpson. Buff (3): 1, spl, 2, Potts; 3, Simpson. Hen (4): 1, spl, 2, Simpson; 3, vhc, Potts; hc, Bryan. Bred 1915: 1, 2, c, Potts; 3, hc, Bryan; vhc, Simpson. Pairs (3): 1, 2, Simpson; 3, Potts. Mules (2): 1, spl, Simpson; 2, Holmes. Brit. (2): 1, Fisher; 2, Morris. Sell, 75, 6d. (4): 1, 2, Simpson; 3, Morris; vhc, Potts. Nov. (5): 1, hc, spl, Odlin; 2, 3, vhc, Morris. Gift. (4): 1, 3, Potts; 2, Simpson; vhc, Sugden.

[BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.]

Show held Dec. 8, headquarters, 2, Cheapside, Brighton. Owing to the war the society this year decided not to hold an open event, but content themselves with members' classes, and considering this limitation the entry was a good one. The quality was excellent, and the competition close. The show was divided into two sections—champion and novice, and in each the exhibits were a credit to all concerned. There were 22 Yorkshires in two classes, and 14 Norwich classes. The Mules, as usual at this beautiful seaside resort, were excellent, and the British birds a grand display. Here was a long list of specials, including three silver cups. These were won as follows: Cup, medal, and diploma for best 1915 (closed lung) Canary, Mr. Pearson; silver cup, medal, and diploma for best 1915 Mule or Hybrid, Mr. H. James, with a lovely Siskin-Canary Mule. A like honour for the best British bird was won by Mr. James, with a most beautiful Greenfinch. Best in Canary section was awarded to Mr. P. Black for a beautiful feathered, grandly fed, rare type varieg. Norwich plainhead. Mr. James' Greenfinch also won spl. for best British bird in show, and Mr. S. Smith for the best Mule. The other special winners were: Messrs. James (5), Black (4), H. T. Gibb (3), Firth, Williams, Smith (2), Loomes, Mrs. H. T. Gibb. Points specials were won by Messrs. Gibb, James, Smith and Black. Mr. W. H. Gibb ably officiated as hon. sec., and it was a pleasure to observe how his efforts were backed up by the officials generally. Mr. G. Gardner judged. YORKS. CHAMP. (9): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Gibb, leader lengthly, well-modelled yell., of rare stand, leg, and action; 2, cup, hc, c, Pearson, equally stylish buff, hardly so much of him, but very smart. YORKS. NOV. (13): 1, hc, spl, Williams, upstanding buff, not quite finished yet, but very full of style; 2, res. for cup, vhc, c, Fisher, very neat, not quite the taper or length of leader; 3, Fellows, var. buff, just a wee bit open at chest, else beautiful feather, nice style and length. NOR. CHAMP. (13): a good class, hard to separate after the winner: 1, 4 spl, 2, Black, the var. bird already referred to, and a chubby short-winged and tailed saddle mdk. buff, hardly so well boxed up as winner, but a grand stamp; 3, c, spl, Gibb, a bonny thick-set yell. green; vhc, hc, Absolon. NOR. NOV.: 1, Black, grizzle capped buff, rare body and feather, a trifle weak in head. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, spl, 3, Gibb, very fair buff cinnamon leading; 2, Mrs. H. T. Gibb, natty little Bord. Fancy; vhc, Brown; hc, c, Upton. MULES. LIGHT (8): 1, 2 spls, 2, vhc, hc, c, Smith, grand team, charming light var. Goldie-Can. leading; 3, Brown, smart exhibit: spl, S. Loomes. MULES. DARK (9): 1, 2, cup, 3, res. cup, vhc, hc, James, a tip-top Siskin-Can. heading the list, the whole team was grand; c, Smith. GOLDF. AND BULLF. (2): 1, James; 2, Brown. LINNET, &c. (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, James, a charming and nutty-col. Linnet leading, closely followed by a little swell of a Lesser Redpoll; 3, Gibb, nicely mdk. Siskin. GREENF. &c. (8): 1, cup, 3, vhc, spl, hc, James, the winner a front-rank Greenf., 3rd a rich-col., grandly mdk. Bramble; 2, Miss Mantell, Chaffi. of rare size, wing mkg. and col. diffusion, will be better yet awhile. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, cup, res, 2, 3, James, the 1st being a lovely Girl Bunting, shining like glass, 2nd a charming Yellow Bunting, and 3rd a nice Redstart; vhc, Gibb. F.M. BRIT. (9): 1, spl, James, a Bullfinch, perfect blaze of col., nice poll, might be a little stouter; 2, 3, vhc, Gibb, a nice Goldie and Linnet respectively; hc, c, Miss Mantell.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.]

Annual show, Queen's Head Inn, Nov. 27. Mr. H. Seely, Choppington, judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. The entries were short of previous years, owing to some of the members being away serving their country. The large room was well arranged, and visitors were quite numerous all day, and in the circumstances the show was highly successful.

Young Birds.—Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Lawson; 3, Fenton. Nor. Buff: 1, 2, Lawson; 3, Fenton. Hen: 1, cup for best young bird, 2, Lawson; 3, Fenton. Green or Nearly Green: 1, 3, Foster; 2, Lawson. Nat. Col.: 1, Gowland; 2, 3, Gilmore. Crest or C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Bisset. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Fenton. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Gowland; 2, Lynn; 3, Fenton. Old Birds.—Nor. Ck.: 1, Fenton; 2, Foster; 3, Wilson. Hen: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Lawson. Green or Nearly Green: 1, Foster; 2, Robinson; 3, Dixon. Pairs for breeding: 1, Foster; 2, 3, Lawson. Cinn. Ck.: 1, Robinson; 2, Gowland; 3, Lynn. Hen: 1, Robinson; 2, Gowland; 3, G. Gowland. Crest Ck.: 1, 2, Bisset; 3, G. Lynn. C.B. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Bisset. Cr. or C.B. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Bisset. Yorks. Ck.: 1, Fenton; 2, Fletcher; 3, Dixon. Hen: 1, Fenton; 2, Lynn; 3, Dixon. Bord. Yell. Ck. or Hen: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Fenton. A.O.V. Single or Pairs: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Fletcher. 12/- Sell.: 1, Lawson; 2, Wilson; 3, Fenton. Brown Linnet: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Fletcher. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Foster.—R. H. Dixon, Sec.

WIGAN C.B.S.

Annual show, in the Assembly Hall, Legs o' Man Arcade, Dec. 4, when about 90 exhibits turned up. Prizes were on the 1/- sliding scale. The quality all through was quite as good as is to be expected in these times. Various exhibitors had good deal of their own way in the special variegated that were showing, but in the Novice and British sections, there was rather keener competition in several classes. Mr. E. Ball makes a quiet and efficient secretary. The damp, cold, muggy weather made some of the Yorkshires get their backs up, and one or two had to stand down on condition of the day. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and gave satisfaction.

A.V. CK. NOR.: 1, Johnson, rather fuller and thicker set than 2, Ball, a very nice good quality bird, well up in Nor. points. HEN: 1, Johnson grand yell. hen; 2, Ball, very cobby buff, A1 bloom UNFLIG., CK.: 1, 2, McAndrew, grand cobby buff, leading, both good order. HEN: 1, McAndrew, buff tick head. YELL. GN. CK.: 1, McAndrew, foud tail, good col., etc. BUFF. CK.: 1, McAndrew, foud big head and rare body, A1 col., level, and deep on breast; 2, 3, Ball, grand self and a good foul in fine cond. NOV., GREEN, HEN: 1, 2, McAndrew very fine pair, rare col., type, and cond. NOV. NOR., A.V., CK. (7): 1, Green, grand eye, wing mdk. yell., rare col. and feather; 2, 3, hc, Nichols, a good trio, and hard to separate; vhc, Johnson, c, Haselden. A.V. NOR. HEN (8): 1, Haselden, cl. yell., A1 head and body shape, good carr., etc. 2, c, Johnson, very shapely varieg., good col., type and cond.; 3, hc, S. Green, cl. head and body, A1 cond.; vhc, Nichols; c, Sheard. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Nichols, fine all-round bird; 2, Green, smaller, good type, etc.; 3, Sheard, cobby varieg., beaten in head; vhc, G. Johnson; hc, Settle. BUFF. CK.: 1, Green; 2, Unsworth; 3, Settle. HENS (6): 1, 3, Nichols, cl. and tkd. eye respectively, fine pair, A1; 2, Johnson, varieg. yell., rare subs. vhc, Haselden; hc, Unsworth; c, Vicars. CHAMP. PION, YORKS., A.V. CK. (5): 1, Green, smart cond. and carr., and type; 2, 3, Hitchin, fine pair of slim medium-size typical birds, A1 carr. and cond.; vhc, hc, Pomphrett, a fine slim long-tailed cl. yell., rather short wing flights, very tight, and a big buff soft in cond. HENS (3): 1, Pomphrett, best all-round cond., looking grand; 2, Green, fine bird, wee bit soft at times; 3, Hitchins, smaller, also hit soft to-day. UNFLIG. CK. (5): 1, hc, Hitchin, cl. A1 cond., leading; 2, Pomphrett, nat. col., fine breedy type, etc.; 3, Green, very pretty cl.; vhc, McAndrew. HENS: 1, Green, fine varieg. yell.; 2, McAndrew, cl. buff, bit soiled. BORDER. C.: 1, 2, J. W. Johnson. HENS: 1, 2, 3, J. W. Johnson, all good. SELL 20/- (7): 1, Nichols; 2, vhc, c, Ball; 3, Johnson; hc, Sheard. 12/- (5): 1, McAndrew; 2, Ball; 3, Unsworth; vhc, Nichols; hc, Sheard. GOLDF. ETC. (10): 1, R. Hunter, very nice evenly-balanced bird, in col., shape, and cut of blaze; 2, 3, Affleck and Cresswell, nice big Bullie and a fair size Greenf.; vhc, G. Johnson; hc, c, Sumner. E. Johnson, old champ., Yell. Bunting; 2, Hunter, very pretty marked Bramble, steady, in fine feather. A.V. SOFT: 1, 2, Affleck and Cresswell, grand, large, perfect Pippit, well shown, and a medium-size Bearded Tit. MULE, A.V.: 1, 2, J. W. Johnson, well-known pair of mdk. Goldf.-Canary hybrids, in fine order.

ASTWOOD BANK C.B.S.

Cage birds had only a small classification at this show, held in the Assembly Room on Nov. 25, but a nice entry was received and some excellent birds were staged, especially in Yorkshires. The members' challenge cup was won by Mr. A. W. Austin, with a most typical variegated yellow Yorks, the same bird as the judge awarded the cup to two years ago. Mr. Austin's team were grandly shown, and took all the prizes. The birds were nicely staged, and well looked after by the committee. Messrs. Warwood and Austin again acted as secretaries, and got through their work in good style. Half the proceeds were to be given to the Soldiers' Hospital. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS (19): 1, 2, 3, 4, res, hc, Austin, hot lovely slim yell. varieg., fine head and neck, rare wings and tail, beautifully tapered, and full of style; 2nd, heavily mdk. yell., lovely type and feather, hardly so smart; 3rd, long slim buff, not so good in wing carriage; 4th, good bodied yell., but opens his tail when in position. A.O.V. CAN., all Nor. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, res, vhc, hc, c, Parker Bros., hot, nice cobby full-chested sound coloured yell., capital head; 2nd, rare qual. yell., not quite so stout, but even better qual. of feather; 3rd, good shapely buff, nice col. and style. BRIT. SMALL (5): 1, 3, Robinson, beautifully feathered Greenie, superb colour, splendid wings and tail, in grand form; 3rd, nicely spangled, shapely Bramble; 2, W. Parker, rich coloured buff rather small Goldie, capital shape and feather, well mdk.; 4, Austin. A.O.V. (7): 1, Robinson, very handsome Waxwing, fine shape and size, lovely col. and markings, and shown very fit; 2, Austin, nice shapely Lin. Can. Mule, well mdk., needs a bit more col. in training; 3, Mills Bros., another grandly shaped and feathered Waxwing, not quite so clear in wing bars; 4, Bennett; res, Robinson; vhc, W. Parker.

Many Show Reports unavoidably held over.

LONDONDERRY.

There are sterling and enthusiastic fanciers in the North of Ireland, but unfortunately, like others, they are fallible, and little disturbances occur from time to time to mar the harmony and good fellowship. Londonderry is, in this year of stress, struggling against the adverse influences of a split. A faithful few, however, held together, and determined that the City of Derry C.B.S. should not fall through. They decided to hold the annual show as usual, and it came off in the Union Hall, Jan. 13. What with the war and the split, the entry was not up to Derry form, still some very choice exhibits were shown, and quality was "right there," and that is what counts most. Mr. J. M. C. Knox, although new to secretarial work, made a most excellent official. Mr. W. J. G. McClelland, the president, is no mere figure-head, but a worker, and an enthusiastic one, whilst Mr. S. Hyndman, the vice-president, is also one of the right sort. In these gentlemen and Mr. Scott, the treasurer, who unfortunately was ill, the Derry fanciers have a quartet of workers whom they should support to the uttermost, and bring back to the society its past position. The other members of the committee are: Messrs. S. Hyndman (vice-president), R. Faulkner, E. Fox, W. J. Gilliland, T. Platt, J. Kincaid, D. Koulstone, J. Nevin, and J. Dunlop, and a practical and hard-working executive they make. They deserved better luck than came their way. Still, "never say die." Scots, although few, were good, and Mr. Dunlop's team deserved more extended competition. Crests were indeed the section of the show, and Mr. Arthur Creighton's team alone were worth a visit to the fixture. His successes were big, but they were well deserved. More profuse feathering we have seen, but never a team combining such wonderful quality, accuracy of radiation, and perfect droop. Those four teams which won secured the admiration of all who saw them, and were quite the feature of the show. The Crest-breds also from Mr. Creighton possessed the same beautiful quality and shape. Lucky man! He secured the Crest cup easily. The Norwich Plain-heads carried our minds back many years to the time when English breeders valued type and quality above all else. Mr. Foreman, who wrestled the Norwich cup from Mr. Thompson, put down a team of gems. Colour, type, and feather, they had them all, and a fair amount of size. Smartness and neatness, and no slackness, were their characteristics. Yorks were hardly up to those we have seen at Irish shows, but the competition was close; Mr. Goligher's wins in the non-fed classes just landed him the cup. Mr. Creighton's well-known Mules and British continued his winning sequence, but Messrs. Kincaid and McClelland, and Mrs. Algeo all staged some capital birds. It was a quality show. Pity it was not a quantity one too. Mr. C. A. House judged.

SCOTS, CK (3): 1, 2, 3, sp. Dunlop, massive, long sided, buff, capital head and neck, great drive, capital shoulders, brings tail well under, and moves quickly; 2nd, capital shape and style, good back and side, shorter in drive, and slower in action; 3rd, smart nery yell. green, does not get his head down quite as he should. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, sp. Dunlop, big shapely buff, quick in action, nice length of side, capital drive, uses her tail nicely; 2nd, pied buff, grand shape and style, gets tail well under, perch, shorter in drive; 3, slashing hybrid, but soft, and would not work. CREST CK (12): 1, sp. 2, sp. Creighton, lovely oval, wing-marked, neat crest, beautiful radiation and droop, nice leafy feather, splendid droop and finish; 2nd, green, pied tail, tremendous spread and density of crest, nice centre, not so perfect in radiation; 3, sp. McClelland, stylish and nice bodied yell. green, nice centre and spread, good qual. and shape, useful; 4, sp. res., sp. vhe, c. Kincaid, well spread crest, nice centre, not so massive in front, lighter in texture, good body qual.; he, M'Michael. HEN (8): 1, sp. 2, 3, 4, Creighton, even marked, real gem, full of qual., neatly defined centre and well radiated crest, of lovely qual. and density; 2nd, another even marked, large, heavy crest, nice centre, radiation and droop not quite so perfect, splendid body shape; 3rd, wing and tail mld., splendid qual. right through, capital radiation and droop; 4th, nicely spread crest, not so dense in feather, nor so evenly radiated; res., vhe, he, sp. medal, Kincaid. HEN (9): 1, sp. 3, res., Creighton, green, pied tail, grand shaped body and skull, dense feather, of excellent width and length; 3rd, heavily varieg., lovely qual. and density of feather, shapely skull, not such a good lay back; 2, 4, he, and two sps. Kincaid, green, pied tail, grand dome-shaped skull, rare qual. of feather and plenty of it; 4th, very shapely cl., not a big bird, but plenty of feather, well put on; vhe, Gilliland; c, M'Michael. C.B.A. CK (10): 1, 2, 3, sp. Creighton, lightly mld., big, shapely body, long, wide feather of rare qual., great subs. of head feather; 2nd, grand bodied green, pied tail, rare shaped skull, not so heavy in head feather, but grand shaped skull; 3rd, heavily mld., capital front and top, not so massive in back skull, grandly feathered right through; 4, sp. Gilliland, very heavily feathered, cl. nice shape, not so well shown; res., sp. vhe, sp. c. Kincaid; he, sp. McClelland. NOR. CL. CK (5): 1, 3, 4, and three sps. Foreman, very typical yell. rich even col., wonderfully silky feather, capital shape, style, and general finish, wins special best bird in section; 3rd, grand even col. buff, nicely mld., shapely head and chest, neat wings and tail, very stylish and smart, lovely feather; 4th, good bodied buff, grand col. and qual., but turned; 2, res. Thompson, smart, shapely buff, capital chest and back, good head, not so even in col., nice qual. HEN (6): 1, 3, 4, sp. Foreman, sweet yell., very typical and stylish, lovely qual., rich even col., neat head, grand wings and tail; 3rd, short collyie buff, lovely qual. and meal, grand wings and tail, lovely col.; 4th, bonny little yell., rare body and feather, hardly so shapely in head, and paler in col.; 2, res. Thompson, clinking good buff, very typical, capital col. and meal, very stylish; vhe, sp. Kincaid. TKD. ETC. CK (7): 1, 2, 3, Foreman, res. tld. yell., lovely rich even col., grand qual., splendid wings and tail, shapely skull, very smart and stylish; 2nd, head and wing mld. buff, beautiful col. and frosting, grand chest and back, shapely head, had been burned in drying; 3rd, wing tld. yell., beautiful col. and qual., not quite so shapely, very smart and stylish; 4, he, Thompson, eye-tld. yell., capital feather and col.; res, vhe, sp. Kincaid. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Foreman, real gem of a yell., smart and stylish, chest like a Robin, neat head, very rich, even col., beautiful silky feather; 2nd, grand bodied buff, rare chest and back, capital wings and tail, rich round col.; 3rd, cap and wing mld. buff, splendid shape and qual.; 4, sp. Kincaid, varieg. yell., shapely and stylish, not so well shown; res, vhe, he, Thompson. YORKS. CL. CK (9): 1, 2, 3, sps. Woods, long raking yell., blue head and neck, rare flights and tail, capital feather plenty of leg and style; 2nd, very close silky feathered buff, very smart and nery, beaten in length; 3, Winkup, long bodied buff, plenty of leg, not so nicely tapered; 4, sp. Dunlop, yell., shapely and nice length; res, Fleming; vhe, he, c. sp.

Goligher. HEN (4): 1, Fleming, nice, stylish, neat-feathered yell., good carr., just wanting a bit more length; 2, Winkup, yell., more length, but not so shapely and smart, nicely feathered; 3, two sps. M'Michael, lengthy yell., good style. TKD. ETC. CK (6): 1, sp. Winkup, eye and wing mld. buff, silky and compact feather, grand style and shape; 2, Fleming, wing-tld. yell., rare length and style, but not quite so fine in feather; 3, 4, Woods, head and wing mld. buff, shapely and stylish; 4th, neck tld. yell., smart and showy; res, Goligher; vhe, Platt. HEN (3): 1, sp. Fleming, long, slim, racy yell., plenty of leg, good wings and tail; 2, Winkup, eye and wing cinn. mld. buff, capital stamp of Yorkie, trifle slack; 3, Dunlop, neat eye and wing mld. buff. NON-FED. CK (4): 1, 3, sp. Goligher, very stylish, silky-feathered buff, capital shape, well up on leg; 3rd, nicely feathered buff, not the style of his stable companion, nor so well tapered; 2, Ferguson, sweet little buff, full of Yorks. properties, beaten only in length; 4, Nevin, big, good col. green. HEN (3): 1, sp. Dunlop, four-pt. buff, plenty of length, neat head, well-tapered body, lovely silky feather; 2, Ferguson, very neat stylish buff; 3, Goligher, slim yell. MILES. DK. (4): 1, Creighton, grand Jongue Goldie, superb col. and mks., very tight in feather, served up red hot; 2, two sps. Goligher, large mealy Goldie, very close-feathered, but needing col.; 3, sp. Nevin, small mealy Goldie, nice feather, also pale in col.; 4, Kincaid, Jongue Linnet, rich qual. and col., but very wild. A.O.V. (7): 1, Creighton, eye and wing mld. Jongue Goldie, superb col. and feather, grand face and wings, in the pink; 2nd, three sps. 3, sp. Kincaid, big bouncing varieg. yell., rare shape, nice col., if a bit better shown would have pressed winner hard; 3rd, yell. varieg. smart and stylish, plenty of col., but a bit rough on head; 4, vhe, sp. McClelland, small varieg. buff, nice feather; res, Platt. GOLFE. (8): 1, Creighton, very rich face and chestnut, grand buttons and bars, rare cheeks and collar, full of qual.; 2, three sps. Mrs. Algeo, grand rich blaze, good bars and buttons, lovely whites, bit pale in chestnut; 3, Kincaid, very neat, good col. and feather, and not so steady; 4, McClelland, very nice all-round Finch, not well shown; res, Gallagher; vhe, Gilliland; he, Platt; c, Goligher. A.O. SMALL (8): 1, Creighton, grandly feathered Yellow Bunting, rich col., well mld., very fit; 2, 4, two sps. McClelland, good non-fed buff Greenie, capital feather and shape, smart wings and tail; 4th, shapely, nice col., house-mounted Bullie, bit rough in cheeks; 3, Gilliland, grandly mld. Siskin, nice shape, very steady; res, Kincaid; vhe, Knox. SKYLARK. ETC (3): 1, sp. Goligher, large, well mld., good col. Skylark, very showy; 2, McClelland, rattling good Thrush, lovely col. and moons, but wild; 3, Fox, very showy, well mld. Skylark, hardly so rich in col. FOR. (3): 1, sp. Scott, capital King-neck Parakeet, good col. and feather; 2, Platt, col. Goldie, nice shape and size. COMMON CAN. (4): 1, 4, sp. Fox, nice col., well feathered, shapely green; 4th, very smart cl. buff, could win if better shown; 3, sp. Gilliland, cap mld. yell., good col., close feather; 3, McClelland, varieg. yell., needed tubbing.

KING'S LYNN.

Annual Show, Nov. 20, held in Rechabites Hall. CL. Yell. CK. (13): 1, Langford; 2, Bennett; 3, Breeze; 4, Hatfield. Hens (10): 1, Langford; 2, Breeze; 3, Hatfield; 4, Chivers. Buff CK. (17): 1, Langford; 2, Breeze; 3, Thurston; 4, Chivers. Buff (16): 1, Langford; 2, Harrod; 3, Greenfield; 4, Bennett. TK. Yell. CK. (12): 1, Breeze; 2, Chivers; 3, Hatfield; 4, Greenfield. Hens (11): 1, Hatfield; 2, Chapman; 3, Smith; 4, Harrod. Buff CK. (10): 1, Lee; 2, Chivers; 3, Langford; 4, Bennett. Hen (11): 1, Chivers; 2, Hatfield; 3, Bennett; 4, Harrod. Evenly Mld. Yell. or Buff (5): 1, Lee; 2, Harrod; 3, Hatfield; 4, Thurston. Unev. Mld. Yell. CK. (6): 1, Harrod; 2, Greenfield; 3, Smith; 4, Hatfield. Hen (8): 1, Greenfield; 2, Langford; 3, Harrod; 4, Smith. Buff CK. (8): 1, Langford; 2, Lee; 3, Hatfield; 4, Breeze. Hen (10): 1, Breeze; 2, Bennett; 3, Lee; 4, Harrod. Var. Yell. CK. (9): 1, Breeze; 2, Greenfield; 3, Harrod; 4, Lee. Hen (10): 1, Ricketts; 2, Breeze; 3, Harrod; 4, Hatfield. Buff CK. (13): 1, Breeze; 2, Langford; 3, Ricketts; 4, Hatfield. Hen (12): 1, Langford; 2, Greenfield; 3, Breeze; 4, Thurston. Green or Nearly Green (8): 1, Langford; 2, Chivers; 3, Greenfield; 4, Hatfield. Hen (7): 1, Langford; 2, Addison; 3, Smith; 4, Chapman. Cinn. CK. (3): 1, Greenfield; 2, Smith; 3, Williamson. Hen (3): 1, Williamson; 2, Smith; 3, Greenfield. Matched Pair, A.V. (14): 1, Breeze; 2, Langford; 3, Hatfield; 4, Chivers. Lizards, Gold. (6): 1, Greenfield; 2, Smith; 3, Harrod; 4, Langford. Lizard, Silver: 1, Greenfield; 2, Langford; 3, Smith.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

First old bird show, held in the Liberal Club, on Nov. 27, when 151 birds were shown by 26 members, amongst them some noted winners. Points were gained in champion section by J. Hellewell, 24; Hirst, 23; A. Radley, 20; F. Taylor, 20; Hutchinson, 19; and Wadsworth, 17. Novice—P. Taylor, 22; W. Lodge, 22; S. Morley, 22; J. Bowers, 22; F. Radley, 18; and T. Fisher, 17. T. Bentley judged and gave satisfaction. Champion Cl. or Tld. Yell.: 1, Hellewell; 2, Hirst; 3, Johnson; 4, Hirst. Buff: 1, Hellewell; 2, A. Radley; 3, Taylor; 4, Everett. Varieg.: 1, Hellewell; 2, Hirst; 3, 4, Everett. Unfig. Yell.: 1, Hutchinson; 2, Hellewell; 3, Everett; 4, Wadsworth. Buff: 1, Taylor; 2, Hellewell; 3, Hirst; 4, Everett. Yell. Hen: 1, Radley; 2, Wadsworth; 3, Hutchinson; 4, Hellewell. Buff: 1, Fisher and Heydon; 2, Hirst; 3, Johnson; 4, Taylor; 3, 4, Hirst. Buff: 1, Hirst; 2, Fisher and Heydon; 3, Radley; 4, Hellewell. Nov. Cl. or Tld. Yell.: 1, J. Bower; 2, J. A. Taylor; 3, H. Lodge; 4, Morley; 5, J. Bower; 4, Fisher. Varieg.: 1, F. Radley; 2, P. Taylor; 3, Beaumont; 4, A. Taylor. Unfig. Yell.: 1, Bower; 2, W. Lodge; 3, P. Taylor; 4, Fisher. Buff: 1, H. Lodge; 2, A. Radley; 3, Beaumont; 4, Morley. Yell. Hen: 1, P. Taylor; 2, W. Lodge; 3, H. Lodge; 4, A. Taylor. Buff: 1, Fisher; 2, W. Lodge; 3, H. Fisher; 4, Radley. Yell. Hen, A.V.: 1, G. E. Bower; 2, P. Taylor; 3, Morley; 4, Lodge. Buff: 1, Radley; 2, Morley; 3, A. Taylor; 4, Fisher. Selling, 15: 1, Robert; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Radley—W. Everett, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD.

Result of the competition for 1915 Open Yorkshire section. W. Hellewell 128 points, W. H. Sykes 125, J. Horsfield 61, G. Hunter 37. Novice Yorks., Bolton and Linn 132, S. Wood 101, H. McEwen 71, J. C. Rhodes 61. Norwich, J. W. Kaberry 122, W. Plowright 113, B. Airtown 76, G. A. Simonett 40, Bolton and Linn win cup for Yorks.; Kaherry, cup for Norwich, S. Wood; special most points, unfigured—W. Hellewell, Sec.

WINTERTON F.S.

Show held Dec. 20, Cross Keys Club Room, YORKS. COCK: 1, sp. 3, Smith; 2, 4, Stainton. HEN: 1, 2, Stainton; 3, 4, Smith. NOR. 1, 2, 3, Stainton. MILE: 1, 3, Ebbatson; 2, Wright. GIFT: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Stainton.

HALIFAX.

Annual show, Jan. 8th, Liberal Club, Haugh Shaw Road, King Cross. The room is an ideal place for a show, having a splendid light and being near to the station and cars. 301 entries were staged, which is very good for the last show of the season, and quality was above the average. The unfigured classes were the strongest, as usual, and novices rolled up with a good entry. The society gave an unusual number of special for a Union show. Special winners: Dr. Craig, Messrs. Dykes, Priestley, Symes, L. Hodgson, junr., Spencer, and Maiden, Ellis, Gledhill and Blackburn, and Mitchell. The president, Mr. Sharpe, took an active part in the working of the show, and sec. Sutcliffe saw that everything went with a swing; he was ably assisted by E. Stohart. The show stewards were Messrs. Priestley, Mitchell, Saville, and Gelder, and Mr. P. Child had charge of the sales, and the way in which they all did their duty is deserving of the highest praise. The King Cross prize band was in attendance, and also the Harmonic Quartette Party, both rendering enjoyable and appropriate music. The judge, Mr. Philip Mason, seemed to give satisfaction. Prizes were paid to winners who attended the show, and the packing and sending away was got through without a hitch.

CHAMP. CL. ETC., YELL. YKS. (6): 1, Stohart, cl., standard length, feathered like glass, lovely bloom, grand head and neck, wings and tail well carr., Al pos.; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., longer, but not the col., good head, wings and tail, finely feathered, stands well up on good legs; 3, Dykes, cl., very rich col., lovely qual. and type; 4, Dyson; vhe, Dr. Craig; he, Bennett. BUFF (11): 1, he, Ogden Bros., grand length, stands like a guardman, feather like silk, lovely head, well-filled neck, wings and tail well carr., fine condition; 2, Brown and Son, very long, strongly built, lovely qual., very shapely, hardly as good in wing carr., excellent stock bird; 3, vhe, Sharpe, plenty of length, good col., nice shape and qual., stands well up; 4, Dr. Craig, lovely shape and style, excels in qual., only beaten in length; c, Dykes. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Brown and Son, tld. head, splendid length, hot col., grand head and neck, full of nerve, nicely drawn, wings and tail perfect, feather like silk; 2, Dr. Craig, slightly griz. on head, nice length of feather, tight as wax, lovely bloom, body nicely moulded, neat wings and tail, Al pos.; 3, Dyson, tld. neck and wing, rich col., lovely qual. and type; 4, Bennett, very stylish; vhe, Sutcliffe. BUFF (7): 1, Dr. Craig, sweet wing tld., correct length and type, rich level col., fine boxy feather grand head, neck and wings, Al pos.; 2, F. Taylor, wing tld., plenty of length, nice shape, feather like silk, good wings and tail, rather low on legs; 3, A. Radley, very stylish; 4, c, Sutcliffe, lovely type; vhe, Dykes; he, Ogden Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Henderson and Crosby, cl., correct type, well up to standard length, lovely tone of col., fine silky feather, good head and body shape, wings and tail perfect; 2, Rigg, cl., very long and slim, rich level col., stands well up, good head, wings well braced, grand cond.; 3, Priestley, plenty of length, nice qual. and style; 4, Hodgson, even mld., beautiful qual.; vhe, Dykes; he, Speak; c, Dyson. BUFF (13): 1, Ogden Bros., cl., splendid shape, feathered like a Java, Al pos., grand head, well filled neck, rare wing carr., mealy col.; 2, c, Dyson, mld. both wings, lovely quality of feather, well up on leg, sound col., splendid wing carr., fine cond.; 3, A. Radley, cl., good length, silky feather, neat wings and tail; 4, Hirst, wing tld., best of qual., very stylish, Al pos., shade less; vhe, Cruise; he, Bennett. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hirst, tld. neck and wing, lovely type, real Yorkie, splendid head, good shoulders, nicely drawn, wings and tail perfect, Al cond.; 2, Hellewell, cl., plenty of length, nice body, well filled all round, rich col., very typical, feather tight as wax; 3, Ogden Bros., cl., nice length and style, lovely qual., rather on stout side; 4, Henderson and Crosby, sweet tld., stylish, fine silky feather, short of training; vhe, Dyson; he, Dr. Craig; c, A. Radley. BUFF (12): 1, Thornton and Robertshaw, wing tld., correct length, grand top end, lovely qual., good head, full neck, wings well placed, level col.; stands well up; 2, Dykes, cl., plenty of length, nicely drawn, good head and neck, rare wing carr., pipe tail, good legs and feet; 3, Hellewell, cl., nice stock type, fails in head; 4, Chittenden, cl., very stylish, best of qual., neat wing carr.; vhe, Henderson and Crosby; he, Dibb; c, F. Taylor. GREEN MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Dykes, even mld., looking as well as ever, splendid length, rich col., perfect shape and pos., long wings well carried, unbeatable; 2, 4, Morrison, 2nd even mld., hot in col., grand shape and style, stands well up, finely clothed, loses in length; 3, Towers, varieg., grand shape, loses in qual.; vhe, A. Radley; he, Dibb. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, varieg., smashing length, full of style, coat like silk, nice head, good body, wings and tail well braced, Al pos.; in best cond.; 2, Towers, even mld., rather stronger, full of nerve, sound col., long wings well braced, good head and shoulders, stands well; 3, Dr. Craig, even mld., grand shape and style, shags breed, rare qual.; 4, Sharpe, varieg., excels in qual., rich col., only beaten in length; vhe, Thornton and Robertshaw; he, Priestley; c, Blackburn and Mitchell. GR. YELL. Hen (5): 1, 3, Towers, even mld., beautiful type, feathered like glass, rich col., grand head and shoulders, well fitting wings and tail, correct pos.; 3, uneven mld., nice length; 2, Morrison, even mld.; excellent qual., even colour; 4, Sharpe; vhe, Dibb. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, even marked, straight as a rush, fine boxy feather, tight as wax, good head, full neck, neat wing carr., stands well up; 2, Towers, varieg., excels in qual., rather thicker built, and hardly as long, grand head, neck and wings, well up on leg, shows well; 3, Dibb, even mld., slim and typical; 4, Hodgson; vhe, Thornton and Robertshaw; he, Cruise; c, A. Radley. FOUL GREEN MKD. (5): 1, vhe, Sutcliffe, yell., wonderful length, blaze of col., teeming with qual., splendid head, full neck, rare wing carr., stands well, a real stock bird; 2, 3, Priestley, yell., very long and typical, shown well, 3rd yell., lengthy and stylish; 4, Chittenden, CINN. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Dr. Craig, 1st correct type, lengthy and slim built, feather like silk, full of nerve, rich col., Al pos., well benched, 2nd grand length, best of qual., nicely drawn; 3, Chittenden, very long and typical, rare qual.; 4, Towers; vhe, Morrison; he, Harrison. BUFF (7): 1, Dr. Craig, beautiful, 1st lightly mld. on wings, unbeatable for qual., grand length, nicely moulded, rich tone of col., neat head, full neck, wings and tail perfect, 2nd mld. head and wings, stands correct, lovely qual., rather stout, wings and tail well carr.; 3, vhe, Atkinson and Firth, plenty of length, feather like glass, rare wing carr.; 4, Morrison, long and stylish, level col.; he, Towers; c, Bennett. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Chittenden, even mld., grand length, full of nerve, slim and breezy, rich col., good head and wing carr., correct pos.; 2, Dr. Craig, even mld., splendid type, nice length, teeming with qual.; lovely col.; 3, Towers, very slim and stylish, fine silky feather; 4, Brown and Son, lovely qual., paler and shade less; vhe, Atkinson and Firth; he, Middleby; c, Sharpe. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Dr. Craig, sweet tld., plenty of length, grand head, well filled

neck, wings and tail perfect, unbeatable for qual., sound col., Al pos., a real topper; 4, even mld., very stylish; 2, Morrison, varieg., grand size, on stout side, feathered like glass; 3, Hodgson, uneven mld., lovely feather, beaten in length; vhe, Atkinson and Firth; he, Middleby. SELL. CK. (13): 1, Cliff; 2, Sharpe; 3, Ambler; 4, vhe, Robinson; he, Lord; c, Pilling. HEN: 1, 3, Priestley; 2, Sharpe; 4, Lord; vhe, Child; he, Sutcliffe; c, Robertshaw. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Rayner, cl., splendid length, rare top end, full of nerve, blaze of col., feathered like glass, well fitting wings and tail; well up on leg; 2, Symes, cl., very lengthy, well moulded, rich tone of col., good pos., sound cond., well staged; 3, Kitchie, cl., long, and typical, line qual., level col., very leggy; 4, Crowther, cl., beautiful quality, neat wings and tail, full of style, vhe, Raper; he, Ambler; c, Senior. BUFF (7): 1, F. Hanson, cl., wonderful length, grand head and neck, sound col., excellent qual., wing and tail well placed, stands like a guardman; 2, Thornton, cl., straight as a rush, lovely qual., not quite as lengthy; 3, Sykes, tld. on head, nice length, shows breed, lovely quality, well up; 4, Hamlyn, cl., very stylish; vhe, Robinson; he, Marton; c, Gelder. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Sykes, cl., beautiful type, feathered like glass, rich col., good head, sound body, Al pos., wings well carr.; 2, J. Taylor, cl., nice length, lovely qual. and col., grand head, on best of shoulders, wings and tail perfect, fine cond., close up; 3, Symes, cl., longer and very stylish, on slim side, nice qual. and col.; 4, Thornton, cl., wedge shape, full of nerve, neat wings and tail; vhe, Rayner; he, Williams; c, Ratcliffe. BUFF (9): 1, Speak, cl., best of qual., plenty of length, well carr. wings, rich in col., good head, full n ck, pipe tail, well shown; 2, Symes, cl., wonderful length, not as much bloom as 1st, fine boxy feather, correct shape, stands well up; 3, Gledhill, mld. on head, plenty of length, lovely qual.; 4, Rayner, cl., nice type and shape, good col.; vhe, Gelder; he, Child; c, Stocks. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, he, Gledhill, cl., wonder for qual., full of bloom, grand head and neck, splendid wing carr., stands well up, well benched; 2, Crowther, cl., very long and stylish, tight as wax, rich level col., neat head, level neck, wings well carried, shown well; 3, Stocks, cl., grand type and qual., plenty of length, might be better staged; 4, J. Taylor, unevenly mld., grand shape and qual., neat wings and tail; vhe, Hamlyn; c, Gelder. BUFF (9): 1, Horman, cl., beautiful shape, standard length, feather like wax, grand head, well filled neck, sound col., wings well carr.; 2, 3, Townend, cl., lovely qual., level col., good head, back and wings, hardly as well drawn; 3, cl., rich in col., teeming with qual., just a bit thin in neck; 4, Sykes, cl., grand shape and qual., unsteady, will improve; vhe, Senior; he, Wilson; c, Gelder. GREEN MKD. (12): 1, 4, J. Taylor, varieg. yell., splendid type, tight as wax, grand head, well fitting wings and tails, rich level col., well up on leg, fine cond., 4th uneven mld. yell., lovely qual., rather stoutly built, neat wings and tail, shade less; 2, Symes, buff, straight as a rush, fine boxy feather, sound level col., lovely-head and neck, wings perfect, stands well up; 3, Hamlyn, even mld. yell., very stylish, on slim side, rare qual.; vhe, Smith; he, Hanson; c, Horman. HENS (12): 1, Hanson, varieg. buff, plenty of length, very fine qual., level col., grand shaped head, full neck, well fitting wing, pipe tail, Al pos., well shown; 2, c, Gledhill, yell., hot col., very slim, showing breed, full of nerve, neat wing carr., stands up well; 3, Rayner, buff, rare qual., full of swagger, rather thickly built; 4, he, Crowther, yell., hot in col., lovely qual., good stock bird; vhe, J. Taylor. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. (8): 1, vhe, Hodgson, junr., uneven mld. yell., grand length, on slim side, lovely qual., rich level col., good head, wings and tail, well carr., good pos.; 2, c, Gledhill, yell., uneven mld., wonderful length, feather like glass, nice shape, exquisite col., stands well up; 3, Symes, varieg. buff, slim and typical, beautiful feather; 4, Senior, varieg. buff, rather stoutly built, neat wing carr.; he, Ratcliffe. HEN (7): 1, 4, Hodgson, junr., varieg. yell., plenty of length, hot col., grand head and wings, well carr., nicely drawn, tight as wax; 4, buff mld., fine boxy feather, nice type, not quite as long; 2, Smith, yell., beautiful shape, level col., nice head, well moulded body, fine silky feather, Al pos., fine cond.; 3, Gledhill, buff, excels in qual., mealy col., neat wings and tail; vhe, Mitchell; he, Raper; c, Symes. NOR. CK. (6): 1, vhe, Spencer and Maiden, cl., grand head and breast, best of qual., well-balanced on perch, rich col., wings well placed, fine cond.; 2, Senior, varieg. yell., very hot col., correct shaped head, hardly as full in breast, stands well, good wings and tail, splendid stock bird; 3, 4, he, Hudson, level team, 3rd varieg. buff, lovely type and qual., only beaten in subs. HEN: (7): 1, 2, Simonett, varieg. buff, correct shape, grand head, very bold breast, feather like marble, sound col., gets well across perch, 2nd cl. yell., plenty of subs., rich col., nice head, not as full in chest; 3, Clough, cl. buff, grand shape and type, lovely qual., shade less; 4, vhe, Spencer and Maiden; he, c, Hudson. NOV. CK. (9): 1, Ellis, cl. buff, grand type, fine boxy feather, Al pos., level col., good shaped head, nice moulded body, perfect wing carr.; 2, T. Sykes, yell., mld. on head, very long and slim, finely clothed on back, we hit loose in front, good head, wings and tail, stands well up; 3, Cliff, cl. yell., plenty of length, rather strong built, good stock bird; 4, vhe, Haigh, yell., nice type and qual., hardly as good in head shape; he, Rushworth; c, Gelder. HEN (7): 1, 2, Saville, cl. yell., as near alike as possible, nice length feather, as tight as wax, rich level col., perfect in body shape, grand head, wings and tail well carr., correct pos.; 3, Morton, cl. buff, excels in qual., grand shape and style, sound col., stands well; 4, Haigh, cl. yell., nice length, rich col.; vhe, Sutcliffe; he, Ellis; c, Brearley. SELF OF FOUL GREEN CK. (9): 1, 4, vhe, Sladdin and Baldwin, straight as a rush, excellent col. and pencilling, nice length, lovely head and neck, neat wings and tail, well benched; 2, 3, Scruton and Harris, rather stouter built, but excels in qual., beautiful col., only beaten in length, 3rd grand shape, very slim and typical; he, Brearley; c, Briggs. HEN (9): 1, Ellis, self yell., correct shape, feathered like glass, nice pencil markings, rare col., wings and tail, well braced, stands well up, fine cond.; 2, 4, Rushworth, self buff, nicely moulded grand head, full neck, rare wing carr., sound col.; 3, vhe, Leach, self yell., very slim and stylish, fine silky feather; he, c, Briggs.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

WHAT SEEDS, ETC. (C. H.).—(1) You ought to have said under what circumstances the birds are kept. Whether the Canaries and Linnets are kept together and have access to the same seeds, and whether they are kept in cages or aviaries. As regards the Linnets, you should address a separate query to our Mr. Norman, and in doing so give the particulars named. For Canaries outdoors a staple diet of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately, every second day, a small quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp and crushed biscuit, dry, allowing about half a teaspoonful for each bird if flying loose in an aviary, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts niger, teazle, white millet, and broken groats, with just a sprinkling of linseed during spells of severe weather. Give a morsel of sweet apple or banana two or three times a week. If caged indoors give a staple of plain canary only, and separately, half a teaspoonful of egg food once or twice a week, add the hemp to the mixture and omit the crushed biscuit and linseed, and give a similar quantity of this twice a week, with a little fruit or green salad, when the latter is available in good condition, three times a week. On the whole, you would be best advised to get copies of the Nutshell booklets on the "Canary" and "Linnets," Nos. 5 and 2, respectively, which our Manager would send you for 2½d. each, post free, to

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see more details. (2) In the absence of more definite details I should say the reason a cock Canary nine months old carries feathers in his beak is to make an impression on some avine damsel, whom he desires in this birdy fashion to "name the day." Such precocity should be "rewarded" by caging him alone out of sight of the hens until a more seasonable time for such dissipation.

STOPPING HEN LAYING (H. T. E., King's Cross).—No serious trouble is likely to arise from casual laying at this season. Many unusually prolific hens are subject to it. Keep the hen on a diet of plain canary seed only for a time, and add twice a week to the drinking water a pinch of Epsom salts whilst the weather continues mild, and if convenient keep her in some place out of sight and earshot of the other birds. This will reduce the chances of laying to a minimum, but even if it does not quite stop it you need not worry about it, as it will not be likely to have any injurious effects on her results in the proper season.

SENDING BIRDS BY RAIL (X.Y.Z.).—If properly packed and despatched there is not the least difficulty, and practically no risk, in sending birds a distance of 100 miles by rail. Proper "travelling cages," as used by bird dealers, are much the best, and if there is any dealer near you there would probably not be any difficulty in buying one or two of these cages for a very few coppers, or if you could see one it would be but the matter of a few minutes to make them for yourself. For a rather large size to suit your purpose, capable of carrying three birds each, imagine a cigar box nine inches long, five inches deep, and five inches high, with the lid removed, and a strip one inch wide nailed along one side in the space. Pierce holes 3 in. apart along the top edge of this strip, and holes to correspond through the opposite side of the box, which will form the top of the "travelling cage," and fill with wires. Cut a 3 in. square piece out of the top at one corner next the back, and pivot it in the same space from which it was removed by driving in two small wire nails at the two back corners, to work it up and down as on hinges. A bit of wire driven into the side of box near to where the free end of lid closes down, and bent down to a right angle will turn round and form a fastening for the door. Fasten a fair-sized perch across the length, not more than an inch from the bottom of cage. Then you have cage ready. Put in birds, throw a handful of canary seed on the floor, and at the last

minute put in a small piece of stale bread thoroughly saturated with water. Put three birds in each cage, place front to front, tie together with twine, and wrap completely in brown paper, and tie all securely with string into a compact parcel, and label prominently on top with the address and "Live Birds—With Care." Nothing else is needed, and no holes should be made in the paper wrapping at this season. Any small wood box about the above size might be made to serve the purpose by securing a perch near the bottom, and otherwise packing as above, but the advantages in every direction of the travelling cage are more than worth the slight trouble of making them.

A SECOND MOULT (E. N.).—Keep the bird in a fairly warm temperature, but you need not overdo the heat, and see that it is free from direct draughts and sudden or extreme fluctuations. In addition to the usual diet give every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give 20 drops of the following mixture in the drinking water. Mixture: Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and use as above. Continue treatment until the feathers have quite ceased dropping. The bird should be quite ready for mating at the beginning of April, or even the last week in March if the weather is suitable.

EGGS FOR SITTING (R.D.).—No, I am afraid the practice which is so common among poultry fanciers of selling sittings of eggs for incubation has not penetrated to the ranks of Canary fanciers. At least I do not know of any trade being done in "sittings" of Canaries' eggs for hatching, from high-class birds, the cost of which is beyond the poor working man. There may be material difficulties and objections to such traffic which do not apply to the produce of the poultry yard, and doubtless when the owner of such birds as you have in view has obtained the eggs he is too keen on hatching them out himself to think of bartering away his potential cup-winners.

PERCHES AND CAGES (Norwich N.S.).—(1) If the birds are in good, vigorous health, and active, they will fertilise the eggs under almost any conditions of unstable perches, but with certain types of bird such perches are a detriment to fertility. Therefore, so far as breeding cages are concerned, it is best to leave these fancy contrivances alone and fix firm and secure perches which do not shake and wobble about when the birds jump on them. (2) The two smaller cages will each accommodate four birds the size of a Norwich, and the larger one eight birds. With strict attention to cleanliness, two extra for each of the smaller cages and four extra for the larger one may be added temporarily, but the first-named quantities are quite sufficient for a permanency. (3) The change of room will not necessarily affect the results of the breeding season at all, although a change in the opposite direction would have been preferable; that is, for the sun to commence to shine on the room at three in the morning instead of three in the afternoon, as then it would have tended to start the hens feeding earlier in the morning. Still, one cannot always have the ideal.

MOULTING AND FERTILITY (G. E. Arnold).—(1) Treat the Norwich cock the same as advised to "E.N." in this issue and continue it until two or three weeks after the bird has quite ceased dropping feathers. If in good health and vigour and it has resumed song by about the middle of next March you may mate him, providing, of course, the hen is also ready for mating, with a fair chance of successful breeding results from him. The deterioration of song is doubtless only what is natural when a bird is moulting, and will probably remedy itself as soon as the effect of the moulting has passed off. (2) It is not at all improbable that the cock was the faulty partner as regards the unproductive clutches last year. Still, provided he recovers from the effects of the moult and resumes full song some time this side the end of March, there is no reason why he should not breed quite successfully in the coming season. But I would not advise you to try the experiment of running him with two hens, and as you will have a spare hen, you might double your chances of success this year by getting a lusty young cock in stout song to mate with her. Please see Mr. Norman's column for reply to your Muling query, which should have been sent on a separate sheet.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FEEDING A BULLFINCH (F. H. Pink).—A captive Bullfinch requires a rather more varied diet than the one suggested. Make the following mixture: Canary 4 parts, teazle 4 parts, rape 2 parts, linseed 1 part, and give him this as a staple diet. Supply a little sunflower daily; he can have a pinch of niger and maw twice a week, and a little hemp seed occasionally, particularly in cold weather. You should also supply him with privet berries, which you can obtain from the hedgerows or from many gardeners; of these he can have a small spray daily. You may also offer him a small piece of any fruit you may have, and when the spring comes he must be supplied with various green foods and wild seeds, but for these I think you had better consult our Nutshell Booklet No. 11, on the Bullfinch, which you can obtain from this office, post free 3d. It gives you a good deal of useful information regarding these beautiful Finches.

COMMENCING MULE BREEDING (G. E. Arnold).—You could pair up all your Finches to hen Canaries, excepting the Bullfinch, as he is usually a failure when mated for breeding in captivity. If you pair the others to yellow Norwich hens you should breed some nice birds, but their usefulness as show specimens depends a good deal upon the size and quality of the hen Canaries. If you have several, select the two largest to pair with the Linnet and Goldfinch, and match the others accordingly to size, so as to make fairly even pairs, with just a shade of substance on the hen's side. No doubt the instructions in the Canary book will assist you as regards feeding the young, and perhaps general management, but I think you would do well to get "The Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," published at this office. It deals with all kinds of Mule and Hybrid breeding, and is a particularly interesting volume.

CATCHING WILD BIRDS (Taffy).—In every county a list of the birds that may not be caught between certain dates is posted up, generally at the police stations and municipal buildings. If you are unable to see one of these and are in doubt, you could obtain the necessary information at the nearest police station. The inspector on duty would give it to you, or even a friendly policeman.

TROUBLE WITH GOLDFINCH (F. J. W. S.).—I fear your Goldie is suffering from nervousness. When

you cage him up from the aviary it is almost like caging a freshly caught specimen, without the robustness of the wild bird; for every year in captivity, with artificial feeding, makes a difference to them. I would advise you to keep him for a time in a roomy breeding cage, and run him into the show cage gradually. Give him ten drops of tincture of calumba roots in his drinking water, fresh, twice daily for 4 or 5 days; then discontinue for a week and repeat.

UNSUCCESSFUL WITH LARKS (Wyke).—The trouble you have with your Larks arises from the food not suiting them. The mixture you mention is all very well for a change, but I do not care for it given regularly. No doubt the best food is a good brand of insectile mixture, as used for the more delicate softbills, but this is rather expensive compared with other foods that can be used. I think your best plan will be to get a copy of our Nutshell booklet, No. 3, on the Skylark. In it you will find more than one recipe for mixing your own foods, and a lot of other useful information. You did quite right in giving your birds an aperient, you had better repeat it, or give glauber salts instead, and then make a complete change in his food. If you get a pound of the insectile food, mix some scraped raw carrot with it, this will assist in keeping the bowels regular; a little should be mixed fresh daily, just sufficient for the day's consumption. Keep all vessels perfectly clean.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Boulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnets," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BREEDING LIGHT MULES (R. Rodd).—The usual method of breeding Mules is to pair a cock Goldfinch with a yellow Norwich hen Canary, but in the majority of cases the young ones so bred are dark. To breed light ones you must have a strain of Canaries that will throw more or less light feathers when paired to the Finch. Such hens are naturally very valuable and generally come from a light muling strain. Occasionally a fancier tries a number of hens and finds one of them produce light birds. He then breeds Canaries from her and makes her the nucleus of a light strain by careful in-breeding, so as to preserve the blood as pure as possible. You will see by this that you cannot put a couple of birds together and breed light Mules right away. If you are quite a novice I would advise you to get three or four clear yellow hens and pair them up with Finches, and see what you get. These hens should not only look clear, but should show clear when the feathers are blown up, particularly around the thighs.

MORE LIGHT MULES (W. B.).—The reply given to R. Rodd upon light mule breeding will answer your question No. 1 if you will kindly read it. (2) The same applies equally to the Linnet. (3) The term Sib. bred, as applied to the Canary, means a bird that has been considerably inbred with a view to making a strain for the production of light Mules.

MOULTING THE HAWFINCH (Britisher).—I have carefully read your interesting letter, and I am glad to note your success up to a certain point, and it appears to me that you have failed in your second moulting of your Hawfinches from lack of variety in food, and I also notice (and this is very important), that you make no mention of giving them mealworms or insects of any kind. Now these birds are particularly fond of mealworms and certain caterpillars, and during the moult they should have two or three daily; these should be given direct from the fingers, as this helps to keep them steady. They are also fond of beechmast and various nuts, and a little greenfood should be offered, although they are not particularly keen on it. The above may be useful to you in your next attempt, and I trust you will be more successful.

EXHIBITING A GOLDFINCH (Novice).—If the schedule of the show simply states "British Birds, Goldfinches," then you may exhibit either a house-moulted or field-moulted specimen. In such a class the judge generally gives the preference to house-moulted birds; besides, it is seldom a field-moulted one can be staged in quite the same condition.

ABOUT YELLOW BUNTINGS (M. W.).—We have no authentic record of the Bunting and Canary Hybrid. Anyone who succeeds in breeding and staging one will be looked upon as a celebrity in the Cage Bird Fancie; that is, providing he is able to satisfy the judges that it is genuine. This according to recent events is very important; so, if you find you are likely to be successful do not fail to secure plenty of witnesses. The Yellow Bunting is not a difficult bird to feed, and if you are keeping yours with a Canary, see that there is plenty of Canary seeds supplied, as this is his chief food. You can offer him various other seeds, a few oats or coarse oatmeal. They will also eat a few insects, such as mealworms, small caterpillars and green fly. He may be encouraged to take a little soft food when you supply some to the Canary; add a spoonful of good ants' eggs that have been soaked in warm new milk, and turned out on to a cloth to drain. The hen is not nearly so handsome as the cock bird; she is mostly greyish-green in colour and rather spotted. I can scarcely advise you as to the best way of obtaining the cross, but if I was trying for this Hybrid myself I should pair up both ways, and be sure to keep each pair out of hearing of the other. I would advise you to procure our book, "The Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," post free, 1.2; it will interest you immensely and give you some valuable information.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AFRICAN GREY PARROT (Stewart).—Of course you must give it sufficient of the items it will eat to secure it being properly nourished. Put three drops of tincture of opium in its drinking water (one ounce), do not leave this in the cage, but let it have a good drink every two hours. After a week, omit the opium for two days, then resume, but give clear water every fourth day; as soon as the abnormal thirst yields discontinue the opium altogether. For a time give a little milk-sop daily, prepare so: Put about a score half-inch cubes of bread into a small dish, also one

third teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, one teaspoonful of Nestle's milk, mix with sufficient boiling water to leave a little liquid, and supply to the bird when cool. You can supply ripe fruit ad lib., also such shelled nuts as Barcelona, pea and walnuts. Keep a small tin of sunflower seeds in the cage, and it would be well to place several of these on the top of its sops; it may get accustomed to seed in this manner. I should give a purge of tasteless castor oil, 3 drops daily, (1½) bowls have been well cleared; but two doses should suffice. Of course, with a bird confirmed in the class of dietary yours is (no fault of yours) you can only seek to induce it to take seed by some such methods as that named, and you must supply sufficient of what it is now eating to keep it going. Only glass or glazed earthenware dishes must be used when giving drugs. Report progress in about fourteen days.

AILING PARROT (Dickinson).—Give the bird the Condy's fluid bath every other day. The sore places should be first bathed with tepid water, dabbed dry with a soft cloth and then anointing with "Anterzema." When using ointments, etc., on a bird, use sufficient to cover the skin, but it should not be put on thickly enough for the heat of the bird's body to cause it to run into the plumage. The cleansing and anointing to take place daily. The bowels must be kept moving quite freely, at the same time the voidings should not be continuously watery-lose. Use one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water as often as may be required to keep the bowels so regulated. When not giving the magnesia lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. The all important question of how it has been fed you tell me nothing about; but for the present, as a medicine, give about a tablespoonful of milk-sop daily, consisting of small half-inch cubes of bread, one teaspoonful Nestle's milk, half teaspoonful cod liver oil emulsion; mix just sloppy with boiling water. Apart from this it had better be plainly dieted: seed mixture, ripe fruit, pieces of blenheim and plain cake. It must be kept warm, but the temperature should be kept as regular as possible, that is, not subject to sudden and frequent changes. I certainly consider there is a good prospect of recovery. Report progress, with full details in about fourteen days.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (Wyke).—There is no "royal road" in which to teach a parrot to talk, much depending on the tact of the teacher and the demeanour of the individual bird. Some respond to the constant repetition method, others will have none of it. Personally I have found it best to keep a bird where it will have sufficient to see and hear to keep it interested, yet not where any operations of a bustling nature, likely to scare it,

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Aradurats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

are being carried on, and as a rule a bird will respond by uttering and mimicking the words and sounds it hears. By all means try the constant repetition method as well, when the bird is restful and quiet is the best period, but cease at once if the bird shows any signs of irritation. Also say a word or two to it when you give it any tit-bit with your fingers. Other methods will suggest themselves to you, probably prompted by the bird's demeanour.

IS IT A PARROT? (S. Hodges).—Your bird is a Roseate Cockatoo, a species which always raises its crest when excited or alarmed. Certain things seem to excite or alarm them, and I should avoid putting anything, e.g., the pencil, which did so near the cage. I had many Parrots and Cockatoos which were thrown almost into a frenzy if anything resembling a snake, lady's head, etc., were put anywhere near it, or came within range of their vision. Some of these birds make very good talkers, become very chummy, and all are droll and accomplished acrobats. Avoid disturbing noises, or anything which you see irritates it, in the vicinity of its cage, and there is no reason at all why yours should not become such an one. See reply to another correspondent re teaching to talk.

AFRICAN GREY PARROT (T. Thwaites).—Your friend must take the bird to a vet, at once, as means must be taken to prevent the protruding of the intestine; it may be necessary to put in a stitch. I have known many cases in which this has had to be done; it is no use my suggesting remedies, the vet. will be in the best position to do this after examining the bird.

WILL IT GROW AGAIN (Mrs. F. Barwick).—There is no cause for anxiety, the mishap has done the bird no harm, and the feathers will be reproduced again at once; I should say in about a month they will be full grown again.

PARRAKEETS WITH GROWTHS ON BEAK (Anxious Heywood).—I expect these growths are not actually on the beak. If the bird will let you handle it foment the growths with hot water (as hot as you can use without discomfort) dry with a soft cloth and lightly anoint with a little spermaceti ointment, but do not use sufficient to run along its plumage. Your query is very vague; you do not say whether it is a new purchase or not, nor yet how you have fed it, etc., so I am afraid my reply cannot be very helpful. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking-water every fourth day, so long as the voidings do not become watery-lose; and on the intervening days lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. If you have to write again, make a rough sketch of the beak and indicate by dots or crosses where the growths are, and also give other details in full.

POST MORTEMES.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 18. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

C. Harrison.—Starling died from enteritis following impaction of the intestine.

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the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each, worth 30/- each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (194)

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Yorkshires still prove to be the fancy fine quality and high standard by winning in the highest and keenest of competitions; every bird his own breeding; having selected my breeding stock I have a grand selection for sale from 15/- a pair upwards; odd birds proportionately; satisfaction guaranteed; seven days' approval; cash or deposit; address: 133 Arncliffe-terrace, Horton Grange-rd., Bradford. (150)

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I have the finest stock of Yorkshires in Bradford for sale; long slim cocks, in full song and over 10 in. long, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; grand racy hens to match at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6 each upwards; pairs matched to breed your own winners, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/- a pair upwards; no better value in the fancy; 6 days' approval, cash or deposit; Editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 413, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (209)

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Have not kept "Dykes' Yorkshires" in the dark. They have again been very much in the limelight this season. Winning the following valuable trophies in the world's keenest competition:—"Yorkshire (Canary Club, Challenge Cup" (outright), "National Green Marked Trophy" (outright), both these third year in succession; "The Bristol Challenge Bowl" (second time), "Bradford East Rose Bowl" both above for best young bird bred for exhibition; "The London and Provincial Challenge Cup"; "The Carlisle Yorkshire Cup"; "Bolton Woods Cup"; "Llanelli Cup" (outright); and 101 firsts, 57 seconds, 20 thirds, and numerous other specials since October 2. The above is a fair average of what my Yorkshires have won each season for years, and I have bred and sold "winners" to most of the leading exhibitors all over the kingdom. Some really good birds for disposal, Cleared, Ticked, and Marked, and those wanting fresh blood should try one of my matched pairs at 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair. Single birds in proportion. Every bird cold room bred and kept, and in perfect condition. I invite you to come and inspect my stock, also my rooms, which are the most up-to-date in the fancy. Or I will send on approval with pleasure; cash or deposit; kindly state wants: L. Dykes, "Reliable Aviaries," 16, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (193)

Various Canaries.

1915 Silver Lizard cock, broken cap, unfed, 0/6; 1914 yellow cock, dark crest, 15/6; Smithson, Basinghall-sq., Leeds. (185)

TWENTY pairs of Canaries for sale, Yorkshire and Norwich: J. Dennithorne, 27, Upper George-rd., Bermondsey, S.E. (196)

LOVELY pair Lancashire £1, Scotch Fancy, Yorkshire cross cocks, 10/-, exchange Scotch Fancy hens: A. March, Evesham. (201)

CINNAMON bred green hen, also variegated Cressed hen, cold room bred, price 5/- the two; Carrington, Tobaccoist, Bakewell. (194)

SONGSTERS. Positively the largest collection in the world of such to select from; come, see, hear, or send for list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich. (195)

BARGAINS. Grand lot Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshire, Borders, and Rollers; cocks 5/-, cock and hen 5/-; package 3d.; approval: McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (160)

SPLendid selection of lovely singing Canaries, cocks, full song, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, and 9/6; Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (200)

CLEAR buff cock, 9/6, variegated buff cock, 7/6; small clear yellow hen, 5/6; heavy variegated yellow hen, 6/6; two roller hens, 3/- each; 30/- lot: Smith, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (190)

FOR disposal: Clear yellow cock, 7/6; fowl yellow cinnamon cock, 7/6; variegated yellow cock, 6/-; variegated yellow hen, 2/6; approval: Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumberland. (197)

GRAND Norwich Plainhead hen, 7/6; Norwich cock 10/-, genuine Canary-reared hen, 2/6; good cock Goldfinch, 3/-; Bullies, 2/- pair; outdoor birds; approval, deposit: Cockram, Tatworth, Chard. (190)

CANARY fanciers should show at or visit Holborn Hall Show, London, Feb. 2, 3. Largest Members' Show ever held, see displayed advert., Jan. 8. Eligibility to exhibit in any section secured by including subscription for one or more societies (L.C.B.A. 6/-, N.B.B.M.C. 6/-, B.E.L. 3/6), with entrance fees. Subs. cover 1916. Schedules ready Jan. 21. Entries close 28: Allen Silver, Show Manager, 7, Bampton-rd., Forest Hill, London, S.E. (192)

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Giving up Fancy, 25 Rollers and Norwich, two large aviary cages, must be sold immediately: 31, Clarence-sq., Cheltenham. (170)

MULES—HYBRIDS.

NEST of four Greenfinch Mules, as bred, 10/- the lot: Wilmut, Arcade, Bedford. (190)

WANTED, Mules, any quantity: Palmer and Son, 66/70, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London, E. (191)

1911 COCK Redpoll Mule, 6/-, fine large good coloured cock Bullie, 2/6; offers exchange: Gregg, Bottesford, Notts. (189)

FINGER tame Dark Mule, cock, beautiful songster, 8/6, or exchange: L. Sheppard, Stort-rd., Bishop's Stortford, Herts. (189)

FIVE cock and three hen Goldfinch-Canary Mules, 25/- lot; cash or deposit: Jones, 35, Paradise, Ironbridge, Shropshire. (198)

GOLDFINCH Mules, pure Finch song, only three left, accept 10/- each: Richard Lyett, 117, Jubilee, New Tredegar, Mon. (198)

FOUR good buff Norwich hens, 3/6 each; exchange common roller hens for feeders: Proudfoot, 18, Church-rd., Lowestoft. (194)

SISKIN Mule, good bird, grand songster, 12/-; also two Goldfinch Mules, full song, 8/6 and 10/6: Miles, 92, Nicholas-st., Norwich. (191)

HYBRIDS: four 1915 Greenfinch-Linnet cocks, large, 6/- each; exchange Norwich, approval: T. Billington, 50, Union-rd., Nottingham. (190)

HYBRID Breeders: good hand reared, hen Bullfinch, 5/-, or exchange for good feeding hen Canary: Hay, Jarvis Brook, Sussex. (194)

WANTED to sell six pairs of Canaries for 35/-, or nearest offer; all clean, healthy birds: Green, 1, Hillside-terrace, Steyning, Sussex. (192)

LARGE yellow or buff Norwich hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, or will exchange for cock Mules; approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

COCK 1915 Goldfinch Redpoll Hybrid, 35/-: E. J. Lamb, "Alverstone," New Malden, Surrey. (199)

MULING pairs: Goldie-Canary, 6/-; Linnet-Canary, 4/-; Greenie-Canary, 3/6; Redpoll-Canary, 3/6; hens for muling, 2/9: Thompson, 63, Wellington-st., Luton. (192)

LARGE dark yellow Greenfinch Mule, winner, 10/-, or exchange for good clear buff Norwich hen or cock: Staines, 17, Shandon Crest, Edinburgh. (189)

COCK Goldie, large yellow Sib hen, both 1914 birds, parents 4 young, 1 nearly clear; safe eggs and young, 15/-; approval: Kearn, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants. (192)

TYPICAL large dark yellow cock Goldie Mule, can win, sell £1 with show cage; two large hen Mules, sell 4/-: Robinson, Bootmaker, Winsford, Cheshire. (193)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, 5/6 each; cocks in full song, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (194)

HYBRID breeders: few grand hen Greenfinches, 3 for 2/-; also exhibition Magpie, topper, 7/6; exchange offers: Haynes, Primrose Hill, Raunds, Northants. (195)

HOUSE-moulted cocks proved Mules, and fit for exhibition; Goldfinch 7/6, Siskin 6/-, Linnet 3/6, Greenfinch 3/6; must clear; attested: Dixon, Roseberry-avenue, Morecambe. (199)

BEAUTIFUL cock Goldfinch Mules, dark and variegated, lovely songsters, perfect health and plumage, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/-; hens, 1/6 each; also Linnet Mules, at same price: Keynes, Kingston St. Michael, Chippenham, Wilts. (154)

SPLendid Goldfinch, father of 30 Mules in two years, 10/-; cock Goldie Mules, 7/6 each; muling Greenfinch, 5/-; approval willingly; cash with Editor: Bates, 84, Moseley-st., Southend. Also 3 British, 2 Norwich cages, 1/- each. (195)

QUALITY Sibs. Dale's best Light muling strain in existence, hens 6/-, 7/6, cocks 10/6; grand white-legged Mule-bred Goldfinch, 10/-; good F.M. 3 hy 6 cock Goldfinch, 6/-; three light Mules, 25/- each: Barnard, 15, Back-lane, Barking. (200)

FOR sale, owing to removal, 50 high-class Rollers and 25 Crestedreds, cold room bred; cocks full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens 2/6, 3/6; Crestbreds 9/-, 10/6; hens 5/-; offers for lot; stamp reply; 3 Palace aviaries, utensils and cages: H. E. Smith, 62, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath, S.E. (197)

EXHIBITORS: Two Greenfinch-Canary Mules, cocks (1915), unfed, buff, good size, and will make first-class exhibition specimen after another moult; price 12/6 each; willing to exchange one for a first-class Siskin cock or hen, must be house moulted; approval, deposit: W. E. Campbell, 24, Binnie-street, Gourock. (187)

GRAND winning Goldie-Bullie lovely colour and blaze, 1st Northampton last time out, price 40/-; big yellow Greenie Mule, bold head and chest, grand colour, 30/-; monster buff Linnet Mule, will make a champion, 25/-; these will do some winning next season; approval with pleasure: Andrews, Weston, Olney, Bucks. (182)

AS I am a little overstocked I would sell the following H.M. Hybrid breeding pairs: Grand yellow Greenie and Bullie hen, 7/6; lovely Goldie and yellow Siskin hen, 10/6; Goldie, winner and breeder, and fine Bullie hen, 15/-; grand Chaffinch hen, good breeder, 3/6; yellow cock Siskin, good bred and breeder, 7/6; approval with pleasure: Andrews, Weston, Olney. (192)

TO MULE BREEDERS

MULING hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/6; pink-eyed, 6/6, 7/6; approval; cage 3d.; or detailed list free: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich. (195)

WANTED, ANY QUANTITY

Goldfinch or Linnet Mules, will give 4/6 to 7/6 for good birds; hens 1/-, spot cash or deposit with "Cage Birds": Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-place, London, E. (161)

FOREIGN BIRDS.

WANTED, every variety of Parrots, Parakeets, and Cockatoos, best price given: J. Howard and Sons. See other Wanted advertisement. (193)

HEN Rosella, acclimatised, breeder, 20/-: Steed, Tobaccoist, North-st., Sudbury, Suffolk. (193)

SEIFERTS, grand cocks, singing, 7/6 and upwards; approval: Bennett, Snelston Hall, Ashbourne. (191)

PAIR of aviary-bred Diamond Finches, outside all winter, 40/-: J. Goodchild, Ashen-rd., Clare, Suffolk. (190)

TWO Masked Weavers, thoroughly acclimatised, 10/- each: Bowerman, 12, Wellington-st., Swindon, Wilts. (196)

AMAZON Parrot, excellent talker, whistler and mimic; accept 45/-, with cage: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (200)

BUDGERIGARS; adult hens, 3/- each: Hay, 5, Woodlands-rd., Barnes Common, London, S.W. (175)

WANTED, Peach-faced Lovebird, Rosy-faced Lovebird, cocks, acclimatised, reasonable: Wells, College Green, Bristol. (191)

FIVE fine yellow cock Budgerigars, outdoor aviary bred, 2/9 each, or 11/6 the lot: Miss Wigram, Frensham, Farnham. (193)

EXTRA large fine Green Budgies, 7/6 pair; wanted, cock and two hen outdoor Zebra Finches: Rev. Raynor, Hezeleigh Rectory, Maldon. (189)

AUSTRALIAN grey Parrot, 2 years, beginning talk, 25/-; also tamest living Amazon, 4 years. £3; hargains: Levy, 614, Fulham-rd., S.W. (194)

PARADISE Whydah, full colour, exchange for breeding pair Budgerigars or Zebra Finches; Peterson, 8, Springfield-place, Sheriff Hill, Gateshead. (196)

HEALTHY green Budgerigars, outdoor aviary bred, about 6 months old, 4/6 pair; also pair adult green Budgerigars, 5/-: Church, Grocer, Sudbury, Suffolk. (196)

HANDSOME Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, rare mimic, excellent talker, no better living, accept 60/-; approval, with pleasure: Mrs. Jones, 7, George-st., Aberystwyth. (199)

WANTED, Grey Waxbill, hen preferred, but either, or pair if no single; also undoubted hen grey singing Finch; write first; postage refunded: Ball, 11, Beaumont-st., Oxford. (201)

BUDGERIGARS, outdoors, finest possible, 5/- pair; selected breeding pairs, 6/-; yellows, 8/-; cockernut husks nests, 6d., 5/- dozen: Miss Roscy, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (189)

A GRAND Blue-fronted Amazon, very plain talker, whistles and mimics, finger time, two years old, 50/-; approval; or will exchange Canaries, Mules, any live stock: Day's Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (199)

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EXCHANGE house-moulded Greenfinch, Redpoll, Brambling cocks, for Goldfinch or Canary: Mrs. Avery, Palmerston-rd., Wealdstone. (190)

TWO good house moulded Linnets, for muling, 3/6 each; exchange large hen Canary, anything, offers: Winstone, 4, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol. (200)

GRAND cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, pair, 6/3; grand cock Bullfinch, 3/-; or exchange cock Goldfinch: John Devaney, sen., Knaresborough. (194)

HOUSE-moulded cock Goldfinch, muler last season, 6/6; two Bullfinch hens, 2/6; or exchange lot Canaries: Rogers, Provident-pl., Bridgwater, Som. (195)

EXCHANGE, H.M. cock Twite and H.M. cock Chaffinch, mulers, for good yellow cock Siskin; approval; yours first: Ley, 17, Waungoch, Nantymoel, Glam. (193)

TWO exhibition H.M. Bullfinch cocks, sell 50/-, or exchange first class muling Norwich or Cinnamons; mutual approval: Hardie Bros., 129, Lintburn-st., Galashiels. (197)

COCK Greenfinch, Goldfinch Hybrid, 12/-; Linnet Mule, 7/-; cock Bullie, 2/6; exchange Yorkshires; no rubbish; approval both; yours first: Norman, Clayton-st., Easton, Bristol. (192)

H.M. cocks, Brambling, Linnet, Redpoll, hen Bramble, all recent winners, 10/- each, including show cage; exchange Canaries, Mules, bicycle: Jeffreys, 17, Norfolk-st., Swansea. (194)

FOR sale or exchange, cock Goldfinch, cock Greenfinch, cock Redpoll, all good birds; lot 7/6, or exchange for a good Norwich Cinnamon hen: S. Eaton, Red-row, Raunds, Wellingboro'. (195)

WATERLEY book, Canaries, Hybrids and British, cost 25/-; unsold; exchange for house-moulded or fresh caught Goldfinches; value, 15/-; approval: Miller, 6, Aquist-st., Gainsborough. (192)

FOR sale, two exhibition cocks, mules, Linnet mule, 10/-; Goldfinch mule, 15/-; winners; or exchange for good pair exhibition Norwich; approval; yours first: Ley, 17, Waungoch, Nantymoel, Glam. (193)

HENS, large buff cinnamon marked Yorkshire to clear; yellow eye and wing marked Norwich-Yorkshire cross, 1914 bred; Goldfinch, Goldfinch-Mule, brown Linnet, 9/-; or exchange yellow Yorkshire cock yours first; offers: Speed, Cupar, Fife. (193)

EXCHANGE 2 cock Linnets, one H.M. and Crest-bred cock; also few pairs of Yorkshires, high-class birds for pure bred Rollers; change of fancy; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval both ways: Bryn Jones, Mynyddha, Landore, Swansea. (191)

RED-BREADED cock Linnets, full song, 1/- each, 3 for 2/6, well pencilled, for show, 1/6 each; hundreds on hand at 5/- dozen; all red-breasted; Greenfinches, Redbills, 1/- pair; any above exchange for Canaries, Goldfinches or Larks: W. Darby, 41a, Spon-lane, Aviaires, West Bromwich. (194)

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Mainly Canaries.

THREE hen Canaries for house-moulded cock Goldfinch or cock Linnets: A. Bisley, Kilmhurst. (195)

BUFF Border cock, two yellow hens, exchange Crest cock, or sell 15/-: Dempster, 7, Lighthouse, Paisley. (198)

THREE compartment cage and 2 Norwich hens, 12/6, or exchange: Robert Park, 10, Albion-st., Peterhead. (197)

SALE, 2 Crested hens or exchange for Crested hen; on approval: R. Webster, 80, Max-st., Keith, N.B. (197)

EXCHANGE 6 Yorkshire hens for high-class Roller cocks, or sell 2/6 each: Blay, 269, Bolton-rd., Heywood. (197)

1915 CLEAR yellow cock 7/6, exchange good yellow hen Yorks; stamp reply: Edwin Clubbe, 33, Louise-st., Chester. (197)

WILL exchange three hen Canaries for good cock Goldfinch: Tom Fletcher, 16, Bridge-st., Whitworth, nr. Rochdale. (197)

DAIK yellow var. Norwich cock, 7/6; buff var. hen 3/-, yellow hen 2/6; exchange: Clark, 71, Windmill-st., Peterhead. (197)

EXCHANGE 1915 buff Yorkshire cock for 2 yellow Norwich hens, good size for muling: Dicks, Newcastle Emlyn. (191)

High class Yorkshire hen and show cage, exchange for good big coloured and pencilled Linnet: Whalley, Alfred-st., Lancaster. (197)

EXCHANGE Roller Canaries for cycle cover and tube (wired), good quality: Thos. Walton, 6, Cross Green Crescent, Leeds. (194)

EXCHANGE three 1915 Roller hens for 1915 cock Canary, Crested hen for cock Canary: Gash, 36a, Regency-st., Westminster. (198)

WANTED, two cock Canaries, exchange for rolled gold lever watch, new; sell 21/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (179)

SELL, or exchange good Yorkshires, for good Cinnamon Borders; approval: J. Montague, Charnard-rd., Red Hill, Surrey. (197)

EXCHANGE set good boxing gloves for pair Norwich: Corp. Rennoldson, 31st Reserve Batt., N.F. 3 Camp, Scotton, Yorkshire. (195)

BLACK Rosecomb cock and hen for cock Goldie and cage, mutual approval week: Samuel Ferguson, Main-st., Muirkirk, Ayrshire. (196)

EXCHANGE clear young Yorkshire hen and little cash for clear large young Yorkshire cock: Matthews, 95, Station-rd., Forest Gate. (188)

SIX Roller hens, 2/6 each; 2 pairs Green Budgerigars, adults, 9 wired husks, 14/-: Cottam, High-st., Albrighton, Wolverhampton. (198)

CHAMPION crests, £1 to £10 pairs, approval, exchange Norwich, Yorkshires, or Mules: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (197)

EXCHANGE big buff Yorkshire hen, parents cock £1 5/-, for big yellow Norwich cock, yours first: 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire. (198)

WILL exchange variegated yellow cock Yorkshire (unfledged) for a good buff Yorkshire hen: Pritchard, 71, Napier-rd., Wolverhampton. (196)

WILL exchange three large Norwich hens for two cock Goldfinch or Linnet Mules; mutual approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

GRAND Yorkshire Terrier dog, five months, healthy, intelligent, 25/-; exchange Canaries, Mules, no rubbish: George Garratt, Culross, Fife. (192)

GOOD buff marked Norwich cock, 17/6; or exchange for a good Norwich hen; approval: Hickinbotham, 14, Ash-st., Cotmanhay, Ilkeston. (180)

EXCHANGE green Norwich cock for proved muling cock Goldfinch and two Norwich hens; yours first: Lavell, 16, Nursery-rd., Bishop's Stortford, Herts. (198)

CHAMPION Norwich plainhead, buff cocks, can win, 10m 10; exchange bolts, nails, birch or pine boards, anything useful; Handley, Couch Builder, Aalsoken, Wisbech. (190)

EXCHANGE fine large oil painting, Alnwick Castle, massive frame, for pair extra good Norwich or Crests; letters: Corp. Remondson, 31st Reserve Batt. N.F., 3 Camp, Scotland, Yorkshire. (195)

HIGH class Rollers, Randall's, Schoolmasters, 20/- to 50/- pair; member B.R.C.C.; exchange good type yellow Yorkshire hens, or good big pair of Norwich to value of above; 122, Holly-aven., Wallsend. (198)

THREE Yorkshire cocks, buff, 1915, 2 cinnamon-marked, 1 clear buff; these are good stock birds, 7/6 each, or would exchange either for a good yellow Yorkshire cock, 1915; French, 90, Bourne-st., Eastbourne. (194)

BANJO £1, worth double, exchange pair Crests or Scotch Fancies, etc.; 55, Gilmore-pl., Edinburgh. (197)

GLOGGER'S knife cut and hollow 7/6, organetto 6/-; exchange anything; Mr. Fender, 22, Grimsshaw Park, Blackburn. (197)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, buff cinnamon cock, yellow hen or buff Norwich cock, grand stock birds, for two unlighted Norwich hens, yellows preferred, to value, 12/6; or take 20/- for three; J. Riley, 32, Hodgson-st., Darwen. (187)

DEEP rich colour Norwich cock, 2nd strong members' class, 15/-; another of equal merit, 1st 21/- selling class, 12/6; thick-set hen, 7/6; another, taken 3 hours, 10/-; exchange entertained; Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-ld., Leytonstone. (198)

EXCHANGE grand large buff Yorkshire cock (bred winners last season) for two good large yellow hens, must be good type; also good unlighted yellow cock in exchange for two cock Goldfinches, or sell 8/6; Stainish, 29, St. Luke's-terr., Darlington. (200)

EXCHANGE 300 fretwork designs or dark grey tweed suit length, for cock Goldfinch and Norwich hen, also cock Linnet and Norwich hen; Harmsworth Encyclopedia for pair Norwich, or sell 30/-; birds must be good; D. McIntosh, 26, Port-st., Stirling. (196)

WILL exchange Yorkshire cock Canary and cage for Bantams, or sell 12/6; particulars: F. Wilcock, 86, Edge-lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury, Yorks. (195)

WILL exchange pair Borders for good house-moulded cock Goldfinch; yours first; J. Bulgan, Main-st., Cockermouth. (192)

TICKED yellow Yorkshire cock, can win, 15/6; monster clear buff Yorkshire cock, winner, feather like wax, 25/-; light muling hens, Norwich type, no better, yellows 12/6, buffs 10/-; large Linnet Mule, excellent songster, 6/6; exchange: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere. (198)

BORDERS for sale; a few yellows, cocks and buffs, 8/6 up; hens, 3/6 up; all related to my winners; see this week's show report Llanelli, Chester, Cheltenham; house-moulded Goldfinches, 10, 15/-; H.M. Chaffinch, 7/6; fit to win; stamp reply: Morgan Thomas, Jessamine Wern-rd., Skewen, Neath. (193)

MUSICAL box, cost £4; mahogany magic lantern, concert size, with slides, £3; Sandow's Developer, 12/6; Edison's graphophone, with records, 50/-; approval; exchange for real good pairs of Canaries, breeding cages, song cages, or Paul Crampel rooted cuttings; Grassmere Nurseries, Hall-rd.-aven., Hands-worth, Birmingham. (195)

Mainly Foreign.

BLACKCAP, full song, perfect, exchange for good trained Roller, or sell 15/-; Carr, 45, Overdale-rd., South Ealing. (194)

EXCHANGE talking Parrot and cage for small birds, or sell 35/-; Joyce, 9, Rosamond-pl., Oxford-rd., Manchester. (200)

SALE pair of Seifert Rollers, also odd cock, pair 10/6; odd one 7/6, or exchange singing Goldies; 5, Ansonia Place, Wortley, Leeds. (191)

FOR sale, pairs of Zebra Finches, Budgerigars, and cock Cuckoo; or exchange for hen Madagascari Lovebird, Orange-breasted Waxbill or Red Avadavat; Mrs. Gaunt, Hellingly. (187)

Miscellaneous.

5FT. ash sea rod, without tackle, nearly new, offers anything useful; Jones, 47, Baxter-rd., Islington, N. (192)

NAVY blue suit (as new), fit man 5ft. 5in., cost 65s.; sell 50/-; enlisting: Simpson, Church-st., Holbeach. (200)

AVIARY, 20/-, or exchange for cock Canaries or Poms; Clarkson, 8, Gt. Bland-st., Gt. Dover-st., London. (187)

BARGAIN; 2 hollow ground razors for sale, 10/-, or exchange Norwich hens; yours first; Page, Bailey-st., Luton. (194)

FOX Terrier dog pup, 3 months; exchange Norwich or Crested hen; on approval; James, Granley-rd., Cheltenham. (196)

EXCHANGE pair geese boots, size 8, for cock Goldfinch or Linnet male, wild notes; Collins, Morchard Bishop, Devon. (195)

WILL exchange perfect concertina for cock Goldfinch or Bullfinch, or offers in appliances; Edmunds, Cleford, Glos. (194)

PURE Airedale bitch pup, 15/-; cross-bred Yorkshire pup, 9/-; offers: Jones, Undertaker, George-st., Worcester. (189)

EXCHANGE 2 new motor cycle tubes, 26x2, for good Norwich Canaries; Teague, Church Cemetery, Llanelli, Carm. (189)

BLUE serge suit, nearly new, fit gent. 5ft. 9ins., 30/-; exchange Canaries or Mules; Lea, 55, Waterloo-gate, Camberwell. (200)

AIREDALE dog for sale, 18 months, deacon guard, 15/-, or exchange Norwich Canaries, yours first; Page, Bailey-st., Luton. (194)

SELL 12 Norwich hen Canaries, 2/6 each; or what offer the lot; deposit: Dunham, Mount Pleasant, Clapham, Bedford. (191)

POWERFUL air gun, shot or slug, 10/-; exchange show or breeding cages; Gess, 24, Lydden-rd., Barking, London. (187)

TYPEWRITER, in good working order; exchange for Canaries, value 20/-, and 10/- cash; Garliner, 10, Withpoll, Ipswich. (190)

SIX boys' books, valued at 10/-; titles on application; exchange anything; B. Newbery, Sidmouth-st., Seaton, Devon. (187)

EXCHANGE concertina, value 9/-; perfect condition, for pair Rollers or Norwich; Welch, Birch-holme, Cheshire. (193)

EXCHANGE doll's house for Canaries or Goldfinches, or sell 10/-; W. William on, 11, Melbourne-aven., Bridlington, E.Y. (196)

LADY'S bicycle, good condition, 45/-, or exchange Norwich or Yorkshire to value, yours first; Burnard, 8, Maldon-rd., Acton, W. (189)

LAUREL flight cage, two Lancashire show cages, two Yorkshire four carrying cages, 12/-; exchange; Young, Secretary, Freme. (195)

WHAT offers in Canaries, H.M. Brilleh, cock Mules, Parrots, for splendid pair white blankets; B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (195)

LADY'S free-wheel cycle, 2 brakes, good tyres, etc., 25/-; exchange cock Canaries, fowls; offers: 76, Salop-st., Wolverhampton. (197)

EXCHANGE cross Flemish doe, in kindle to Flemish buck, for Goldfinch or mule; Carpenter, Palmerston-rd., Wealdstone. (190)

LARGE yellow Norwich hen, rare type, 7/6; Yorkshire marked hen 3/-, fine condition, exchange, offers: Cavell, Ruxington, Shearford. (194)

GENT'S cycle, 2-speed, back pedal, new last season; sell or exchange Yorkshires; Moore, Ivy Cottage, Aberton, Bradford. (190)

TRAP cage, singing cage, new, pound tinman's solder, good razor; sell or exchange anything; F. Morris, Recreation, Chertsey. (187)

EXCHANGE 17 yards inch-mesh wire, brand new, for two breeding hens, Yorkshires; G. Gater, 27, Bedford-rd., Enfield Highway. (189)

COFFIN'S Botanical Journal, two bound vols., 10/-; exchange cock Canary, or offers: R. Wildash, 116, Blackhorse-rd., Walthamstow. (184)

EXCHANGE five cock Goldfinches for doll's pram in good condition, or sell 10/-; Ashpool, 7, King's-rd., Old Fletton, Peterborough. (190)

MULING cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Twite; exchange three cock Canaries, Mules, sell lot 14/-; Watson, Factory-lane, Littleport, Cambs. (193)

CHAMPION working white dog Ferret, done for season, sell 6/-, or exchange; Goldfinches preferred; Barnard, 15, Back-lane, Barking. (200)

CUTTLEFISH, fresh, dry, 12lbs., exchange for canary seed or birds; offers: Bartlett, Lawn Cottage, Milford-on-Sea, Lynton. (191)

LADY'S black dress skirt, waist 26in., length 38in., cost 9/11, never worn; exchange anything; Hurst, 19, Montreal-buildings, Poplar, E. (187)

SLOT machine (pennies), all complete, very attractive; half profit; cost £3 10s.; sell 25/-; exchange anything; Hutton, Baker, Holbeach. (200)

EXCHANGE waterproof overcoat, fit man 5ft. 6in., chest 36in., cost 38/-, for Borders; R. Fletcher, 24, School-st., Dawdon, Seaham Harbour. (193)

CAMERA, pocket folding, 2 plate, rapid rectilinear, two d.d. slides; exchange pair good rollers, or accept 15/-; Cook, 45, Waller-st., Luton. (199)

EXCHANGE extra good pair Dutch rabbits for good self buff cinnamon or green Border cock; Shackley, 21, Newton, Dalton-in-Furness. (200)

SEVEN well-trained racing pigeons, 3/6 each; exchange incubator, pullets, or anything useful; Harris, 5, Stanley-rd., Woodford, Essex. (189)

HARMSWORTH History of the World, complete, 51 parts, 12/6; exchange hen Canaries or British birds; Keenan, 17, Pleasant-st., Dukinfield. (194)

PED. Yorkshire Terrier toy bitch, 21 months old, value £1, for anything useful; For particulars write, Ramsey, Rogerson-terr., Croxdale, Durham. (198)

EXCHANGE 24-hour folding gun for Canaries; sell, 30/-; also 16-bore double muzzle-loader, 8/6; A. Plumb, 63, Charles-st., Swinton, Rotherham. (191)

EXCHANGE five-chambered revolver, 320 cal., in good working, for pair clear Yorkshires, or offers in British birds; E. Reynolds, 67, New Pk., March. (190)

VERY clever fawn whippet dog, 2 years, hunt, catch, retrieve to hand, 17/-; exchange anything useful; 43, Hermitage-rd., Coalville, Leicestershire. (194)

LARGE cock Linnet Mule, singing mad, 12/6; Linnet size Greenfinch 2/6, suit exhibitors; Ernest Whitely, Crowle, Doncaster. (199)

ROLL new wire netting, 50 yards by 4ft., lin. mesh, worth 25/-; exchange good Norwich or Border cocks; Dalby, Brandsby, Easingwold, York. (199)

EXCHANGE gramophone and 17 double-sided records (all the latest), perfect condition, cost 65/-, for Canaries; offers: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (200)

CHAMPION pedigree toy Pom, Haughty Prince, strain, 5 months, 21lb., 35/-; exchange poultry, Canaries, offers: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol. (193)

THREE second-hand Palmer's motor tyres, 650x65, one Avon inner tube, 28x2, the lot 12/6; useful exchange, or Canaries; Middleton, 96, Northgate, Canterbury. (190)

WANTED, hen Rosella; will exchange for the following: Pair Grey Jaws, pair Orange-cheek Waxbills and 3 African Waxbills; Jackson, Joiner, Bingley. (196)

STRONG smooth-haired Terrier, 2 years, good worker with gun; exchange pair of Yorkshires, or sell 12/6; approval; deposit: Cramp, Gunthorpe, Oakham. (192)

ENGLISH-Scotch Collie, 1 year old, good guard, too big for owner; exchange for 3 Canaries, cock and two hens, Yorks preferred; J. W., 21, Redwale-rd., Clapton Park. (192)

GRAND mixed birds, Finches, Linnets, etc., cocks and hens, well on seed; clean, healthy, 2/6 doz., six 1/6, worth double; cheaper kind 1/1 doz.; Jackson, Bardsley, Lincoln. (192)

LOOK, good gramophone and 26 records, and two cock Bullfinches and Goldfinch, exchange gun or gent's bike, as good as new; G. Cowley, Southmead, Henstree. (187)

WHAT offers champion pedigree smooth terrier dog pup, 4 months, very lightly marked, by Cossack; also Linnet, full song, proved muler; Skingley, Holwell Bury, Hitchin. (193)

MANDOLINE, with case and tutor, bargain, 12/6, or Canaries; also two pairs roller skates, also a dog ferret, good worker; what offers: Whale, Little Irchester, Wellingboro. (191)

WANTED lady's blanket coat, bedding, aquariums, fish, birds, exchange Edison phonograph, 40 records, £5 5/-, Waltham, Exhibition Canaries, cash; 16, Mt. Vernon-rd., Liverpool. (200)

GRAND pair heavy boots, size 9in., hand made, cost 25/-, only once or twice worn; sell or exchange Canaries or Goldies; letters only: Robert Dyer, Haytown Farm, Peebles. (197)

EXCHANGE, tweed overcoat, worth 30/-, for good cock Goldfinch, clear hen Norwich, with double breeding cage, or offers: Hughes, 77, Estcourt-rd., Woodside, South Norwood. (186)

WANTED, Rollers; will exchange good black Dutch buck, 7/6; big flying tippler cock, 4/-; black African Owl, 4/-; particulars: Frank Heselden, Walkley-terr., Heckmondwike. (190)

FOUR Goldfinch nets for sale, will hold Redpolls or Tits, 6 yards long, 2 yards wide, hand-made, 14/-; or exchange 2 pair of Canaries; Pratt, Brentcliffe-aven., Thornywood, Nottingham. (192)

THOROUGH Airedale bitch, best house or yard dog living, quiet with children, 15/-; exchange cage birds to value £1; approval both ways; Jack Griffiths, 7, Garden-st., Swansea. (199)

EXCHANGE ducks, White Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds, Brown Buffs, all pullets, sell 5/- each; exchange pure Roller Canaries; N. Bennett, N14, Edward-pl., Long-lane, Halesowen. (190)

FOR sale, solid mahogany bagatelle table, 8ft long, 4cms, 8 balls, 35/-; also pair opera glasses, 12/6, or would exchange for Canaries or chickens; Reed, 25, Hazel-rd., Kensal Rise, Willeoden. (189)

EXCHANGE young English rabbits, prize bred, for hen Yorkshires, birds sent first, also Flemish buck, 4/6, English buck and doe, 5/- each, prize winners; Terrell, 8, Granville-rd., Childs Hill. (195)

TO beginners. Giving up the fancy; all utensils for sale, including stock and show cages, baskets; exchange anything useful; stamp reply: H. Perthus, Wesley-st., Blyth Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent. (199)

CHAMPION pedigree Scotch Terrier bitch, pen Old Spangled Bantams, two Black Bantam cocks, winning Belgium doe; exchange Norwich hens or British; yours first; Young, 99, King-st., Ayr. (180)

WANTED, two good songsters, on approval, in exchange for book on Canaries, Hybrids and British Birds, cost 25/-, sell 15/-; F. Howe, Bootmaker, 22a, Lanneston-place, Gloucester-rd., Kensington, W. (191)

CYLINDER phonograph records, songs, bands, etc., dozen assorted, well packed, 3/10; special offer taking quantity; exchange fruit trees, live stock, or anything; F. Chadwick, Tool Dealer, Wrexham. (197)

GOOD class curly Retriever bitch, 2 1/2 years, good pedigree, won third at local show, exchange (local preferred), 4 pairs Crests or Yorkshires, deposit: Carter, Webb-st., Horwich, Bolton, Lancs. (199)

EXCHANGE new book, by Lewer, cost 25/-, on Canaries, Hybrids and British Birds; for best offer in unlighted yellow Norwich hens; must be large, wanted for muling; Peterson, 16, Alexander-st., Cardiff. (193)

EXCHANGE, 303 rifle, in excellent condition, cost 45/-; for cock Goldies or Mules; also two new trap cages and compartments, for anything useful; letters only: Gerald Ashton, Aerodrome, Town Moor, Newcastle. (187)

RACING Homers, R.P. rung, flown all distances; pedigrees given, 7/6 to 10/- a pair, or exchange for Canaries or cock Nightingale or cock Blackcaps; Mr. T. G. Argent, 132, Shakespeare-rd., Stoke Newington, London. (191)

NOTICE! We give Canaries and British birds, Parrots, Poultry, Rabbits, anything in exchange for cutlery and plate, boots, clothing, gramophone records, jewellery, etc.; Write, Smith Bros., 49, Pear-st., Sheffield. (190)

THREE pure-bred Black Leghorns, 3 pure White Wyandotte hens, good laying strain, through moul, some laying; sell, or exchange Canaries, Yorkshires preferred; approval both ways: A. Abbott 69, Park-st., Alfreton. (192)

WANTED, birds, cages, anything; exchange gent's full size Royal Sunbeam cycle, gear case, free wheel, oil bath, back brake, Brooks' saddle, poor tyres through lying by; Spencer, Coop House, Middleton, Warkworth, Derbysire. (194)

EXCHANGE two nets for bird catching, 9 yards and 10 yards long by 4ft. wide, both 3in. sq. mesh, for a good singing Norwich cock or house-moulded Linnets or Mules, cocks; Mr. Kelland, 9, Edward-st., Ystrad Mynach, nr. Cardiff. (200)

CHANCE for beginners. High class Norwich Canaries and breeding cages, complete latest book on British Birds, box camera with Ensign symmetrical lens; exchange anything; offers: Goddard, 4, Brookland-rd., Maudrindod Wells. (199)

1915 BUFF Lancashire Copy cock, British show cage, hen Goldfinch Mule; exchange Yorkshire or Norwich cock or two pullets; also two good flight cages for Yorkshire or Norwich cock; offers: Scholes, 280, Oldham-rd., Middleton, Manchester. (199)

GRAND Nanny, due to kid March 19th, 30/-; younger Nanny, 10 months, mated 15/-; gent's pigskin saddle and double-reined riding bridle, 25/-; would exchange either for fat hens for killing; Wollnough, Fish Merchant, Crowborough. (191)

EXCHANGE for 3 pair good Rollers, lady's cycle, new last spring and has not run 100 miles; plated rims; 7 days' approval; or sell £3, or good talking Parrot; also silver lever watch for pair Rollers; approval: James, 62, Cemetery-rd., Barnsley. (187)

ONE cock Goldie with a large Norwich hen, 2 pretty splashed Jacobin hens, 1 pair of Magpies, 1 pair of Blue Baldheads, with 1 young; the lot, £1, or exchange large Crested cock; approval: Crest first: H. Vendell, Cock Pit Hill, Cullompton, Devonshire. (190)

CYCLE, Sturmeys Archer, 3-speed, new 7 months ago; £3, or part exchange White Wyandotte pullets; also English-made walking-stick gun, undecivable trigger, 410 bore, splendid killer, accept £2; letters only: J. W. Havell, Abbot House, Bartley Green, Quinton, Birmingham. (190)

EXCHANGE 16 parts of Modern Practical Farriery, complete, Veterinary Book of Diseases of Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Pigs, and Sheep Farming, cost 2/- a book, well bound and clean, for a pair of Yorkshires, Borders, or Rollers; Riches, 26, Hill-dropp-rd., Bromley, Kent. (192)

FOR sale, cheap, hornless gramophone and records, Edison concert grand phonograph and 80 records, 4 horns, large quantity of stuffed birds, 4 gross stereoscopic views, 2 volumes "Living Animals of the World," good old stove; must clear; exchange offers considered: Bottomley, Bootmaker, Keighley. (195)

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We exchange boots, bedding, clothing, jewellery, overcoats, or anything required for livestock of all descriptions; birds, poultry, parrots, monkeys, dogs, ferrets, etc.; thousands of unsolicited testimonials; Jopson's Exchange Stores, Newton Heath, Manchester. (200)

SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's Bird seeds and foods, good commission; Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London. (190)

Aquarium.

GOLDFISH 1/6 to 6/- dozen; special prices per 100 or 1,000. Minnow, Gd. dozen. Plants, snails, etc. Price lists: De Von and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (190)

Cats.

HANDSOME Persian Queen, jet black, nine months old, long flowing coat, good tail, fit for show; accept 21/-; exchange toy dog; Miss Joyce, 9, Rosamond-place, Oxford-rd., Manchester. (200)

Dress.

UNDERWOOD'S champion box calf boots and shoes, newly soled and heeled, ladies 3/3, 3/6, gents 3/9, 4/-, girls 3/-, boys 3/6, carriage paid; F. Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (76)

Ferrets.

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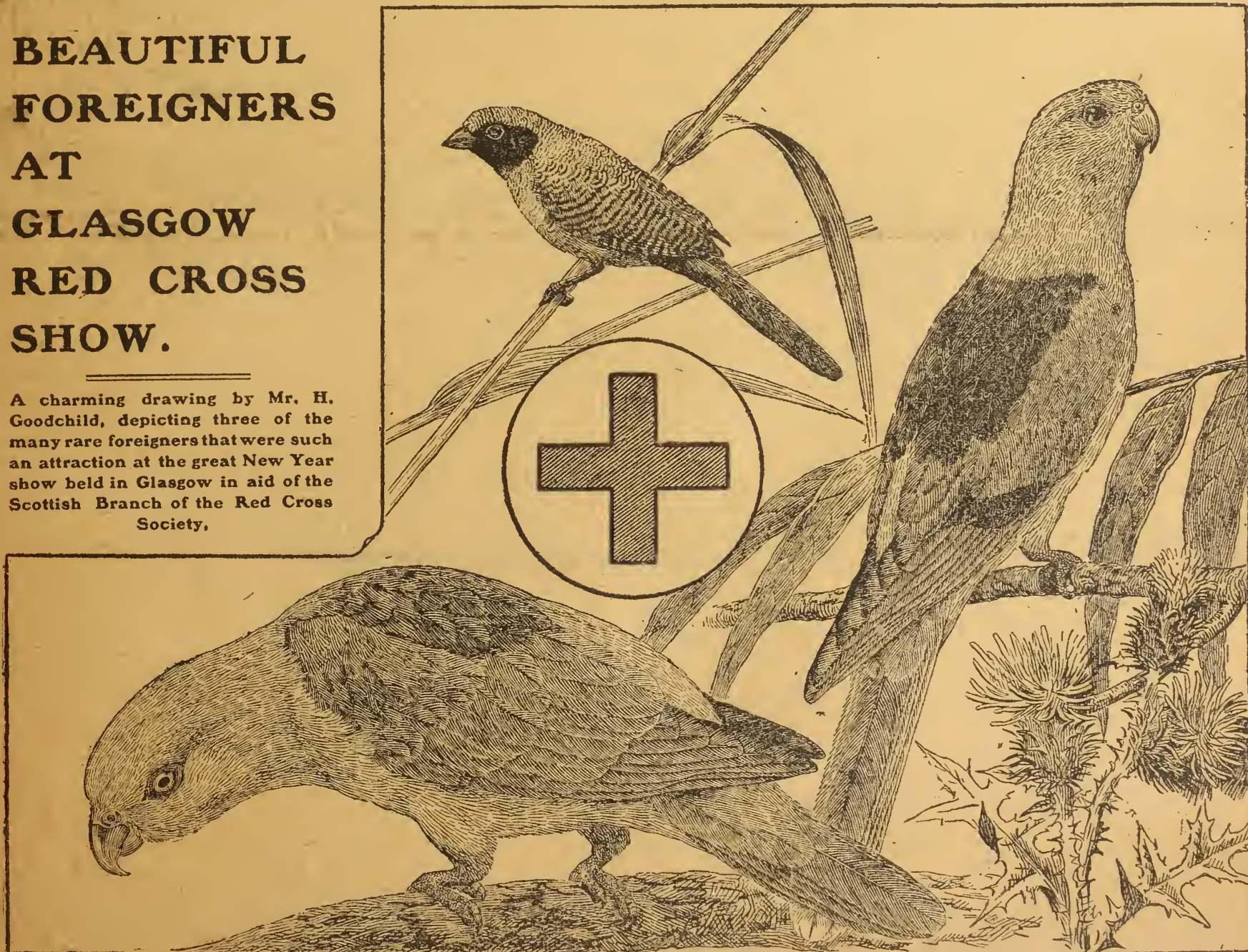
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SMART buff hens from 5/6, right type and quality; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (209)

BORDER Fancies: Grand green and cinnamon, cocks and hens; approval: McMillan, 67, College-st., Dumfries. (199)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires and cock Bullfinch for 2 cock Borders and hen: Bannerman, 49, Charlotte-st., Fraserburgh. (216)

WANTED two cock Canaries, exchange for rolled gold lever watch, new; sell 21/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (217)

BORDERS: a few smart typical cocks and hens, fears and marks; approval: John Naismith, Pier Head, North Queensferry. (212)

WANTED, Borders, cocks, also singing cocks; state lowest prices; any quantity bought: Andw. Dawson, 69, Duke-st., Glasgow. (198)

EXCEPTIONALLY good Borders, including sound, whole-coloured, typical cinnamon, very low in price: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich. (200)

A FEW left of my celebrated Crystal Palace winning strain, from 5/-; state wants; approval: George Bennett, Bowmont-villa, Kelso. (216)

WANTED, Border Canaries for cash; same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (142)

PRIZE-BRED Borders, clear yellows, buffs and variegated cocks, from 6/-; hens from 3/-: Lyall, Society-buildings, Montrose-st., Brechin. (175)

STILL few left; yellow and buff cinnamon marked hens, clear yellow, pink-eyed hen, eye-marked yellow hen, stamp: J. Logie, Park-rd., Brechin. (218)

BORDERS. Only four left; yellow var. cock, buff cock, buff varieg. cock, buff marked hen, winner, 7/6 each; approval: Irons, Park Place, Brechin. (218)

BORDERS, few left, quick sale, greens and variegated, for breeding or songsters, cocks from 7/6, hens from 2/6: Write or call, Daw, 31, St. John's-rd., East Ham. (182)

BORDERS: a few smart yellows and buffs; 2 exhibition Greenfinches, one twice house moulted, also cock Linnet Mole; approval: Kenneway, Et. Leonard's Place, Dumfries. (213)

A FEW choice hens remaining for disposal, including buff, 2nd Swansea, yellow, 3rd Swansea; prices low or exchange for good buff cock; also songsters: Sampson, Pontardulais. (219)

TWO clear yellow cocks, 12/6 and 10/6; variegated green yell. cock, cin. bred, 10/6; ticked buff cock 12/6; above are bred from my noted winners: Pratt, Strand Dairy Emment. (206)

PURCHASE your young stock direct from the breeder. A few first-class Border cocks and hens at low prices; cocks from 6/- upwards; hens from 4/-: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso. (218)

BORDERS, few good yellow cocks and buff hens, also self yellow cinnamon cock, ditto hen, foul buff cinnamon cock and self buff hen; approval: all 1915 Lyall, Society Bldgs., Montrose-st., Brechin. (214)

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviarist, Whitehorn, Linlithgow, has six pairs of Greens, 4 pairs of Cinnamons for sale, 3 yellow green cocks, winners at open shows; the others are young birds; approval, stamp. (194)

BIRDS I have sold this season have been winning at the leading shows; have few left yet to spare; mostly greens and cinnamons; pairs or singles; at war prices; approval, stamp: Dan Hamilton, 239, Lowwater, Hamilton. (211)

HAVE decided not to exhibit this season, and having bred 100 youngbirds, many fit to win, plenty to select from, in all colours, show or stock, at war prices; approval, stamp: Dan Hamilton, 239, Low Water, Hamilton. (193)

FOR exchange, Buff Cinnamon Border cock, 1st Plymouth, 2nd Aberlilly, 2nd Perth, 2nd Abernethy, 3rd Cardiff, sell 20/-, or exchange for good yellow cinnamon marked Border hens; approval both ways: Evans, 10, Brook-st., Pen-y-graig. (215)

SPECIAL pair for beginners: choice pairs of greens, correctly matched, 12/6 and 15/- per pair, owing to illness and being ordered away by my doctor I wish to clear about 10 pairs; every pair worth twice the price asked: Middleton, Northenden-rd., Sale. (216)

WINNERS. Yellow cock, medal Hartlepool, 25/-; yellow cock, 1st Newcastle, 20/-; buff cock, 2nd Blyth, 20/-; uneven buff cock, 3rd South Shields, 15/-; splendid odd buff cocks, 10/-; matched stock pairs from 15/-; approval, stamp: W. J. Day, 30, Main rd., Treadmouth, Berwick. (214)

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BORDERS

WANTED immediately, any quantity of male and pairs of Borders, highest prices offered in the trade; send your offers along.—G. Chapman, high-st., Birmingham.

Crests and Crestbreds.

LARGE heavy Crested cocks, 10/6, 12/6, upwards; approval: Roberts, Shammer, North Creak. (213)

FEW high-class young Crest and Crestbred cocks, cheap to clear: Hume, Elmska, Dumbane. (217)

ONE large dark Crested wing-marked buff cock, a winner, 25/-; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso. (218)

G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, offers Crest and Crestbred, first-class stock birds, 7/6 each; approval. (205)

CREST and Crestbred from 9/6 and upwards; no hens: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London. (207)

LARGE green Crest cock, 1914, vgr. Crest cock, 1915, father and son, 25/- each; approval: Y. Forsyth, Duns. (211)

FEW matched pairs of Crests, 30/- to 60/- a pair; approval; deposit: Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (214)

WANTED 1915 light Crest hen; exchange pair good Norwich; particulars, stamp: A. Fox, 22, Bole-hill, Wicks. (213)

TWO good Crestbred cocks for sale, bargains, 12/6, 15/-; approval: G. F. Adamson, 23, West Nether-ton-st., Kilmarock. (210)

CREST pairs for sale, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- pair; no odd hens; approval; deposit: W. Harris, 120, Smeinton-rd., Nottingham. (213)

WANTED, good, clean, healthy Crests and Crestbreds, for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (213)

YELLOW C.B. cock and buff Crest hen, for long racy buff or yellow Yorkshire cock: Carter, Portland-pl., Darlington. (213)

FEW good Crest and C.B. hens for sale, cheap; also stock pairs: Reynolds, 47, Goodhead-st., Meadows, Nottingham. (183)

FEW good birds for sale, reasonable, 1914 and 1915; from good stock: Miss Finch, Mount Pleasant Cottage, Starcross, Devon. (191)

WANTED, two yellow Crestbred hens, unfledged; must be large birds: George Chadwick, 83, Ham-mersley-rd., Hanley, Staffs. (181)

PRIZE bred Crest and Crestbred cocks from 12/6; pairs from 25/-; healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (209)

MATCHED pairs from 50/-; Crest cocks from 21/-; Crestbred cock, 15/-; stamp reply: Angus McDougall, Carronah-rd., Larkhall, Stirlingshire. (181)

GOOD matched pair of Crests from 20/-; one or two Crestbred cocks, all well bred; approval; stamp reply: J. Wright, 28, Stewart-rd., Falkirk. (216)

W. RADMORE, 17, Chaddelwood-aven., Plymouth, has for disposal Crest and Crestbreds from his well-known strain; price, 10/6 to 60/-; stamp reply. (194)

GRIZZLE Crest cock, buff, 1914, fit for show, 25/-; approval; deposit; variegated hen, buff, cheap, 5/-; Linnets, 2/- each: Walton, Handford Hall, Ipswich, Essex. (215)

ABOUT 40 Crests and Crestbred, each from 7/6, pairs from 15/-; healthy birds, bred from prize stock; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-aven., Forest Gate, Essex. (101)

WANTED, Crestbred hen, good bird, large dome-shaped head, feather to turn well over bill; fair price given; approval: Douglas Wilson, Kinclaven, Hamilton. (216)

HIGH CLASS Crests, 35 years breeder of the best, many winners sold; some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (17)

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CHAMPION Crests: Having won 17 firsts, 12 seconds, 13 thirds, two cups, gold and silver medals this season, can spare a few birds from 10/-: Bewick, 7, Newfield S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (142)

GRAND Stock Birds: Big variegated Crest cock, 20/-; ditto, 15/-; ditto hen, 12/6; all unfledged; best blood; bred from winners: Worrell, "Ravenswood," St. James-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (208)

1914 variegated Crestbred cock, 41/-; 1915 variegated Crest cock, 41/-; 1915 variegated Crest cock, 15/-; Crestbred hens, 7/6; approval: Irving, 61, Cecil-aven., Enfield, Middlesex, London. (191)

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TO INTENDING WINNERS.

Get same strain as claimed for 425 at Cheltenham, first and second cross from copy broken green cock, 20/6, 25/-, 30/6; hens to match: Colledge, Kiburn, Derby. (215)

Cinnamons.

CINNAMON Borders; list free.—Rudd, Specialist, Norwich. (200)

WANTED, Cinnamons, any quantity: Palmer and Son, 66/70, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London, E. (216)

WANTED, large, typical, clean, healthy Norwich Cinnamons, for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (213)

WANTED, two Yorkshire cinnamon hens, unfledged, also 3 or 4-compartment breeding cage: 38, Glasgow-rd., Plaistow. (213)

CINNAMONS, few champions; buff cocks, 25/- each; approval: no better blood: J. Sheard, 2, Sack-ville-st., Ravenshorpe, Yorkshire. (211)

E. GODLEY, Knowles-st., Rishton, Blackburn, has Cinnamons and Plainhead Norwich for sale; single from 7/6; pairs from 15/-; state requirements; stamp; approval. (213)

Greens.

200 Norwich Greens, cocks and hens, colour and quality good, medium size, particulars. Rudd, Specialist, Norwich. (200)

NORWICH Greens, three cocks, two buffs, one yellow, one buff hen, one half green Yorkshire cock, 7/6 each, 35/- lot: cash or deposit: Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd., Widnes. (217)

Belgians.

BELGIANS, several 1915 birds for sale, from my well-known winners, pairs of single, reasonable prices; approval: Horril, King Edward-st., Barnstable. (174)

CHAMPION Belgians, grand birds, disposal; same strain my championship winners last two Palace shows, cheap; approval: G. S. Baker, Georges-rd., Barnstable. (191)

HAVING enlisted, all my Belgians for sale; grand young, also stock birds, both colours and sexes, same strain my winners, Palace, Edinburgh. Barnstable, etc.; cheap; approval: A. Baker, Richmond-st., Barnstable. (213)

Lancashires.

A FEW good birds for disposal at moderate prices; satisfaction guaranteed: Thos. Collings, 146, Platting-rd., Rochdale, Lancashire. (206)

Lizards.

LIZARD Canaries, grand birds, cocks 8/6, hens 3/6; Davies, Pawnbroker, Great Bridge, Staffs. (208)

ALL my stock and cages on sale, cheap to clear; reason, ill health: Mrs. Dewnap, 14, Princess-st., Glossop. (193)

AFTER taking stock can spare Lizard cock, 6/6; hen, 4/6; first 10/- P.O. takes both: Grimsdew, Westgate, Hale. (209)

W. P. BARNES, breeder champion Lizards, winner L. and L.F.A. Championship Trophy, 1913-14, best silver hen Hardwick, best Lizard Rochdale, 1915; properly matched, from 17/6; odd cocks from 5/6; no odd hens; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham. (164)

Norwich.

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FRANK F. LAWSON, Norwich Specialist, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, one of the best exhibition strains in the Fancy. Stock birds from 10/- each. Pairs from 20/- upwards. Stamped inquiries solicited. (216)

A FEW good stock Norwich for sale, pairs or single: Hardie, 18, William-st., Kilmarnock. (216)

WANTED, Norwich, any quantity: Palmer and Son, 66/70, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London, E. (216)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, any quantity; state price: Porhill, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (208)

NORWICH cocks, 6/6; hens 3/-; pairs 8/6: Thompson, Confectioner, 63, Wellington-st., Luton. (216)

FIVE medium-sized unlighted buff hens, also one yellow hen, 6/- each: Edwin Lloyd, Bridge-st., Chester. (210)

WANTED, a few cock Canaries for cash; state lowest price: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (215)

STRONG healthy yellow cocks 8/6, yellow hens 4/-; cold room: Miss A. Fooks, Cottesmore, Brentwood, Essex. (215)

GOOD buff cocks from 15/-; grand pairs from 30/-; approval: Robson, 28, Camden Grove, Peckham, London. (209)

FEW Norwich for sale, mostly 1915 bred, price reasonable; approval: A. Pine, 213, Montrose-st., Brechin. (191)

LARGE typical buff Norwich cock, sacrifice 15/-; approval: Robinson, Boot Maker, Winsford, Cheshire. (218)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries (must be healthy); state lowest price to: Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wishaw, Scotland. (217)

NORWICH. A few good buff and variegated cocks from 8/-; hens from 4/-: Galbraith, 162, Hospital-st., Glasgow. (217)

A FEW good Norwich for sale, singles or pairs, from 12/6 a pair: W. Harris, 120, Smeinton-rd., Nottingham. (213)

NORWICH cocks from 6/- to 10/- each; hens 3/- to 5/- each: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry. (192)

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, cocks 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKend, Scabright, Castle Douglas. (160)

G. OLYNE, Moray-st., Wick,

TWO large 1915 cocks, buff, yellow, 6/6 each; two hens, yellow, 3/3; marked, 2/6: Green, 96, Alma-rd., Winton, Bournemouth. (210)

WELL-bred buff Norwich hens, good heads, type, quality, cheap to clear: Holliday, 51, Bolton-drive, Mount Florida, Glasgow. (215)

NORWICH cocks, 5/9, 6/9, 7/9, in full song; hens to match, 2/6, 3/6, 3/6: Syd Mothersole, 20, Humberstone-rd., Leicester. (251)

NORWICH: Stubbs Bros. have only two unfledged cocks left, yellow and buff, 10/- each: Cyprus Cottages, Altona, Cheltenham. (212)

NORWICH cocks, well bred, grand type and quality, full song, 10/6 each: A. J. Horwood, 8, Lawson-avenue, Long Eaton. (190)

NORWICH for sale, buff cock, buff var., do., buff hen, all unfledged, 10/- each; cheap; approval: James Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin. (193)

NORWICH. Two buff C.F. cocks, 1915, one hen cinnamon marked, sell 17/- the three: Bannerman, 49, Charlotte-st., Fraserburgh. (216)

YELLOW and buff cocks 7/6, one hen 3/6 1915, cock and hen 1914, cold room: Miss Howell, 31, Queen's-rd., Brentwood, Essex. (205)

GRAND typical yellows and buffs, hens 10/6, cocks 12/6, upwards; see Wimbledon Show report: Jay, 170, Astonville-st., Southfields. (212)

LARGE clear buff Norwich hen, 2nd only time shown, 10/-; exchange good buff variegated hen: Mitchell, Station, Bridge of Allan. (217)

NOTICE, special offer; monster unfledged clear buff Norwich cock, good stock bird, 10/6: Vince, Warrens Wood, Mortimer, Berks. (211)

LARGE typical buff variegated 1914 hen, very short flights and tail, 12/6; approval, pleasure: D. Betty, Cunard, Goodwick, Penn. (206)

WANTED, yellow Norwich Plainhead cock, for folding pocket camera, value 40/-: Particulars, Blandford, 122, Hayward-rd., Redfield, Bristol. (213)

LARGE stock coloured Norwich from winners, cocks from 6/6, hens 4/6; inspection invited: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinkley. (215)

SEVERAL fine young Norwich hens, strong and healthy, 2/6 each; yellows, 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterloo-st., Hove. (209)

YELLOW and buff hens, two typical birds of excellent quality and size, 15/- each, or 25/- the two to clear: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet. (207)

YELLOW buff Norwich for sale, including Wimbledon winners and relations; seen by appointment: Hamilton, 71, Pulborough-rd., Southfields. (207)

NORWICH, short cobby hens, yellow and buff variegated, bred from winners 7/6 to 12/6; approval: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath. (205)

GOOD Yorkshire clear cinnamon mark cocks from 10/-, hens from 6/-, pair from 15/-; week's approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate. (209)

I HAVE splendid Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, in full song; hens, 2/6, 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Syd Mothersole, 20, Humberstone-rd., Leicester. (218)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, for cash; same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (217)

BARGAINS. Buff cocks, 15/-, 12/6, 10/-; var. 15/-; half value; forward condition; approval: Macqueen, Wood Carver, Dumfries (winner over 200 prizes). (212)

GOOD buff Norwich cock, unfledged yellow hen, 30/- pair; good buff Yorkshire hen, 2nd Glasgow, 2nd Carlisle, 41: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (214)

NORWICH Plainheads, cocks and hens, from 10/- and 4/- respectively; also 1915 rollers, Cocks 7/6, hens 3/6; Lascelles, Roborough Valley-rd., Streatham. (213)

WANTED, large, typical, clean healthy, coloured and natural, Norwich Plainheads; best price given; prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (213)

MR. GEO. N. SHAW offers some grand yellow cocks at 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; also a few buff hens at 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each: 11, Sandeliff-rd., Eritth, Kent. (205)

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BURGESS, Eastover, Bridgwater, exhibitor, offers large prize-bred Norwich, matched pairs 15/-, cocks 10/-, buff hens 5/6; approval; exchange new suit, hoots 8/-.

LARGE yellow cock, 1st Challenge Cup, Ryde, 30/-; ditto, marked yellow cock, 1st Newport, 21/-; giant marked buff cocks, 2nd Newport, 25/-: Morris, Fancier, Ryde. (211)

FEW good 1914 buff Norwich stock birds, two large cocks, 12/6, 10/-, stout hens, 5/- to 7/-; approval; deposit with editor or me: Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton. (211)

SPLENDID Norwich cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; cold room, 1915, cash, approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester; close to Midland Station. (195)

G. DOWELL, breeder of high-class Norwich, has few grand birds for sale; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; approval; deposit: Spread Eagle, Langport (late Yeovil). (189)

PAIR Spangle Bantams, both first prize winners, 15/-; Black rosecomb beauty, 7/6; Scotch Grey cock, 5/-; exchange good Norwich: Hingley, Central, Quarry Bank, Staffs. (220)

SEVERAL winning Norwich buff cocks, including my Bournemouth winners, from 20/- to 40/-; also few good stock pairs, from 20/- to 40/-: Fellows, 44, Hill-la, Southampton. (213)

EXTRA large Norwich for sale, four cocks, 15/- and 20/- each; two nice full-framed hens, 7/6, 10/-; all unfledged; cash or deposit; no yellows: Davies, 24, College-hill, Llanelli. (210)

UNFLEDGED buff cock, large clear yellow hen, 10/6; large variegated buff hen, 4/-; clear buff, 3/6; variegated yellow, 3/-; approval; cash: Peck, Ashman's Hall-gdns., Beccles. (209)

ONE buff Yorkshire cock, first prize winner at Southampton, £1; one buff cock, 15/-; one buff hen, 3/6; or nearest offers: (Mrs.) M. Snowden, 13, St. Mark's-terrace, Southampton. (208)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Norwich, offers exceptional bargains; many winners, all large; inspection invited; letters only. (59)

VARIATED yellow Norwich cock and buff hen, 30/-; var. buff cock, 25/-, non-fed, good healthy birds; also few odd Yorkshires: Martin, 19, McIntosh-st., Dennistoun, Glasgow. (211)

NORWICH: two unfledged large buff cocks, 15/-, 12/6; large 1914 yellow cock, 12/6; large unfledged heavily marked buff hen, 5/6; good birds: Levatino, 13, Foster-rd., Chiswick, London. (211)

SEE wins Brighton, last week's issue; pairs or singles reasonable; state wants; three pairs only, at 15/- pair, or £2 2/- the three pairs; others upwards: Hux, 3, Westbourne-terr., Hove. (213)

MASSIVE large-framed, big, round head, grandly feathered buff cock, 20/-; one slightly marked cock, big head and neck, and massive chest, 20/-; approval anywhere: Olive, Plumber, Sittingbourne. (207)

HOW IS IT THAT I AM ALWAYS HAVING SUCH SUPERIOR STOCKS?

Well, I think some of the enclosed extracts of letters which I give below will partly explain, and the fact is, I have just concluded several more important purchases from well-known exhibitors. They include a lot of really useful birds, and will be sold, not at their value as pedigree birds, but what they are worth on the perch.

EXTRACTS OF OPINIONS.

Jan. 23, 1916.—"I am in receipt of the cheque in payment of birds. I am exceedingly gratified with the promptness of this our first transaction, and sincerely hope it will not be the last. Wishing you all success.—H. H."



Prices as follows: No "gush" or absurd exaggeration; but sold, for what they are worth on the perch—not bogus strains. Cocks or hens, for exhibition, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Pairs, correctly matched to produce best results by me personally, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-. These are marvels at the price. Other useful birds. Cocks, 7/6, 8/6; Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6. Pairs, matched to produce best results, 10/6. Cages to hold one bird, 3d., to hold two or three birds, 4d.

YORKSHIRES

Same prices, including some very superior birds indeed—Birds that are certain to give satisfaction. For Lizards, Border Fancies, Rollers, Crests and Crested breeds, Lancashires, Scotch Fancies, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, and Muling Hens, see my free list. For Aviaries, Cages, and Bird-room Requisites, see Illustrated Mutilum-Parvo Catalogue.

NOTICE, special offer, monster 1915 buff Norwich cock, immense size, rare type, and quality, only 17s. 6d.; also large stock yellow hen, rare size and substance, only 10/6, or 25/- the pair; also large typical 1915 yellow cock, rare size, type, and quality, will make winner next season, only 17/6; also choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, only 10/6, or 25/- the pair; all bred from big winners; rare chance for beginners; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 23, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. A. W. FARMER, winner of amateur cup and rose bowl, East Ham, amateur and Yorkshire cups, Leyton, having bred a large number of yellow cups, Leyton, six fine breeders, lovely colour and quality, 15/- each; also 7in. variegated yellow cock, grand stock bird, with clear buff hen, 25/-; ticked buff cock and smart yellow hen, a real good pair, 18/6; many others equally cheap; bred in ideal outdoor bird house, and in splendid condition and health; visitors welcome: 13, Thornhill-rd., Leyton. (207)

JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH
Few nice pairs, 15/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; also few cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6; state wants; inspection invited; approval; cash or deposit: Editor, 55, George-st., Leeds. (212)

IMMEDIATE CLEARANCE

necessary, room wanted; remaining stock good class Norwich, about dozen 1914/15, cages, utensils, etc.; no reasonable offer refused; one lot preferred, no odd hens: Harper, 7, Douglas-terr., Seven Kings. (219)

D. H. TEDSTONE

Winner outright Welsh Cage Bird Club Challenge Cups and numerous other specials, has a few matched pairs; also yellow hens; prices reasonable. 5, Struet, Brecon. (211)

J. C. BARNES

Norwich specialist: 25 years' study; well-known stud. Winner Sheffield Challenge Cup outright (3 years in succession). 200 birds to select from. Few choice specimens to spare. Cocks from 20/-, hens from 10/-, inspection invited; approval: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (209)

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

Can supply Norwich Plainheads, cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; clear and variegated hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (209)

W. N. TURNER

Breeder of Champion Norwich

I have bred and supplied winners at all leading shows, and have a large stock to select from; exhibition and stock birds at reasonable prices; this strain has been winning for the last 20 years, and there is no better blood in the Fancy. See latest show reports; inspection invited; approval willingly: 3a, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester. (207)

Rollers & Singing Canaries.

BREEDER'S CARD

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale. THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1510)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars free: Heathfield, Sussex. (160)

RHODES' noted Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, winners of cups, gold, silver and bronze medals, etc., latest wins, 1st and special Leeds, two seconds, fourth, 1c, 5 specials, International; 5th, two c's, Wolverhampton; fourth, c, Bacup; winners bred and sold by me this season, first and special Bacup, champion class; fifth, special, Leeds; fifth, special, International; cocks from 25/-, hens 7/6; 40, James-st., Bilston, Staffs. (160)

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, breeder and trainer purest Sciferts, Glucke, etc., 110 bred 1915; deposit. (56)

SEIFERT, grand cocks, singing, 7/6 and upwards; approval: Bennett, Snelston Hall, Ashbourne. (214)

TWELVE good Roller hens, some rung, cold room, 25/- or offer: Christopher, 60, Pigott-st., Birmingham. (200)

TWO hens, B3 and B4 rung, pure Randall's, good feeders, 7/6 pair: G. Chantry, 24, Ethel-st., Northampton. (216)

HIGH-class Roller hens for sale, bred from best strains, cold room, good condition, overstocked, 3/6 each, to clear: Aston, Mealcheaper-st., Worcester. (214)

Gloucestershire.—"I received cash quite safe. Many thanks for your prompt way in which you do your business; it is so different to others I have dealt with.—J. W."

Margate.—"Thanks for your cheque. Please accept my best thanks.—E. G. K."

Anerley.—"I thank you for your courteous letter. I am more than content to leave the matter in your hands, as ever I shall always be glad to recommend you for your most straightforward and genuine dealing with customers.—F. W. F."

I can show at my offices more testimonials for any day, week, month, or year, than any half-dozen advertisers combined.—Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

NOTICE. Grand lot Rollers, cocks 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (16)

GRAND dark Rollers, in full song; best strain 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: John Bennett, 23, Enville, Stourbridge. (1)

CHAMPION Rollers; cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, hens, 5/-, 7/6 each: Thos. Walton, 6, Cross Green, Leeds. (1)

BARNES and **SONS**, Aviaries, Merthyr, in want of Rollers, large or small quantities; best prices; and other wants. (2)

TWO pairs high-class Rollers, 1915 rung, 10/- pair; or exchange good Norwich: White, 8, Conduit-st., Clapton, N.E. (2)

PURE Rollers, cocks, splendid songsters, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6 each; good hens, 3/- each: Gray, Warth Station, York. (2)

ROLLERS, Randall's strain; cocks from 15/-; hen 10/-; member B.R.C.C.: N. Clouting, 27, Somers-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W. (1)

FEW high-class Rollers for sale, 1915 bred, Randall's strain; cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-: Bowmar, Nuncargate, Notts. (1)

I HAVE a few 1915 Roller hen to spare, splendid little birds, 3/- each: Syd Mothersole, 20, Humberstone-rd., Leicester. (210)

GLUCKE, Waterglucke Rollers, few cocks for sale all related to my winners, 17/6, £1: Wantling, Paramatta-st., Rawtenstall. (2)

SPLENDID cocks, full song, pure notes, 6/6; hen, 2/6; only 4 pairs to clear: Seymour, 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (2)

GLUCKE Roller, B.R.C.C. 1914 rung, two pure Siefert 1915 hens, 17/6 lot; approval: Butterworth, 7, Highfield-rd., Earby, nr. Colne. (2)

DEEP Waterglucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, Randall's; cocks, 17/6, 15/-; hens, 4/-: Johnson, Brunswick-terr., Stackstead, Bacup. (2)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Rollers, offers cocks at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-.

WANTED good schoolmaster on week's approval; also two 1915 hens, cheap; state particulars: Johnstone, Balcurvie, Windygates, Fife. (21)

J. DIMMOCK, Bred from all my cup winners B.R.C.C. rung, from 15/- upwards; cages 6d. each; hens 5/- each: 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath. (21)

ROLLER hens, Randall's and Reid's strain, 19 rung, better blood impossible to get; 4/- and 5/- each: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire. (15)

WANTED, for abroad, in large or small quantities; Rollers; give 10/- to 15/- each for well-trained cock; first instance, King, 10, Bolt-ct., Fleet-st., London. (2)

BRITISH Rollers, Randall's strain direct, all pure B.R.C.C.; 1915 hens, 5/- each, 8/- per pair, only a few left: Hughes, Surrey Villa, Long-la, Church End, Finchley. (2)

GLUCKE and **Water-Glucke** Rollers, cup winners; strain; B.R.C.C. rung; cocks 12/6, 15/-; hens 5/-; approval week: B. Totney, 35, Holly Bush-st., Cradley Heath. (12)

PRETTY marked cock Rollers, bred last season from Waterglucke bird (Randall's), very sweet song; varied notes, price 10/6; one hen, 2/-: Willey, Seaford, Malvern. (20)

SPLENDID selection of Roller Canaries, cock full song, 4/6 and 5/6 each; hens, 2/- each; safely packed for any distance: Seedsman, 163, Princes-st., Manchester. (20)

FOUR grand 1915 cold room bred Hartz 8/6, Andreasberg Roller cocks, splendid songsters, sure please, price 4/6 each, 8/- the two: Davenport, Hill, Birmingham. (20)

HIGH-class Roller cocks, cold-room bred, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; hens, 2/6 each, or two for 4/6; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Britton, 4, Wellington-st., Radcliffe, Manchester. (10)

H. RAWCLIFFE, 46, Lord-st., Grimsby, has a few birds for disposal, same strain as my noted winner, of over 60 prizes; cocks from £1, hens 10/-; approval; exchange entertained. (21)

GLUCKE Rollers, some very good birds from winning strain for sale at reasonable price; cocks 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6; approval: Bes 5, Alma-place, Beckett-st., Leeds. (10)

WILLOWS' Glucke Rollers, my well-known strain; few cocks for sale, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, 70/- each; hens, 10/- each; approval willingly, cash or deposit: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury. (14)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (pure Randall's), very deep gentle singing birds, with many changes: cocks 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 3/6 each; seven days approval: Cox, 27, Coppice-st., West Bromwich. (17)

ROLLER hens from birds which reared full clutches last season, cold-room bred, excellent condition, very reliable strain, 2/6, 3/6; cash or deposit; approval: Fenton Greenwood, Eiffel-st., Huddersfield. (16)

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, Mr. Wallow's strain, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; the same strain as my cup and medal winners; no better blood obtainable; approval, cash or deposit: Note, Morris, 13, Dale-st., Wrexham. (17)

MY wins this season, 5th, 6th, c, Leeds; 4th, h, Bacup; he, c, Manchester; he, ex 3rd, Birmingham; few extra deep glucke and water glucke schoolmasters, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6; Mead, York-shire-st., Bacup. (20)

TWELVE 1915 pure Roller hens, own breeding, in cold room, all in good condition, 3/- each; the lot, or would exchange the lot for one or two good 1915 Roller cocks to same value: H. Fletcher, 3, Curzon-st., Derby. (213)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers from best strains, perfectly trained birds, with wonderful length and variety of song; cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; pure Roller hens at 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (219)

FOR sale, good deep Glucke Schoolmaster 27/-; another good bird, 17 pts. Wolverhampton, 21/-; another good stock bird, 15/-; few hens 4/6 each: all B.R.C.C. rung and on approval: W. Robinson, 4, New-st., Netherton, Near Dudley, Worcs. (19)

ROLLERS, two 1915 yellow cocks, colour fed, or yellow green for colour breeding, 41 each; 2nd prize winner at Manchester, 42; hens, 5/- each: Mr. Ives, strain; inspection invited; satisfaction guaranteed: Jobson, 151, Penrhyn-rd., Hunter's Bar, Sheffield. (21)

Glucke hens, sisters to my special, Manchester, 2nd, special, 4th, special, Wigan, B.R.C.C. 15 rung, 5/ each; approval; deposit: Edgley, 5, Francis-st., Monton Green, nr. Manchester. (211)

FOR sale, owing to removal, 50 high-class Rollers and 25 Crestedreds, cold room bred; cocks full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens 2/6, 3/6; Crestedreds 9/-, 10/6; hens 5/-; offers for lot; stamp reply; 3 Palace aviaries, utensils and cages: H. E. Smith, 62, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath, S.E. (197)

CASH OR EASY PAYMENTS

Splendid Roller cocks, in full song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 4/- upwards; Norwich and Yorkshires same prices; stamp reply: Russell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middx. (212)

K. PERICLES

CHAMPION ROLLERS

Glucke and Waterglucke strain; winner of numerous prizes, specials, medals, also first prizes in the champion young birds point competition of the P.R.C.C. 1915; also birds bred by me won first and second and thirds in various shows this season, which I think is the best recommendation for my strain. Have a few young cocks, bred from my well known winners, at moderate prices, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each; K. Pericles, 37, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester.

Scotch Fancies.

G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, offers some good cocks and hens, 10/- each; approval. (205)

SCOTCH Fancies cocks and hens, all colours, cheap to clear, young; approval: Chas. McLean, 57, New-rd., Ayr. (169)

SCOTCH Fancies, well bred buff cock, good stock bird, cheap to clear: Renwick, 126, Ingleby-drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow. (218)

SCOTCH Fancies: three hens, high-class birds, used to cold room; cheap; approval: Dunbar, The Terrace, Penryn, Cornwall. (192)

SCOTCH Fancies. Yellow cock, 80/-; yellow hen, 80/-; buff piebald cock, 40/-; buff hen, 40/-; also few others, 20/- to 35/-; mostly young; approval: James McGor, 34, Cupar-rd., Tayport. (216)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

A. CHESHIRE, Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich; inspection cordially invited: 31, Crawford-st., Bradford. (209)

L. DYKES, the present-day champion (see show reports), breeder and exhibitor of the finest Yorkshires that have ever graced the show bench. Some grand birds for sale for show, or stock birds to breed them; prices reasonable; state wants; satisfaction assured; reliable aviaries: 16, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (496)

PAIR Yorks, 12/6 cash, exchange Rollers; Turner and Roberts, Ripley, Derbyshire. (210)

GRAND 1915 yellow hen, bred from winners; buff hen, 1914; Parvin, Tobaccoist, Selby. (209)

SLIM, stylish, pairs from 25/-; approval: Robson, 18, Camden Grove, Peckham, London. (205)

FLW pairs lot, seen any time; Scudder, 49, Ashland House, Paddington-st., Marylebone. (216)

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, any quantity; state price: Porritt, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (208)

WANTED, Yorkshires, any quantity; Palmer and Son, 66-70, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London, E. (208)

H. NEIGHBOUR has a few good Yorkshire hens for sale from 6/- each: 12, Arthur-rd., Holloway. (200)

GOOD Yorkshires for sale reasonably; seen by appointment: Hamilton, 71, Pulborough-rd., Southfields. (207)

CANARIES, large 1915, Yorkshire cocks, singing, 4/- and 5/- each; hens 2/-; Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (208)

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, must be healthy; state lowest price to: Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wislaw, Scotland. (217)

YORKSHIRES, some fit to win, at low price to clear out; extra good hens: Cattell, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle. (201)

ABOUT 20 for sale, long leggy upstanding birds, cocks and hens, from 7/6; Richards, Aston Fields, Brom-grove. (219)

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, best blood obtainable; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (200)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, high-class breeding stock, cocks, in full song, 8/-; Draper, 47, Palmerston-st., Battersea Park-rd. (151)

SIX coloured-buff Yorkshire cocks for sale, cold room bred, 7/- each, 30/- lot; Miles, 12, Feather-st., Parkwood-st., Keighley. (215)

1915 clear buff cock, brother to cup winner, off grand birds, none better bred, 15/-; Jno. Allen, 4, Bonsall-st., Leicester. (207)

SMART, slim, tight feathered Yorkshires, only a few left; cocks, 12/6; hens, 8/6; Lloyd, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, N.W. (216)

BARNES and SONS, Aviaries, Merthyr, are wanting large or small quantities of Yorkshires; best prices; see other wants. (212)

FINE lengthy buff and yellow Yorkshire cocks on full song, 9/-, hens 6/- each; Cobley, 69, High-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (210)

HIGH-CLASS young, healthy, coloured Yorkshires, cocks in song, 10/-, pairs 12/6; Breder, 222, Bibbelsdale-rd., Stratham. (201)

NOTICE: Few pair high-class Yorkshires for sale from 15/- per pair upwards: T. F. Healey, The Quay, Frodham Bridge, Cheshire. (210)

G. SIMESON has some good Yorkshires for disposal, from winners, reasonable prices; approval: 63, Beaconsfield-av., Avonmouth, York. (179)

G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick; yellow and buff cocks of Ogden Brothers' champion strain; winners at Inverness, cheap, 7/6, approval. (205)

YORKSHIRE S, yellow and buff, single or pairs, seen any day 4 to 6 p.m., or Sunday morning. Sanders, 29, Pinner Gloucester-pl., Baker-st., N.W. (210)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for cash, same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-ct., Hamilton. (200)

YORKSHIRES: Cocks from 6/6, hens from 2/- each; strong healthy birds; inspection invited. Robertshaw, 58, Hammond-st., Halifax. (211)

A SLEETIFF has some real good Yorkshires for disposal: cocks from 6/-, hens 3/-, cash or deposit, with 10/- testing wares: 46, Hammond-st., Halifax. (195)

HANDSOME pair of pure Yorkshire Canaries, 1915 bred, 7 inches long, typical green cock, buff hen, warrant of a true pair, with their good show cage, 10/6; Wisler, 51, Lumsden-av., Colwick-rd., Nottingham. (211)

GIVING up, room wanted for Norwich; cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; good type, leggy, straight backs, fine feather: Black, 3, Westbourne-ter., Hove. (213)

L. B. YATES has a few good Yorkshires for disposal, bred from winners in open competition, price very reasonable; approval: 135, Maybury-rd., Woking. (130)

P. JOHNSTON, 123, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, London, N., offers some choice Yorkshires, mostly 1915; straight typical hens, very reasonable; stamp reply. (193)

YORKSHIRES, two pairs, Dykes' and Ogden Bros.' strain, sell, 4/- pair, or exchange Norwich Cinnamon; no rubbish: Bisset, 15, Commerce-st., Fraserburgh. (187)

YORKSHIRES: Unflighted buff and yellow cocks, 7/6, 8/-; hens 3/-, 3/6; all cold room bred; two 1914 cocks, 7/6 each: S. Kettle, 146, Lynton-rd., Acton, London. (207)

GRAND unflighted buff Yorkshire cock, 10/-; also two greens, 6/- each; and a cock Linnet Mule, 6/-; approval; deposit: H. Lucking, Stortford-rd., Dunmow, Essex. (215)

TYPICAL Yorkshires, nine pairs, cinnamon, greens, clears, cocks on full song, cold room bred, 8/- pair; deposit: Devine, 1, Brentwood-avenue, Ilford-wick-st., Hull. (211)

SIX Yorkshire hens (1915), nice shapely birds, 3/6 each, or 4/- the lot; also one Yorkshire variegated cock (1915) on full song, 10/6; Banner, 27, High-st., Bromley, Kent. (208)

High-class Yorkshires, yellow, buff, green, and cinnamon, marked, cocks from 8/6, hens from 3/6, pairs 12/-; Goldfinch Mules, 7/6, 10/-; Hawkesley, Cottingham, Hull. (214)

HALFORD, 131, Prince of Wales-rd., Kentish Town. —1914 yellow variegated cock; 1915 buff ditto; 12/6 each; high-class stock birds; full song; perfect health guaranteed. (216)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, all bred from birds costing pounds; matched pairs from 10/-; see reports Paisley, Ayr, and Larkhall; approval: Macready, Jeweller, Stranraer. (205)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, colour fed, long typical young birds, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval; cash or deposit editor: W. Johnson, Breder, 55, George-st., Leeds. (212)

W. STANLAND as shown 19 times and took 18 cards and silver challenge cup, has 2 Yorkshire cocks bred from same, yellow and buff, 10/6 each: Collingham, Nottinghamshire. (216)

R. TINDALE offers several exhibition and stock Yorkshires from his well-known strain, at very reasonable prices; approval, deposit: 6, Gill-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (160)

MR. LITTLE, Schoolmaster, Colne, offers a few pairs of 1915, exceptionally good typical Yorkshires, cocks, in full song, 8/-; hens from 5/-; thorough satisfaction guaranteed. (215)

HIGH class Yorkshires, clears and variegated, cocks from 8/6, hens from 3/6; cinn. var. buff cock, 2nd East Ham, 12/6, bargain, must be cleared: R. Baxter, 98, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, E. (210)

YORKSHIRE—Will give unflighted buff cock, 3rd class of 14, and 5/-, cash for unflighted buff variegated stock cock; sell, 4/-; yours first: G. H., 4, Albert-rd., Staple Hill, Bristol. (204)

THREE yellow Yorkshire hens, 3 buff ditto, travelling case, 3 Yorkshire show cages; Yorkshire hens are well bred and in good condition: A. J. Clark, 65, Coplestone-rd., East Dulwich. (209)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, 1914 yellow cock, great length, leggy, 45/-; unflighted buff cock, a gem, 30/-; winners of 1sts, special; approval: McLoughlin, Valley-rd., Liversedge, Yorkshire. (214)

YORKSHIRES, some really high-class cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 7/6, 10/-; every bird approval; you can't buy better at double: J. Sheard, 2, Sackville-st., Ravenshorpe, Yorkshire. (216)

T. C. CRAWHALL offers some good Yorkshires, bred from his winners, at reasonable prices, singles or matched pairs; approval, deposit: 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (14)

YORKSHIRES: Cocks 8/6, hens 3/6 each; aviary and 14 Foreign birds, 4/-; wire flight, 6ft. x 18in. x 16in., 3 divisions, zinc trays, well made, 10/6; 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth. (207)

YORKSHIRES; I can spare few good hens, related to my winners, 5/- upwards; also 12 breeding and 3 flight cages, splendid condition, 25/-, or exchange poultry. Ellis, 256, Pelton-ave., Halifax. (208)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Norwich from my noted strain, cocks at 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; on approval: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (194)

CHAS. MORRISON, the Yorkshire breeder and exhibitor, has some splendid pairs for sale from 15/6 upwards; all bred from my winners; satisfaction or money returned; stamp reply: Clifton-rd., Brighouse. (200)

YORKSHIRES, bred from my winners; 2 buff cocks, 12/6 and 15/-; variegated hen, 12/6; 2 yellow hens, 10/- and 12/6; also a few buff hens; state wants: Ferguson, 129, Raplock-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire. (210)

A. W. AUSTIN can spare a few grand show and stock birds, cocks or hens; approval with pleasure; cash or deposit; write, stating particulars: Foregate-st., Astwood Bank, Redditch, Worcestershire. (210)

W. BROUGHTON can spare five Yorkshires cocks from his noted winning strain; massive stock yellow, 25/-; unflighted yellows, 20/-, 15/-; unflighted buffs, 20/-, 15/-; approval: Westholme, Bourne-st., Wilmslow. (215)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; over 50 to select from; seen any evening, Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning; H. F. Bowring, 67, Everington-st., Fulham, near Fulham Cross. (206)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, including cup winners, Clears, Cinnamon, marked green, marked pink eyes; pairs or singles; inspection invited; also Yorkshire-Belgian crosses: R. Welsh, 93, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (195)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, typical; cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-, matched pairs cheap; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (187)

YORKSHIRE hens, yellows and buffs, mostly 1915 bred, from 7/6 upwards, also two buff self green Yorkshire cocks, 1 yellow, 1 buff, at 12/6 each; approval: Alexander Wilkin-on, Hazelwood House, Keith. (199)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6, upwards; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebdon Bridge, Yorkshire. (215)

SLIM pair Yorkshires, standard length, cock full song, 15/-; hens, Bullie 1/6, Goldfinch 1/-, Siskin 2/-, house-moulted, white legs, 3/-; wanted, good rabbit, doe, Flemish or Lop; yours first: H. Lock, Rayne Lodge, Braintree, Essex. (212)

MUST clear; three Norwich cocks, five hens, eight Yorkshire cocks, thirteen hens, two cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, one hen; lot 66; cash or deposit (on approval); dealers invited to offer: Apply Caretaker, Club, Marazion, Cornwall. (211)



YORKSHIRES, ETC.

Exhibition, stock birds, or specially selected songsters for cash or easy payments. Fine, typical, yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks, on full song, and seven inches long, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand properly matched pairs to breed winners, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair, in clears, ticked, and green marked. Extra smart lengthy hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6. All cold-room bred and kept, and all clean and in tight feather. Colour-fed or natural colour. Exhibition cocks and hens at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, in Yorkshires and Norwich. These are worth double and can soon win their cost. EASY PAYMENTS.—Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Illustrated price list and full particulars post free (Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Borders, etc., in stock.) Specially selected Yorkshire and Norwich songsters at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each, that will sing by day or gaslight. Send for my illustrated price list, post free. All birds on seven days' approval to any part at my risk. Travelling cage 3d. extra. Only and old address:—J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, BRADFORD.

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BARGAIN, 10 days only; tip-top Yorkshires, bred from my winners at all Union shows; winner Novice C.M.C. Competition; long stylish cocks, 10/6, 12/6; extra long hens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; real good hens, worth double; cash or deposit: Hodgson, 586, Rooley-lane, Bradford. (209)

CHAMPION Yorkshires.—G. A. Parker has some of the best; winners of nine cups 1914 and 1915; cocks, 10/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; pairs, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-; cash or deposit; reasonable approval; inspection cordially invited: 17, Litchfield-avenue, Stratford, E. (187)

YORKSHIRES, winning strain, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Skelmanthorpe, etc.; 1915 yellow cock, 20/-; another, 15/-; also buff ticked cock, 20/-; buff cock, 10/-; few hens, 7/6 upwards; large stock cocks, 15/- to 30/-; approval; deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (220)

TWO good buff unflighted Yorkshire hens, 10/- each; two yellow Yorkshire hens, one unflighted, 6/- each; two cock Bullfinches, one house-moulted, 6/- the two; one Linnet mule breeder, 3/6; exchange pair for good Hawfinch; approval; yours first: W. Brotherton, 118, Doncaster-rd., Rotherham. (211)

GIVING up, having no time; 23 good Yorkshires for sale, show and stock, from 12/6 a pair to 30/-, and none dearer; breeding cages, show cages and cases; sell in one lot, or would separate; or would take a good incubator in part exchange; approval both ways; incubator first: Linaker, 10, Devonshire-rd., Southport. (211)

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H. J. CHITTENDEN invites you, if in Bradford, to call and inspect his stock of Yorkshires any time by appointment; having to reduce his stock of well-known winning Yorkshires that have produced so many winners consistently for years; if not able to call will send on approval; yellow or buff cocks, clear or marked, green or cinnamon, fit to win, at 15/-, 20/-, to 60/- each; hens, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, to 50/-; these are really good birds, and must be sold; note the address: 53, Carlisle-st., Manningham. (213)

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can spare a few choice pairs, or odd cocks or hens, from our winning strain. See Y.U. show reports; no frivolous prices; state wants: 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford. (210)

POWICK'S-CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each, worth 30/- each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (214)

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have some clinking Yorkshires for disposal, excellent in length, type, and quality; cocks from 12/6, hens from 7/6; inspection invited: 43a, Hawthorn-rd., Hillsbro', Sheffield. (210)

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Unflighted buff cock, vho Glasgow Red Cross Show, 20/-; other two, 15/- each; number buff hens from 7/6 each; 2 special yellow hens, 15/-, 25/-, good specimens; above are related to my birds who won for me the Y.C.C. of Scotland rose bowl and many other prizes past season; approval: McLellan, "Annet," Renfrew. (218)

G. SNEAD'S

Yorkshires still prove to the Fancy their fine quality and high standard by winning in the highest and keenest of competitions; every bird his own breeding; having selected my breeding stock I have a grand selection for sale from 15/- a pair upwards; odd birds proportionately; satisfaction guaranteed; seven days' approval; cash or deposit; address: 133, Archfield-terrace, Horton Grange-rd., Bradford. (208)

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

I have the finest stock of Yorkshires in Bradford for sale; long slim cocks, in full song and over 7in. long, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; grand racy hens to match at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6 each upwards; pairs matched to breed your own winners, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/- a pair upwards; no better value in the Fancy; 6 days' approval, cash or deposit Editor: Edwin North, Breder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (209)

Various Canaries.

GIVING up the hobby.—Young cock Canaries, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/6; Ward, Corham, Wilts. (211)

CANARY, good breeding hen, with cage, 5/6; Mrs. Lees, 22, Montrell-rd., Streatham Hill. (202)

TWENTY pairs of Canaries for sale, Yorkshire and Norwich: J. Dennithorne, 27, Upper George-rd., Bermondsey, S.E. (196)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, clears, greens, and green marks, pairs and singly: Jas. McLaughlin, 19, Third-av., Fazakerley, Liverpool. (217)

TEN pure Roller hen Canaries, 3/- each; one clear yellow Yorkshire hen, 3/-, and one buff, 5/-; Cutforth, Haldresser, Oakham, Rutland. (216)

BARGAINS. Grand lot Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshire, Borders, and Rollers; cocks 5/-, cock and hen 5/-; package 3d.; approval: McKend, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (160)

PAIR Yorkshires, yellow cock, patched hen, 7ins., good stock birds, 14/6; pair Borders, patched cock, yellow hen, fine birds, 11/-; or exchange Rollers, hens, or two good cocks, or offers; approval: F. Owen, 66, Wedhampton-rd., Cannock, Staffs. (214)

C. PARKINS

can spare 3 buff cocks, 25/- each; 1 buff hen, 25/-; 1 yellow hen, 4/-; a few cocks and hens cheaper; stamp reply: 36, Park-terr., Chelmsford. (207)

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We can now offer you a splendid selection of Yorks. and Norwich Canaries, Yorks 12/6, 15/-, and 21 per pair. Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6; Hens, 3/6 upwards. Norwich, 15/- and 21 per pair; Cocks, 10/6 upwards; Hens, 6/-, 8/-, and 10/- 7 days' approval. Catalogue post free on application.—TAYLOR'S NATURALISTS LTD., 37, Thornton Road, Bradford. Tel. 5014.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

EXHIBITORS. Grand colour 1915 Goldie Bullie, winner, 80s.: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster. (215)

MULING Greenfinches, cocks, hens, months with Canaries, 1/6, two 2/6; Levy, 614, Fulham-rd. (210)

GOLDIE Mule, 7/6; Linnet Mule, 6/-; exchange Goldies: Turner and Roberts, Ripley, Derbyshire. (210)

WANTED, a Canary or hand-reared hen Greenfinch; must be tame: Edgar Hall, Morrab-rd., Penzance. (220)

COCK Twite, cock Linnet, Mules, each with large clear buff muling hen, 5/6, 4/6; Moir, The Cross, Alnwick. (219)

FEW genuine light muling hens, good size, healthy 10/-, 12/6 each; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (190)

GOLDFINCH Mules, pure Finch song, only three left, accept 10/- each: Richard Lycett, 117, Jubilee, New Teddgar, Mon. (219)

DARK Goldfinch-Canary, colour fed, warranted cocks, pure Goldfinch note, from 10/6; Snow, 31, North Worpole Way, Mortlake. (214)

THREE cock Siskin Mules, 3 cock Goldfinch Mules, very pretty birds, 6/- each, or 4/- 13/- the lot: T. Morris, 13, Church-st., Athlone. (210)

1915 Goldie-Gremlin Hybrid, for large cage-moulted muling cock Goldie; yours first: Burrows, Aldersgate Chemical Works, Southall. (210)

LARGE yellow or buff Norwich hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, or will exchange for cock Mules; approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

WANTED, cock Mules, on full song, for prompt cash, or exchange large typical Norwich hens, mutual approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (210)

BEAUTIFUL large Linnet Mule, in full song, Light, bargain, 12/-; also large cock Linnet Mules, breeder, 5/-; William Curry, No. 4, Poik-rd., Portadown. (214)

EXHIBITORS, please note, 6 pointed variegated cock Goldfinch Mule, June bird, champion in right hands, 25/-; Knight, 46, Spencer-rd., Kentish Town, London. (217)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, 5/6 each; cocks in full song, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (214)</

SHIPLEY O.S.

Special prize winners for three highest birds at Members' Show:—Open: 1, Craven, 77 points; 2, 3, Long and Hartington shared, 55; 4, Grange, 51; 5, Brotherton, 44; 6, Murgatroyd, 37; 7, Hudson, 31. Nov.: 1, Lightfoot, 42 points; 2, Kendall, 40.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 22, Prince of Wales Hotel, Mr. Parfitt chair. Decided to have a pair show of nine classes; Feb. 5, at Prince of Wales Hotel. Birds staged at 5. Mr. Robert Cleaves judge. Fanciers please give us a call, as we are expecting some good birds. The specials offered should draw some of the cream.—Wm. Newell.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Jan. 1. An excellent repeat was done justice to by 17 members. Others turned up later to the concert. Solos were rendered by Messrs. R. Smith, C. Pearce, and H. H. Vaughan. Recitations by Messrs. C. Smith and W. Lewis. All were very much appreciated. Vote of thanks to Pres., Mr. A. Lovell, and hostess concluded the meeting.—H. H. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Jan. 12. Decided to confine our membership to a radius of six miles, the present outside members to remain in the society; also to name the society the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S. We are having two table N.F. shows this year, one to be drawn out to compete for cup. The cup winner for 1915 was Mr. W. Ordish; runner-up, Mr. C. Walkden.—R. Charlson, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Annual meeting, Red Lion Hotel, Jan. 10. Report and bal. sheet showed a bal. in hand of £7 15s. 2d., and was considered satisfactory. Officers re-elected except Sec. Mr. Pitchford did not seek re-election, and Mr. J. Glover was elected to take up the duties. The points and other specials will be distributed at a smoker at headquarters, Feb. 7. Sub. for 1915 was reduced to 2s. 6d., entrance fee 1s.—J. Glover, Sec., 10, Brook Street.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting Jan. 6. Mr. Ridal, chair, disappointing attendance. Decided that if not sufficient members at the May meeting to warrant F.F. Show, it will be cancelled; table show taking its place. Suggestion that partnership members show separately caused discussion. Pair Show winners: Goodison, Parsons, and Sison. Messrs. Gill and Maynard elected members. Next meeting pairing competition, specials promised.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 13, Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction. Also pair show of Yorkshire, Norwich, Crest, and Muling pairs. Yorks. were excellent in type and quality, and required some sorting out. Members judged them first, Mr. Wright being final judge. Norwich did not come up well in numbers, but were well matched, and should be able to produce winners. In Crest and Muling pairs there was not sufficient competition, and they were not well matched to produce the best results. Yorks.: 1, 3, vhc, Hawkins; 2, Graham; he, McLaughlin, Nor.: 1, 2, Goymer. The meeting closed with vote of thanks to Messrs. Wright and Goymer.—W. Lilly.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Jan. 8, Mr. G. F. Bates; a good number present. Prize-money paid on annual show. We paid 5/6 a class on full classes, and others in proportion. Considering everything, balance sheet was satisfactory. Four new members elected: Messrs. T. Fletcher, D. Page, T. Makepeace, and E. Cresswell. Decided to sell six of our stands for 15s. Officials for the year:—Pres., Messrs. Stewart and Stewart, W. Elliott, and J. Calvert; vice-pres., Messrs. J. Green; W. Wood, R. Reay, G. Watson, T. Henderson, and L. Urwin; chairman, R. Callaway; sec., W. Cresswell. Still open for new members; all welcome. Subscription, 4s. per year and 1s. entry.—W. Cresswell, Sec.

CROYDON F.A.

Annual General Meeting, Ruskin House, Jan. 13, Mr. D. W. Oliver in chair. Hon. Sec. (F. B. Roberts) stated that in spite of adverse circumstances it had been a good year for the association, each show had been successful, and the year closed with a balance of £5 15s. 6d., last year's balance being only 10s. 0d. Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to family of the late Mr. T. Watson. Seven new members elected, and radius is extended to 25 miles. The following were elected: President, Sir F. T. Edridge, J.P.; chair., Mr. D. W. Oliver; vice, Mr. F. W. Capell; treas., Mr. J. A. Hallhead; sec., T. B. Roberts; committee, Miss Hill-Shaw, Miss Perkins, Messrs. W. Bloomfield, O. Leggett, G. Anderson, W. Soper, C. E. East, G. Everitt, F. H. Hudd, F. Phelps, G. W. Cherry, F. Barlow, C. Henderson, T. Robbins; auditors, Messrs. Boshier and Allnutt.—F. B. Roberts.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Results Junior Novice Competition: 1st and 2nd prizes (tie), Symes and Ratcliffe, 144 points; 3rd, A. Taylor, 74; runner-up, Hamlyn, 65. Ramsden's teapot, Ratcliffe, 144 points. Cash prizes for most points by 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th birds, Skelmanthorpe show: 3rd birds, Everett (2); 4th, Sharpe, Hutchinson, Walker, and P. Taylor (1 each); 5th, Helliwell (3); 6th, Sharpe (2). City of Bradford: 3rd birds, Stobart (2); 4th, Mitchell (2); 5th, Ogden Bros., Helliwell, Casey, Dibb, Towers, Hutchinson, Chittenden, and Farrer (1 each); 6th, Casey (2). Bradford West: 3rd birds, Mason (3); 4th, Atkinson and Firth (2); 5th, Atkinson and Firth (2); 6th, Baker Bros., Casey, and Hamlyn (2 each). Queensbury: 3rd birds, Dyson (2); 4th, Hirst (2); 5th, Hirst (2); 6th, Ogden Bros., Hall, Helliwell, Cruise, and Symes (1 each). Carlisle: 3rd birds, Dr. Craig (3); 4th, Hall, Mason, Hartley, and Dr. Craig (1 each); 5th, Dibb; 6th, Everett (2). Sheffield: 3rd birds, Morrison and W. Helliwell (2 each); 4th, Radley (2); 5th, J. Helliwell (2); 6th, Ogden Bros., W. Helliwell, Mitchell, F. Taylor, Snead, Thomas, Atkinson and Firth, and Midgley (1 each). Huddersfield: 3rd birds, Radley, F. Taylor, Hodgson, Mason, Morrison, Thornton and Robertshaw, Sutcliffe and Son, Radley, and A. Taylor (1 each); 4th, Morrison, Atkinson and Firth (2 each); 5th, Baker Bros., Chittenden (2 each); 6th, Hirst, Sutcliffe and Son, Midgley, and Hodgson (2 each). Great Horton: 3rd birds, Sharpe and Hodgson (2 each); 4th, Hodgson and Ratcliffe (2 each); 5th, Midgley (2); 6th, Sharpe (2). Bradford East: 3rd birds, Morrison (3); 4th, Ratcliffe, Laycock, Dibb, W. Helliwell, Morrison, Midgley, Lodge (1 each); 5th, Dyson, Ratcliffe, and P. Taylor (2 each); 6th, Dyson, Atkinson and Firth (2 each). Halifax: 3rd birds, Priestley, Radley, and Symes (2 each); 4th, Hodgson, Sharpe, and Morrison (2 each); 5th, Atkinson and Firth (3); 6th, Midgley and Dibb (2 each). There are still a few outstanding subs.; will members please remit?—John Greaves, Sec.

SCOTCH FANCIES AT GLASGOW.

The Glasgow Scotch Fancy Association Show, in Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Jan. 22, proved to be one of the best of its kind seen for years, the very cream of the Fancy being gathered together to do battle for their owners. Many old ken't faces were to be seen, groups here and there discussing the merits of the birds on view. The officials were: Pres., Mr. J. D. Brown; Vice-Pres., Mr. Wm. Robertson; Sec. and Treas., Mr. A. McLaughlin; Assist. Sec. and Treas., Mr. Jas. Stewart, and a harder-working lot of officials could not be found. Every one was courteous and obliging, and everything was done for the comfort of exhibitors, exhibitors, and visitors. The gate was good, also the sales, many birds changing hands at good prices, notably Mr. Jas. Gordon's buff pied cock, which was 1st in its class (Edinburgh Derby winner); the price, we hear, was not under £20. Specials for best bird and best young cock were won by Mr. John Morrison with his clear buff cock (Glasgow Derby winner); spl. best young hen, Mr. John Kennedy, with his buff pied hen, which was 2nd in its class. A model of a typical Scots Fancy was portrayed on the front of catalogue, and also on a neat little card given with catalogue; this was something new, and was much appreciated. The judges were Messrs. A. Livingstone, Paisley; J. Watson, Glasgow; A. Clark, Rutherglen; J. Caldwell, Baillieston; J. Main, Coatbridge; J. Carlaw, Falkirk, and their awards were well received.

CLEAR YELL CK. (14): 1, Hope, hard up, good top end, fine length, grand thickness, fine head and neck, good style and action; 2, Robertson, erect, rare solid top end, grand thickness through, fine length of side, good drive, close up; 3, Gray, hard up, good top end, fine head and neck, good style and action; 4, Strathairn, erect, good top end, fine head and neck; 5, Allardice; 6, Morrison; 7, Henderson; 8, Muir. PIED (12): 1, McClure, hard up, solid top, good head and neck, fine reach, grand thickness, good style and action; 2, Brown, erect, solid top end, well-filled back, fine head and neck, good reach, style, and action; 3, Robertson, good top end and thickness, grand reach, rare head and neck; 4, Menzies, erect, good top end, nice style and action; 5, Gray; 6, Kennedy; 7, Orr; 8, Jackson. FOUL (12): 1, T. Brown, erect, grand top end, good thickness, fine head and neck, good reach; 2, Strathairn, hard up, good top end, fine head and neck, good drive and thickness, good worker; 3, Gray, hard up, fine length of side, solid back, good reach, grand thickness; 4, Brown, good top end, good style and action; 5, Orr; 6, McLaughlin; 7, Powell; 8, Hamilton. GREEN (7): 1, Allardice, rare top end and thickness, sweet head and neck, gets head well down, handles well, wins; 2, McLaughlin, hard up, grand length of side, fine head and neck, solid back, good style and action; 3, Orr, erect, good top end, fine head and neck, good style and action, close up; 4, Phillips; 5, Sharp; 6, Kennedy. CLEAR BUFF CK. (18): 1, best bird in hall, best young cock, Morrison, erect, massive top end, rare thickness through, fine head and neck, grand reach, gets head well down; 2, Price, hard up, grand top end, rare thickness, good head and neck, fine style and action; 3, Thomson, erect, solid top, good thickness, neat head, good drive and reach; 4, Hope, well up on leg, good top end, good reach, style, and action; 5, Robertson; 6, 7, McClure; 8, Allardice. PIED (14): 1, Gordon, good top end, rare thickness through, fine head and neck, good reach, style, and action; 2, Jackson, erect, solid top end, rare thickness, grand reach, fine sweep; 3, 4, Stewart, good top end, grand thickness through, good reach, style, and action; 4th, erect, solid top end, fine head and neck, good reach, grand thickness; 5, Muir; 6, Hamilton; 7, Burnside; 8, Main. FOUL (12): 1, W. McClure, erect, solid top end, rare thickness, good reach, style, and action; 2, McClure, hard up, good top end, good depth of rib, grand reach, style, and action; 3, Vernal, erect, good top end, fine thickness through, good reach, fine head and neck; 4, Menzies, well up on leg, good top end, good drive; 5, Swanson; 6, Renwick; 7, Fleming; 8, Jackson. GREEN (15): 1, J. Morrison, erect, solid top end, grand thickness, fine reach, fine head and neck; 2, Main, hard up, good top end, fine head and neck, grand style and action; 3, Wilson; 4, Henderson; 5, Rolls. CLEAR YELL HEN (11): 1, Morrison, grand hen, hard up, grand top end, rare thickness, fine head and neck; good reach, style, and action; 2, Stewart, jun., erect, grand top end, rare thickness through, fine head and neck, good reach, fine length; 3, McLaughlin, hard up, rare top end, grand reach, fine head and neck; 4, Burnside, hard up, well-rounded back, fine head and neck, good thickness through, fine length; 5, Brown; 6, Shannon; 7, Muir; 8, Renwick. PIED (10): 1, Stewart, massive top end, grand thickness through, good reach, fine head and neck, good head, well down; 2, McClure, erect, good top end, well-filled back, grand thickness, and reach, fine style and action; 3, Baird, hard up, good top end and thickness, fine head and neck, good reach, style, and action; 4, Watson, erect, good top end, fine length, good reach, fine head and neck; 5, Robertson; 6, Lyon; 7, Swanson; 8, Menzies. FOUL (11): 1, Renwick, erect, massive top end, grand thickness through, fine head and neck, well-filled back, good style and action; 2, Morrison, erect, good top end, decided drive, grand reach, fine head and neck, grand length, fine thickness; 3, Muir, hard up, good top end, fine head and neck, grand reach; 4, Stewart, jun., erect, grand top end, good thickness through, fine head and neck; 5, Fleming; 6, Burnside; 7, Pringle; 8, Hamilton. GREEN (8): 1, Kennedy, erect, grand solid top end, well-filled back, rare thickness, fine head and neck, grand reach; 2, Swanson, hard up, rare top end, grand thickness through, fine head and neck, good reach; 3, Fleming, erect, good top end, fine head and neck, good style; 4, Thomson, hard up, good top end, fine head and neck, good drive; 5, Clark; 6, Wilson; 7, Pearson; 8, Hamilton. CLEAR BUFF HEN (13): 1, Stewart, hard up, grand top end, well-filled back, fine length of side, good thickness through, fine head and neck, good reach; 2, Stewart, erect, solid top end, good thickness through, fine head and neck, good reach, close up; 3, Strathairn, hard up, good top end, fine length and thickness, good reach; 4, Brown, hard up, fine head and neck; 5, Thomson; 6, Muir; 7, Morrison; 8, Lyon. PIED (15): 1, Muir, erect, grand solid top, good thickness through, grand reach, fine head and neck, good worker; 2, best young hen, Kennedy, hard up, grand top end, well-filled back, rare thickness, good reach, fine head and neck, good style and action; 3, Strathairn, grand top end, good thickness, fine head and neck, grand reach, good style; 4, McClure, good top end, fine length of side, fine head and neck, good style and action; 5, Robertson; 6, Brown; 7, no name; 8, Phillips. FOUL (13): 1, Allardice, erect, massive top end, well-filled back, grand thickness through, fine head

and neck, good reach, rare droop; 2, Jackson, hard up, grand top end, good thickness, fine head and neck, grand reach, close up; 3, Stewart, jun., erect, rare top end, grand thickness through, grand reach; 4, Robertson, fine length of side, good style and action; 5, Clark; 6, Allan; 7, Henderson; 8, Smith. GREEN (5): 1, Menzies, erect, grand solid top end, grand thickness through, fine head and neck, rare droop; 2, McClure, hard up, rare top end, well-filled back, grand thickness, fine head and neck, good drive; 3, Baird, erect, fine length, good reach; 4, Paterson, hard up, rare top, fine thickness, good reach, fine style and action; 5, Powell; 6, Hamerton; 7, McMillan. PAIRS (12): 1, Morrison, well up on leg, grand top end, with grand depth through heart, combining all the qualities that go to make the ideal; 2, 3, Stewart, rare size and style, grand top ends, good reach and thickness through heart; 3rd, another grand pair, much on same lines; 4, Ferguson, useful pair that should produce first-class stuff; 5, Stewart, jun.; 6, Brown; 7, Muir; 8, Gray. SELL, CK. 20- (8): 1, Burnside; 2, Smith; 3, Forsyth; 4, Edgar; 5, Crichton; 6, Jackson; 7, Phillips; 8, Millar. HEN (4): 1, Hamilton; 2, Millar; 3, Crichton; 4, Phillips CK. 10/- (2): 1, Hainey; 2, Stirling. HEN (8): 1, Palmer.

WAKEFIELD O.S.

Show, Dec. 27, Crown and Anchor Hotel. Quality was good, especially in the British. The exhibits were nicely staged and well looked after by the stewards, whilst Mr. Isherwood, as sec., had all the arrangements in good order, and a good number of visitors put in an appearance. Mr. Talbot won cup for nominated birds, although Messrs. Alexandra, Holroyd, and Mitton were stern competitors. In the "all-in winners," Mr. Alexandra won. Mr. C. A. House judged, and complimented the local fanciers on their display. Can. Yorks Yell. (6): 1, 4, he, Holroyd; 2, Talbot; 3, Rollings; vhc, Midgley. Yell. Hen (5): 1, 2, 4, Talbot; 3, Holroyd; vhc, Rollings. Buff (7): 1, Talbot; 2, 3, vhc, Holroyd; 4, Rollings; he, Midgley; wrong class. No. 3, Talbot, a yell. Unfig. Hen (5): 1, 4, Holroyd; 2, 3, vhc, Talbot. Nor. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Alexandra; 4, Bedford; vhc, Midgley. Hen (5): 1, 3, 4, Alexandra; 2, Bedford; vhc, Holroyd. Brit. Linnet (9): 1, vhc, he, Alexandra; 2, 3, 4, Mitton; c, Bedford. A.O.V. (9): 1, 4, Alexandra. Bullie and Chaff: 2, 3, c, Mitton. Hawt. and Sisk.: vhc, Bedford; he, Isherwood.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Show, Dec. 11, headquarters. Mr. R. E. Helliwell, of Halifax, judged a very good entry and gave every satisfaction. Open—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks CK.: 1, 2, he, Sutcliffe; 3, 4, vhc, Mitchell. Buff: 1, Stewart; 2, 3, he, Sutcliffe; 4, vhc, Mitchell. Hen: 1, 2, Mitchell. Buff: 1, Stobart; 2, he, Mitchell; 3, 4, vhc, Sutcliffe. Even, Uneven, etc. CK.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Sutcliffe; 3, Stobart. Hen: 1, Stobart; 2, 3, 4, Sutcliffe. Self or Foul Cinn. or Green CK.: 1, 2, Sutcliffe. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Sutcliffe. Nov.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks CK.: 1, 2, Wild. Buff: 1, vhc, Hardy; 2, Heap; 3, Wild; 4, Twycross; c, Haworth. Yell. Hen: 1, Wild; 2, Heap; 3, Twycross. Buff: 1, 2, 3, J. Hardy; 4, Heap; vhc, Wild; he, c, Twycross. Even, Uneven, etc. CK.: 1, Wild; 2, vhc, Hardy; 3, 4, Haworth. Hen: 1, 2, Wild; 3, c, Haworth; 4, he, Twycross; vhc, Hardy. Winners sps. for most points:—Open: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Mitchell; 3, Stobart. Nov.: 1, Hardy; 2, Wild; 3, Twycross; 4, Heap; 5, Haworth. Spl. best bird, L. Stobart. For best 2nd prize bird, A. Sutcliffe; and spl. best 3rd, G. Mitchell.—G. Mitchell, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Final show, Dec. 27, The Flying Dutchman, Mr. T. Bennett judged the 56 shown. Results:—Open Yorks, Cl. or Tkd. CK. (14): 1, 2, 4, Helliwell; 3, Hunter. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Symes; he, Hunter. A.V. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 3, Symes; 2, 4, vhc, he, Helliwell. Buff (7): 1, 3, 4, he, c, Helliwell; 2, Symes; vhc, Hunter. Nov. Yell. CK. (3): 1, McEwen; 2, 3, Rhodes. Buff (8): 1, 2, he, Bolten and Lunn; 3, McEwen; 4, vhc, Woad; c, Copland. A.O.V. CK. (8): 1, 3, 4, he, c, Bolten and Lunn; 2, McEwen; vhc, Copland. Unfig. (7): 1, 2, 3, he, c, Woad; 4, Rhodes; vhc, Bolten and Lunn. Yell. Hen (12): 1, 4, McEwen; 2, c, Bolten and Lunn; 3, Bower; vhc, Rhodes; he, Simonett. Buff (8): 1, Bower; 2, Rhodes; 3, 4, Bolten and Lunn; vhc, McEwen; he, c, Copland. Nor. Yell. CK. (6): 1, 4, Kaberry; 2, 3, vhc, he, Plowright. Buff (6): 1, 3, 4, Kaberry; 2, vhc, he, Plowright. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 3, vhc, Plowright; 2, Simonett; 4, he, Kaberry. Buff (6): 1, 2, 4, Kaberry; 3, vhc, Plowright; he, Simonett.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Last show of season, Railway Hotel, Dec. 11. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged the 76 birds staged, and gave entire satisfaction. Results:—Cl. or Tkd. Yell (8): 1, Symes; 2, 3, 4, Chippindale. Buff (9): 1, 2, 4, Chippindale; 3, Orme. Mkd. Yell or Buff (7): 1, 2, Symes; 3, 4, Chippindale. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (7): 1, 4, Symes; 2, 3, Chippindale. Buff (7): 1, Elsegood; 2, Swaine; 3, 4, Chippindale. Mkd. Yell. or Buff Hen (7): 1, 3, 4, Symes; 2, Chippindale. Cinn. Yell. or Buff (2): 1, Duckworth; 2, Hodgson. Hen (1): 1, Duckworth. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (10): 1, Reed and Son; 2, 3, 4, Pownall. Buff (6): 1, 2, 4, Reed and Son; 3, Pownall. Mkd. Yell. or Buff (1): 1, Bancroft. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (9): 1, 2, 4, Reed and Son; 3, Bower. Buff (2): 1, 2, Reed and Son. Winners of sps. champ.: Symes, 108; Chippindale, 102; Swaine, 77; Hodgson, 23; Stebbings, should have been 4th, but has only shown at three shows. Nov., Reed and Son, 100; Pownall, 85; Bower, 39; Bancroft, 16; cup winner, Symes, with 134 points; sealed handicap, Symes, 73; Nov., Reed and Son, 72; Hodgson, cinn. mkd. spl.—W. H. Symes, Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Last show of the season, Jan. 1. The entries were very good, in view of the weather, and 62 birds were staged. Mr. J. Chambers, of Leeds, judged, and his awards were well received. Results of the year's competitions were as follows: Champion Yorks.: 1, Sparks, 88 points; 2, Stebbings, 66; 3, J. Wilcock, 52. Novice, Yorks.: 1, Fretwell, 78; 2, Close, 70; 3, Baxter, 69. Nor.: 1, Airton, 72; 2, S. Wilcock, 50; 3, Simonett, 47. Class 1: 1, vhc, c, Sparks; 2, Stebbings; 3, S. Wilcock; 4, J. Wilcock; he, Pearson. Class 2: 1, 2, J. Wilcock; 3, vhc, Stebbings; 4, Sparks. Class 3: 1, 2, Stebbings; 3, 4, Sparks. Class 4: 1, vhc, Sparks; 2, Stebbings; 3, Pearson; 4, J. Wilcock. Class 5: 1, 4, Baxter; 2, Whitaker; 3, Close. Class 6: 1, Baxter; 2, 3, Close; 4, Walton; vhc, Whitaker. Class 7: 1, Whitaker; 2, Baxter; 3, Close; 4, Walton. Class 8: 1, Close; 2, 3, Whitaker; 4, Baxter; vhc, Walton. Class 9: 1, Close; 2, Whitaker; 3, Baxter. Class 10: 1, Airton; 2, vhc, S. Wilcock; 3, 4, J. Wilcock; he, Walton; c, Simonett. Class 11: 1, Airton; 2, 4, J. Wilcock; 3, Simonett. Class 12: 1, Airton; 2, J. Wilcock. Class 13: 1, 3, Simonett; 2, Airton; 4, vhc, Sam Wilcock.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

WIMBLEDON.

FIFTY ENTRIES UP.

The Wimbledon C.B.S. held its eleventh annual show of members' birds at the Queen's Hall, Jan. 13. Entries were nearly fifty in advance of last year's total—quite a creditable performance. Three classes provided for champion Norwich did not make a very imposing show, and although Yorks. were better, they scarcely came up to expectations. Saunders—cup for best unfig. Norw. went to Mr. Hutton's buff, a very typical specimen of good quality. Miss M. Wright won the diploma for best champion bird with a lovely buff York cock, and Mr. C. Brown the one for novices with his yell. Yorks. hen. The Liversage cup for most points was annexed by Mr. H. Smith. The management, as usual, was quite up-to-date, Mr. Gr. a. the sec., having everything in perfect order. The show was ably assisted by Mrs. Griffiths. Mr. Dr. erected the staging, and other helpers were Mr. and Mrs. Owen, Mr. Owen, jun., and Mr. Howard. The attendance was splendid, the hall being so crowded during the evening. Mr. Rob. judged.

NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Wad; var. buff of good sub. though somewhat flat-sided, neat head on a thick short neck, nice qual., 2nd another buff, better type, fuller head, clean cut and nice style; 3, Hutton, good yell., capital all-round, good sound col., a qual., full head. HEN: 1, Hutton, lovely yell., neat type, capital head, nice style, grand qual.; Wade, typical, scarcely so full in head nor so deep in col., but still a capital bird of good quality. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Hutton, winner a grand buff, good sub., nice full front, neat head and neck, r. col. and full of qual., cup winner; 2nd nicely m. yell., typical and clean cut, scarcely so chubby. YORKS YELL. CK.: 1, Hutton, wonderful length of style, grand pos., rare length of side and wings, well up on legs, much admired; 2, 3, Smith, lovely type, nicely cut away, grand wing carr., scarcely so deep in head and neck, still a real Yorkie; 3, Stiff, clean cut, quite enough shoulder, grand top stock; vhc, he, Owen and Son, we liked quite as well, typical, beautifully moulded, nicely drawn, smooth as a bottle. BUFF: 1, Miss Wright, grand length of style, good pos., neat head and wings, sound qual.; 2, 3, he, Smith, leader lovely cinn. neck, pure type, beautifully moulded, good wings, splendid qual., grand cl., fine pos. and style, well up on leg, length of wing, AI cond.; vhc, c, Owen and Son. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, c, Smith, yell., wonderful length, typical and nicely drawn, beautifully moulded, well filled in, well up on legs, lovely qual., 3rd vhc, grand type, good length of wings; 2, he, M. Wright, beauty for type and style, somewhat smaller than winner, but nicely moulded, in low cond. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Smith, var., capital type, good head, neck and shoulders, capital wings, nicely drawn, fine cond.; 2, Miss Wright, nice buff, capital length, good pos., neat wings, excellent qual.; 3, Hutton, grand yell., wonderful length, rare pos. style, good shoulders, fine length of wing, smooth as a bottle, must have pressed winner. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lamb, well-known team, Green-Chaff leading, all in the pink of condition, very much admired. NOV.—NOR. CK.: 1, he, Hamilton, lovely buff, grand size and gubs., good head and wings, full front, grand qual.; 2, Jay, buff, nice type, scarcely so good in head, capital qual.; 3, Randall, thick-set cl. yell., good bold head and neck, down in col. HEN: 1, Randall, nice cl. buff, good sub., full front, neat head; 2, Birch, bold head, good full neck, capital wings, AI cond.; 3, vhc, very nice buff, grand sub., neat head, full neck, good wings; vhc, Snow; he, Nash; c, Hamilton. UNFLIG.: 1, Jay, buff, grand size, full front, filled back, capital wings, lovely qual.; 2, Birch, yell., shade long in body, but good head and very hot col.; 3, Randall, cheek tdk., yell., cap sub., neat head, good wings. YORKS YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Brown, cl. yell. leading, neat type, yet not filled in, good head, back and wings, clean cut, a capital tail; 3rd very smart 4-pointed, capital length and style, good pos.; 2, Ramsey, bonny mkd., grand length and style, shade weak in neck, but still a good one, capital qual.; vhc, Mrs. Farley, he, c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Griffiths, lovely, nice length and style, beautifully moulded and in, grand qual.; 2, vhc, Cooper, somewhat smaller, but very neat and typical, nicely drawn, AI cond.; 3, Brown, var. buff, nice type and style, good head and wings, beaten in cond.; vhc, Batten. HEN: 1, 3, Brown, yell. leading, lovely type and style, beautifully moulded all through, tight as wax; grand buff, we liked immensely; 2, vhc, c, Farley, good buff, fine type, neat head and neck, capital wings, AI cond.; he, Cooper. UNFLIG.: 1, Brown, cl. yell. hen leading, grand length, lovely type, well filled all through, 'tight as wax'; 2, c, Mrs. Farley, var., capital type, not a monster, beautifully drawn, neat wings and tail, AI cond.; 3rd cl. buff, shade heavier, good cond.; vhc, Griffiths; he, Ramsey. HYB.: 1, Jackson, capital Linnet, good size, col. and cond.; 2, S. Dark Goldie, nice size and qual. of feather, r. wings; 3, Mrs. Griffiths, var. Gold-Cau. B.C. YELL. CK.: 1, Hobden, charming yell., nice type, well moulded and filled in, grand qual.; 2, 3, riot, not much between them, lovely type, style, sound cond.; vhc, Pegg; he, Rev. Soames. BUFF: 1, 2, Marriott, charming buff, father's son, grand type and style, lovely qual. of feather, much admired; 3, Hobden, nice cl., very neat, typical, nicely balanced, good wings and feet; vhc, Randall; he, c, Pegg. HEN: 1, Hobd. charming cl. yell., grand type, neat head, nicely moulded front, good back and wings, sound cond.; 2, Marriott, cl., scarcely so nicely moulded, head and wing, AI cond.; 3, vhc, c, Pegg, 4, buff, slim type, nicely drawn, lovely qual.; he, Soames. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Hobden, beauties, r. yell. and equally good buff, very little between them; 2, he, Pegg, cl. buff, slim type, very st. and jaunty, neat head and wings; vhc, Marriott. Rev. Soames. GREEN: 1, 2, Rev. Soames, type and style, good sound col., beautifully filled; 3, vhc, he, Hobden, capital type and style, scarcely so rich in col., but lovely qual. CRE: 1, 2, 3, Howard, capital team, nice wing mkd., leading, good sub., neat, well-formed crest, good centre. GOLDF. OR BULL.: 1, Hobden, known Bullie, lovely col. and cond.; 2, vhc, riot, Goldie, fine size, nice full blaze, of depth of col., capital wings; 3, Stevens, nice Goldie, not the size, but good in blaze and col.; he, J. son; c, Ramsey. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Hobden, charming Linnet, capital shape and col., full of worth the pink of cond.; 2, 3, Marriott, good Siskin Redpoll, both in lovely order; vhc, Hunkle. A.I.: 1, 2, he, Marriott, Chaffinch and Greenie, capital size, shape and col., AI cond.; 3, vhc, Birch. Greenie, very shapely, fine order.

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Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Quality singing held Old Bird House, Skinner's Arms, January 16, when 18 birds competed for three good prizes: 1, Sellars; 2, Laycock; 3, Hulley. Judges, C. Clayton and G. Conner.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner-lane, Jan. 22; 18 birds sang, and some good singing was heard: 1, 3, Wharham; 2, Binns. Judges, Summers and Hutchinson. Jan. 23; 15 birds sang: 1, Wharham; 2, Binns; 3, shared, Wigfield and Binns. Judges, Butterfield and Hutchinson.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York, Jan. 22; 25 birds sang: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Sissons; 3, T. Johnson; 4, Longfield. Judges, Butler and Naylor. Roller contest, Jan. 22; 12 birds sang: 1, Thompson; 2, Lacy; 3, S. Johnson; consolation prize, Lacy. Judges, Sissons and Naylor. Jan. 23, Linnet contest; 24 birds sang: 1, T. Ward; 2, T. Johnson; 3, Mrs. Tennant; 4, Sissons. Judges, Jennings, Hayes and Naylor. Jan. 23, Roller contest; 10 birds sang: 1, Walls; 2, T. Johnson; 3, Lacy; consolation prize, Walls. Judges, Jennings and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing, Old Bird House, Skinner's Arms, Buntingthorpe. We had a great contest this week-end; 37 birds competed for four good prizes: 1, Sellars; 2, Green; 3, King; 4, Hullen. Judges, C. Clayton, G. Conner. A members' meeting is called for Jan. 30, at 7.30. All members to attend, or Rule 6 will be enforced.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club.—Contest for time and quality, Jan. 22. Winners for time: 1, Donnelly, 124; 2, J. Statham, 112; 3, R. Statham, 79. Quality: 1, Whittle; 2, Rigby; 3, Knowles. Timers, W. Meadows, J. Whittle. Minute, Amis. Judges, J. W. Jones, J. Statham. A contest open to all England will be held on Feb. 5, and we hope to see all our old friends.—R. Disley, Sec.

BARNESLEY.

Linnet contest, Jan. 23. An extra good house witnessed some very good singing and a record in entrance. For 3-minute time singing: 1, Jones, 2min. 37 sec; 2, Williams, 2.35; 3, 4, shared by Davis and Fairham, 2.15; 5, Brushy, 2.1. Gas-light match: Hardman's "Chaplin" gave a minute start to Fishwick and won easily. Sills won special lowest singer.—Hardman, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest, Club sing, Woodman Inn, Horse-fair, Jan. 22; 28 birds entered. 3-minute time singing: 1, Scottson; 2, J. Beard; 3, Piper. Open sing, Jan. 23; 25 birds competed for 3-minutes time singing: 1, R. Scottson; 2, 3, Beard. We should like to see a few more members turn up on contest days, as we think we give as good prizes as are to be had in Yorkshire.—S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest for time and quality, held Jan. 15, at the Working Men's Club. Winners for time: 1, Alex. Donnelly, 275; 2, J. Statham, 154; 3, S. Rigby, 134. Quality: 1, 2, R. Disley, J. Whittle, dead heat; 3, J. Statham. Judges: R. Statham, R. Disley, Timers, J. Murphy, J. Whittle. We were pleased to see a good turnout from Leigh, and shall meet again at Leigh contest, Feb. 5, for time and quality, Globe Inn, Bradshawgate.—A. Donnelly, Hon. Sec.

Twitterings.

At the annual meeting of the Hartlepool C.B.C. Messrs. R. Watson, of 3, Stirling Street, and J. Wright, Ashgrove Avenue, were elected joint secs.

Mr. Sears and I have arranged to become partners, and will show as Buckingham and Sears. All communications to 211, St. Albans Road, Watford, writes Mr. W. Buckingham.

Mr. W. J. Page, hon. sec., writes that the annual show of the Southampton C.B.S. has been fixed for Nov. 29, 30. Mr. J. Robson judge.

We have received the schedule of the Joint Members' show at Holborn Hall, Feb. 2-3. No purpose would be served by reviewing the schedule in full, for entries close Friday, Jan. 23. It will be sufficient, therefore, to say that no less than 119 classes have been provided, and there is a wonderful list of more than 170 special prizes. A treat should be in store for those who visit the show.

Our Front Page Drawing.

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Thanks from Cardiff Show.

Allow me to thank all the exhibitors who supported our charity show, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec. Cardiff C.B.S. We have a balance to the good of £13, and this will purchase a good many articles of clothing, also food, for our unfortunate comrades who are prisoners of war in Germany.

We hear from Mr. McLauchlan, sec., that prize-money in respect of the Glasgow Scotch Fancy show has been paid.

Mr. Thomas Bewick has removed from Low Fell to 30, Nursery Road, Windy Nook, Gateshead.

The young stock show of the Croydon F.A. has been fixed for Aug. 16 and the annual show for Nov. 1, writes Mr. F. B. Roberts, sec.

The annual show of the Warrington C.B.S., writes Mr. H. Warburton, will be held Jan. 29 in the Blue Bell Sale Rooms. Messrs. J. D. Leigh and R. Johnson will judge.

The Warrington C.B.S. is holding its annual show on Saturday, the 29th, in the Blue Bell Sale Rooms, writes Mr. H. Warburton, hon. sec. Messrs. J. D. Leigh and R. Johnson judges.

Mr. W. H. Symes has resigned the secretaryship of the Laisterdyke B.F.A., and all communications must be addressed to Mr. Leo. Hodgson, 586, Rooley Lane, Dudley Hill, Bradford, who has taken over the duties.

I have taken over the duties of secretary of the Oxford C.B.S., writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham Street, Oxford, and all communications should be addressed accordingly.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes Mr. A. G. Cant, hon. sec., has fixed the following dates for its shows for 1916. Pairs, Feb. 15; young birds, July 11; annual, Nov. 14. Secretaries please note these dates.

OBITUARY.

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. E. Sisson, assist. sec. Sheffield C.B.S., that Mr. W. Bingham, a well-known local fancier, has suffered a great loss by the death of a son about 18, from pneumonia, after nine weeks' illness. Fanciers and friends will extend their deep sympathy with the family in their sad bereavement.

I should like to thank you, writes Mr. O. C. Smith, for publishing my photo in CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 15, also for the grand coloured plate. I think this is very instructive, as well as interesting.

We learn from the balance-sheet of the Guiseley Yeadon C.B.S. that the past season has been a very satisfactory one. The substantial sum of ten guineas was granted to the Belgian Relief Fund, and the balance at bank is £12 5s. 7d., as against £6 7s. 9d. brought forward from 1914.

The balance-sheet of the Eastleigh C.B.S. shows that after handing £1 4s. to the wounded soldiers' cigarette fund, the balance in hand is £1 8s. 9d., as against 18s. 5d. brought forward from last year. The Committee wish to thank all those who have helped to bring the year's work to so successful a conclusion.

Accept my sincere thanks for depicting my yellow Yorkshire cock, on the front page of CAGE BIRDS of January 22, writes Mr. Geo. Thomson. He was one of the finest quality birds for a big bird I ever bred, and I consider it a life-like picture of him, which gives great credit to the esteemed artist of your most instructive journal.

"I had so many answers to the advt. of Java Sparrows in CAGE BIRDS that I was unable to answer them all."—MARY BOYD (Bideford).

Mr. Toundrow, one of our members, writes Mr. O. C. Smith, Reading, has had the somewhat unusual experience of catching a Brown Owl in his back garden, which is situated right in the town. I had the pleasure of seeing it, and it is a good specimen, but very tame, which leads me to think it has escaped from some owner. Mr. Toundrow is going to try and keep it, but not near his stock of Yorkshires.

We hear that Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist of Norwich, has recently despatched consignments to Canada, S. Africa, China, Malta, Italy (two), New Zealand (three) and United States (four). The consignments have included many kinds of Canaries and Mules, together with cages and appliances of all descriptions.

Mr. A. G. Cant, Dulwich, writes that besides 2nd prize at Dulwich and Peckham show (not 1st as in our inscription, his variegated Yorkshire depicted on the front page of our Jan. 22 issue has won 1st and sp. best novice at S. London Col. and F.A., and Dulwich and Peckham young bird shows, 1914, ditto at S. London Col. and F.A. annual show, 1914; 4th Dulwich and Peckham annual, 1914, and 2nd at S. London Col. and F.A. annual, 1915.

Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. sec. British Roller C.C., 31, Scylla Rd., Peckham Rye, S.E., writes that, in addition to the 45 specials offered in the five classes, others will be printed in the catalogue of the show at the Cock and Lion Hotel, Wigmore Street, London, on Feb. 4-5. Among these will be 10s. presented by a lady for best champion young bird, and 5s. for best novice young bird. Those who have not received a schedule should apply to Mr. Norris, as above; entries close Jan. 31.

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Where Hybrid Specialists

Will Gather.

Visitors to the combined show at Holborn Hall on Wednesday and Thursday next will be afforded the opportunity of seeing the bird which is claimed to be a Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid, and about which so much has been written in our columns, for we hear from Mr. Silver that the bird has been entered for exhibition.

How I Started WITH Zebra Finches.

By D. JACKSON, Eingley.

A Short Story of a Beginner's Success.

UNTIL just over a year ago I had never kept a bird in my life, but seeing some

Budgerigars I became interested and procured a pair. I started taking CAGE BIRDS and soon afterwards procured a pair of Zebra Finches, and put them in a Yorkshire breeding cage in my workshop.

I had got the craze very bad by this, and read all the books I could find at the free library on Foreign birds. All these recommended an aviary, so I decided to build one.

My space was very limited, but I built one on the lines recommended by Mr. Page in "Foreign Birds for Beginners," and just before Easter I turned in the Budgies and the pair of Zebras. I hung up a few husks, and a small box about six inches square. I also threw them in a few feathers and hay, and had the satisfaction of seeing them get to business in a day or two.

On Easter Sunday the first egg was laid. The excitement was now getting up, and I paid another visit to the library and re-read all the articles on Zebra Finches I could find. But, alas! no young hatched. I think it must have been too cold for them.

The birds were not downhearted, however, but commenced building, in a hush this time, and laid four eggs. Three hatched, but two of the young died in a day or two. The other survived, and in about a fortnight was hopping about the aviary. Once out of the nest, the parents behaved like Huns to it, but it soon started picking for itself, and I was very proud of it.

Meanwhile the parents had laid again, but, as before, the youngsters all died but one, which was reared successfully. I gave the birds spray millet, canary, and ordinary millet, also crumbled sponge cake, with ants' eggs, and bread soaked in milk.

My two young birds both proved to be cocks, and I advertised them in CAGE BIRDS at 5s. each. To my great surprise I received an offer of six shillings each from a lady to whom I sold them, also the parents, so I thought I had done very well for a beginner. I have had a few hobbies, but I consider Foreign birds is the most fascinating of all.

How I Began Canary Breeding.

By S. T., Dover.

A Comprehensive Account of the first season's doings of a novice, which should make Canary Breeding easy to those similarly placed.

TO those about to start Canary breeding perhaps my experience will be of some service, and also show that this hobby can be made profitable as well as an endless pleasure. I am not going into details of my very first ridiculous experience, as it would not be appropriate to this article, but before I ever thought of breeding birds I was very ignorant of any kind of feathered pets, so it will be seen that one can really make a success if one makes a study of this amusing pastime.

Anyone with a few spare hours and a few shillings can do wonders. Now let me state my methods. I first obtained a good matched pair of Yorkshires, costing 10s. 6d., and some reliable written matter which needless to say was obtained through good old CAGE BIRDS. Having bought a two-compartment breeding cage, I placed the cock in one side, and the hen in the other, having a wire partition to make the division. Naturally I would sit and watch proceedings, and as soon as I found the cock bird singing furiously at the hen, and the hen calling to him and sidling up to the partition continually opening her beak for him to feed her, I let them fly together.

When to Pair the Birds.

I had learned never to put a pair together until they are in the pink of condition, and this is obtained by giving them rather a generous diet consisting of a little egg food daily, and, added to the staple diet (canary and a little rape) I gave about equal parts of maw seed, gold of pleasure, and sesame seed every other day, and during the intervening days a small quantity of the following mixture: Equal parts of teazle, broken groats, white millet and niger.

A little hemp crushed or whole helps the birds along, but I used this with great care, for only a very little should be given. I do not like hemp for many reasons, although I do use it for special purposes.

In addition to the above food I used to seek for the half-ripened seed heads of the dandelion, and offered these to the birds, giving about three good plump heads per bird per day. If I could not get the heads I gave them the leaves, seeing of course that these were young and clean. After the birds had been together for a day or two I introduced the nest pan, which I hung up about midway, i.e., about level with the perches.

Leaving the birds for another day to get used to this, I placed a little nesting material and when I found the hen pulling at it and gathering it up in her beak, finally going to the nest and putting it into shape, I placed a larger quantity and kept this up until she had completed her nest, which happened in under a week. It was surprising how soon she put her house in order.

The First Trouble and How it Began.

I come now to a critical period with the hen, she sat on her nest at night, and of course I looked eagerly for the first egg the next morning, but I was disappointed, and awaited results of the next day. Still no eggs, and my hopes nearly fell through as I saw the poor old lady looking rather queer on the bottom of the cage huddled up in the corner. I was very upset over it, as may be ascertained after having got so far.

I looked up my little book, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and studied every word, and soon found out that my bird was egg-bound. Then racing round I soon got some hot water, a jug and a piece of muslin. This piece of muslin I placed over the jug of hot water, doubled twice so as to take the sting of the steam off, and placed the hen gently over it, with the result that the egg dropped after about two minutes of this treatment.

My hopes were high-strung again. I did not place this egg in the nest, but placed the dummy one instead. The hen was soon normal, next morning she did not lay, therefore I expected more trouble, but the morning following that I found my second egg, which again I took away. No more egg-binding came my way, for she completed a batch of five which I placed altogether in the nest and let her do the rest.

Not knowing what to do with the cock, as I was only a novice, I let him remain, thinking perhaps if he was taken away it might disturb the hen. This is a matter I have found out since which has to be carefully watched.

(To be continued.)

Birds for the Beginner.

By H. C. PERKS, Do!lis Hill.

In this article the writer tells how from small beginnings, the hobby of bird-keeping grows when once begun.

SHOW me the man without a hobby of some sort, and I will tell you his disposition.

Many people do not realise the value of a hobby; it is the very essence of life. Some are interested in art, science, and various crafts, but give me the man interested in live stock, and particularly cage or aviary birds.

The first cost in many cases prevents the would-be fancier from making a start. This is probably due to the fact that his vision of "cage birds" flies to Canaries, and although a cock bird can at times be purchased for as low a sum as five shillings, he feels this is too much to pay without any knowledge of management.

There are many more interesting birds than Canaries. What better bird for the beginner than the intelligent little Redpoll? They can be purchased for the small sum of sixpence each, require no special feeding, can be taught a number of tricks, and are always cheery and confiding.

A Modest Beginning.

How well I remember my first purchase. It was at the age of nine or thereabouts. I procured a cage-moulded specimen and cage from a boy for the sum of 2d. All he had been fed on was canary and rape, and he looked well on it too. He was finger tame, and after a time I gave him his liberty in the sitting room. He was a continual source of amusement. He used to "loop the loop" on a piece of wire stretched across the room, and always returned to his cage for food.

I commenced to make cages later out of boxes and half-inch wire netting, and then I purchased a hen Greenfinch. This bird had not been treated any too kindly, but after I had her a few weeks she came along nicely. She was quite tame, and as she had rather a good appetite, I was advised by my father to give her her liberty, so I hung her out in the garden and opened the cage door. As she did not leave the cage after an hour, I had to forcibly eject her. She flew into some trees near by, but after looking round for a time, to my astonishment she returned to the cage, and incidentally the seed. After this I let her out every day for a week or so, and, as the spring was coming, my father suggested making a big outdoor cage for her and the Redpoll.

Hopes of Hybrid-breeding Dashed.

We set to work with a will, at least my father did. I am afraid my suggestions as to cage construction in those days would not bear going into. At last it was finished and the birds put in. After a scrimmage which lasted about five minutes, they settled down nicely. We fixed a little wooden box up in one corner and put in some cow-hair and moss. The birds set to work with a will, and in a short space of time a nest was completed, but apparently this did not suit their tastes, and it was accordingly pulled out and a fresh start made.

The Greenie was later sitting in the nest for a good spell each day, and I was expecting to find an egg, when alas I got up one morning and found she had been pulled through the wires by a cat. So great was my disappointment at this loss, after all the preparation, that I sold the Redpoll for 3d. the same day.

My next venture was a Jackdaw; I happened to see this bird in the street. It was a young hand-reared one, and probably escaped from somewhere. I commenced to chase him, and was joined by three "never works" (very plentiful in those days). One of them caught the bird, and demanded 3d. each for himself and his pals, which I willingly paid, and I took my prize home and kept him for about three weeks. When I returned home one evening I found my mother had sold him for 6d. Such are the trials of the beginner.

Later Favourites.

Since that time I have kept at one time or another nearly every British bird, and many Canaries, also the smaller foreign birds. The later years I have devoted to the rarer softbills and mule breeding. What more delightful songster than the Blackcap Warbler? I have had some beauties. He is my greatest favourite. I think my next favourite is that beautiful and sprightly foreigner, the Pekin Robin, with his bright eyes and confiding manner.

Of the British Hardbills my first choice now goes to the Linnet, for I do not think

there is a finer songster. They will readily pair with almost anything, but they are rather apt to sulk at times, a thing you never or rarely see in the little Redpoll or Goldie. As I write, my Goldie and Linnet Mule are flying loose in my sitting room. The mule I had to hand-rear last year, as its mother died when it was 12 days old. I am not even now sure of the sex, but I have an idea it is a hen. It is playing hide and seek round the back of my neck, pulling my hair, and trying to find a stray thread in my shirt, which will be the forerunner of a hole before it has finished. It comes at call, and practically lives on me when I am in the house.

A Hint for Cage Makers.

I have not mentioned feeding, for I have nothing to add to the particulars set out in the little "Nutshell" booklets, but I would say one word about cages. How is it so few cage makers make a suitable cage for Britishers? I mostly make my own, and my idea of a cage for a Linnet or Goldie is a back cage with three wire sides 18in. long by 7in. deep by 10in. high, a seed drawer, and, to keep on the best terms with the wife, glass 4in. high all the way round. The bottom cross-piece not more than 3in. board. Why don't manufacturers make something on these lines, and particularly a mess-proof cage? I have yet to see one marketed.

Let the beginner's fancy turn to British, Foreign, Mules, or Canaries, his first purchase should be the "Nutshell," then the suitable cage (for the above mentioned reasons) and lastly his bird, and he has then a beginning. Who knows where he will finish? It is just possible he will be the breeder of a Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid or the Black Canary.

MY BULLFINCH "JOEY."

By G. GLOVER, Nuneaton.

A Story of a Pet Bullfinch and the string that was not there.

FROM a lad I have always kept birds of one sort or another, namely, Linnets, Finches, Larks, etc. One Skylark lived for twelve years, and an old favourite Bullie nearly fifteen, and it is about this Bullfinch I wish to speak. "Joey," as we called him, was reared from a nest taken by a railway guard near Evesham, and which contained two cocks and one hen. He used to take the young birds backwards and forwards with him on his trips to feed, and after they could do for themselves he gave me one cock and the hen.

I tried the hen three years in succession with Canaries, Greenfinches, etc., but did no good; she laid plenty of eggs, but they were always clear, so I disposed of her. The cock bird I kept until it died at the age of about fifteen years, as stated. We used to give it at meal times a bit of almost everything we ate, and it was surprising how jealous he was of our youngest child; he would run along the front of his cage with his mouth open and make a noise as if he would worry him. But above all he was always pleased to see his master come home. It did not matter to Joey which shift I was on, night or day; he would drop off his perch and give me a tune when I came home.

One day a friend named Brown, from Leicester, a relief man, came in to see my birds, and when I had shown him round I took him into the house especially to see "Joey." I lifted him down, and he stood on his perch quite still. I said, "Sam, would you like to hear the old soldier sing?" He said he would, so a couple of low whistles from me started him off; he was mad proud, and did his song well.

My friend went back to the station cabin, and while he was praising the bird one of the men said, "Did you not see the piece of string Glover had in his finger attached to the bird? It was only a dummy." Sammy said, "Now you come to talk about it, I did not see the bird come off the perch; it only wagged its head about. Glover is a bit artful."

A couple of mornings after, in comes Sammy, looking a bit old fashioned. I said, "Hullo, Sam; have you come to have another look round before you go back home?" I showed him round again, and got back to the house door, about to say good morning, and then I said, "I know what you want; you want to hear the old soldier again," and he agreed. Into the house we went, I took the cage down, and Joey soon started off with his old song. To see Sammy looking round for the string was amusing, and at last he said, "Old pal, he's genuine; he's a marvel." Joey's diet was best hemp, rape, and canary seed, besides scraps from the table at meal times.

My Indian White-Eyes (*Zosterops palpebrosa*).

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE NESTING OF THE FIRST PAIR OF THESE CHARMING BIRDS TO BREED IN ENGLAND.

(Continued from page 13.)

WHILE engaged in house-building, incubating, or caring for a family, they are even more fascinating, and when the little family leave the sheltering walls of "White-eye castle," the picture is bewitching indeed. Thus one might wander on, but this feeble sketch must suffice; it indicates faintly their power to charm and interest. For the rest my readers must avail themselves of the first opportunity of acquaintance, and I am sure, whether they keep them in cage or aviary, their verdict will be that my little sketchy rhapsody of their deportment falls far short of the actual picture.

The Dawn of Hope.

To resume the story, all went well, but not for some weeks did they give indications of being a true pair. Then I caught them (or one of them) carrying bents into a large elder tree, but could trace no signs of even the beginnings of a nest. I only got occasional glimpses of them, and sometimes missed them for a couple or more days at a time. On the evening of June 27 I noticed one of them fly from the tip of a hawthorn branch. A dangling piece of hay caused me to investigate, and I then found a nest which contained a clutch of eggs (pale bluish-white); my feelings were, well, ecstatic—but I will leave this to the reader's imagination.

The birds, for both shared the duties of incubation, sat very closely, and did not leave their eggs unless one approached within a foot of their domicile; in such case the bird returned at once on the withdrawal of the intruder.

On the morning of July 7 the nest contained three young chicks. The same afternoon two well-known bird-lovers, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, paid me a visit, and Mrs. Miller very aptly likened the chicks to caterpillars—this expression conveys some idea of their minute size. On the evening of July 17 three fully-fledged birds left the nest; on August 1 they were feeding for themselves.

The fledglings were quite naked. For the first four days they were fed entirely on small flies, etc., which their parents, actively foraging from sunrise to sunset, captured in the aviary. Afterwards a few small mealworms, which I supplied every two hours during daylight, were taken, and on the morning of the tenth day I first saw them being fed with banana and milk-sop.

Fears, and a Pleasant Surprise.

On the evening of this day I received a big shock, for on making my last visit of inspection for the day I found the nest empty, though about half an hour previously I had seen three gaping mouths stretched above the top of the nest. I searched everywhere, but could not find a trace of the young birds, and a very sad and disappointed aviculturist closed up his aviaries for the night. I was on the spot very early the next morning to renew the search, for I wanted at least a skin to record the event, when to my joy I speedily spotted three beautiful young birds, almost as strong on the wing as their parents. I shall not tell you what I thought, did, or how I looked. I will divulge this much though. I supplied fresh fruit, sop, and insects, and feasted my eyes on that little family party, as the parent birds guarded, guided, fed and tended their precious progeny.

The nest looks fragile, but is really strong; it was in the form of a cradle suspended beneath a spreading hawthorn branch which in the wind swayed and dipped into the tall grass beneath. When the fledglings were a week old they fully filled the nest, and for the last three days of their occupancy it appeared to be sitting on their tails. Consequently, after the young had flown it was not the pretty structure it was when it contained the eggs; it had been distended, and the sides much flattened down by the parents' feet while feeding their babies. In plumage the young resemble their parents, but their feathers lack the silky texture of the adult bird. Their eyes opened on the fifth day, but they did not get their spectacles till a month after they had left the nest. One of the young birds I sold to Miss Clare, and it won for her first honours in its class at Wimbledon Show. The other two young birds also passed into Miss Clare's possession at a later period, and all did well.

Murdered by Singing Finches.

My White-eyes were not at all difficult to cater for, as the other occupants of the aviary required a bill of fare covering seeds, insects,

sop, insectile mixture, and fruit, and my little fairy-sprites helped themselves to all, even taking a few seeds; but their main dietary was fruit, sop and insects. I found them enduring, as my pair spent all the winter out of doors, and appeared none the worse therefor.

I regret I must sound a sad note in conclusion. My pair of White-eyes, after the experience of an English winter, were in the pink of condition in the spring of 1912, but before nesting operations began they fell victims to the pugnacity of a pair of Green Singing Finches, which had been in the aviary for several years.

I should say that the above success occurred amid a mixed series ranging from a Waxbill to a Thrush, including such as Tanagers, Flycatchers, Weavers, etc., and the young White-eyes described herein were the first White-eyes of any species to be bred in England. In 1913 I again bred the species, and last year Mr. Bainbridge was similarly successful. During same period Dr. Lovell-Keays and Dr. Amsler both bred the African White-eye (*Z. virens*), the former gentleman rearing several broods. These, however, are the only successful instances I know of in this country.

Correspondence.

An All-British Bird Show

SIR, I am glad to see Mr. Metcalfe thinks my appeal worthy of his consideration, but I should like him to make it clear what the classification is going to be. I also thank Mr. Deacon for his generous special; if a few more gentlemen would contribute specials so generously the venture would be a decided success. I append an amendment in classification, hoping it will meet with Mr. Metcalfe's and his Committee's approval. The classification did not appear to the proposed late spring show. So from my point of view the appended should meet most exhibitors' approval.

H.M. Goldf., F.M. Goldf.; ditto Linnet, ditto Bullf., H.M. Greenf. (fed), H.M. Greenf. (non-fed), F.M. Greenf., Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, H.M., ditto F.M., Mealy Redpoll, Twite, Chaffinch, Bramblef., Yellowhammer, Hawfinch, A.O.V. cock or hen. Hen classes: Bullf., Greenf., Goldf., Linnet, A.O.V., Albinos, Large Softbills, Small Softbills, Foreign Hardbills, ditto Softbills, Full Mule and hybrid classes. Novice: Linnet, Bullf., Goldf., Greenf., Softbills, Chaffinch, Bramble, A.O.V., Bullie hens, A.O.V. hen, Mule, Hyb. The poor novice quite escaped my attention before. If Mr. Metcalfe puts the novice classes on I think he will get good returns. The specials I will give to classes I am not represented in are, cash: 2s. 6d. best H.M. Greenf., 2s. 6d. 4th Yellowhammer, 2s. 6d. best Goldf. hen, 2s. 6d. most points novice classes.

Mr. Minoprio, a Liverpool gentleman, would give a suitable special in mule, hybrid, and foreign section, and I will arrange and defray the expense of a little local public advertising to help the gate, and possibly recruit new fanciers to take up British.

I have dealt with one cause why the British do not fill. I am sure railway companies are responsible for short entries through delays in transit, and I feel keen on bringing them to book. Complaints to the company are no use, and litigation is worse, as they are too strong for insignificant chaps like me to tackle. I have for years sent birds to different parts, and 50 per cent. of the consignments are 24 hours instead of 12. We have ample proof by their own showing that it is their servants' neglect, for insured birds are rarely late. We pay rate and half for express delivery; why cannot we have it without paying more still? I think they regard birds as hardware.

I have been waiting to furnish a strong case, and I have now evidence to work on. Recently a box of birds consigned from Liverpool to Manchester, a two hours' run, took the outrageous time of 24 hours. It is, indeed, gross neglect, and 5s. should not get their slate clean either. I think the above and other delays experienced by fanciers should be reported to the R.S.P.C.A. as cruelty to animals, as in my opinion they are the only people who can put the "screw" on. Who is in favour of a move in this direction? F. COCKERILL.

SIR,—I was delighted to see my friend Mr. Metcalfe's letter in CAGE BIRDS last week proposing to hold an all-British show in June next at Liverpool. I shall be very pleased to support the show with my entries. I think too little interest has been taken in the British in the past, especially the hen classes. I think the proposed time is the right one, and I have never yet been able to understand why most of the shows are held in cold winter months, it is very unsuitable for the birds and the owners, and I have always held that early spring and early summer is the best time.

J. V. WILLIAMS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Catching Mice in the Birdroom.

SIR,—I have a large aviary full of birds, double cased, and packed between with peat and sawdust, and I have had a trying time with mice. I have tried all sorts of dodges, but failed until I tried my late father's old wrinkle. Get some seed, damp it, place it in some small saucers or tin lids, sprinkle with Battle's Vermin Killer, and place away from cages. The mice die at the saucer or tin lid. This poison is difficult to obtain, but the finest I have used; after the first night, 12 were found dead in the morning and 8 the next.

C. UPTON.

SIR,—Re catching mice in a birdroom, having had several years' experience as professional rat-catcher, perhaps I can help your correspondent. If he is using a spring trap, the bait should be soaked in oil of aniseed, and if that does not succeed oil of rhodium is a certain lure for mice, but it is rather expensive. Another method to catch mice is to fasten all holes up but one, and leave it for a couple of nights so that the mice get used to it. Then procure a piece of picture-framing, and nail it to the wall around the hole, one piece each side. Then get a slide, if always use an oven damper, and run it into the rebate of the picture frame. Tie a piece of string to the knob of the damper and lead it through a few eyelets or small pulleys to the outside of the door. Tighten the string to lift up the damper and fasten it to a nail. Place in the centre of the room a plate containing oatmeal and oil of aniseed; the mice must eat out of the plate as they cannot carry the oatmeal away. Keep outside the door until you know they are busy, and then release the string and the damper will fall over the hole. Then go into the room, and you will have the mice at your mercy, as they cannot get away.

WM. JEPSON.

The Disqualified Yorkshire at Bishop Auckland.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Studholme's letter, the reason I disqualified Mr. Stewart's young buff is because the schedule stated "unflighted." Now any bird having four outer flights drawn in each wing, eight in all, is not an unflighted bird. Personally it was a great grief to me to do it, and in doing it I did not intend to reflect upon Mr. Stewart's honesty, but simply to do my duty as a judge. Mr. Studholme asks me why I did not protest at Blaydon and Northern Yorkshire shows. The reason is that I did not notice that the flights had been pulled when I saw the bird at these shows. At Blaydon I saw it in gas-light, and at Northern Yorkshire show in a very dull light. At Whitehaven Mr. Studholme will see that the schedule reads "bird bred 1915." The bird is rightly shown in such a class, but where it reads "unflighted" he is not entitled to compete.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

A Gourmet—or a Gourmand?

SIR,—Some people will eat anything, but I think "Bird-eater," who writes to the Birmingham Daily Mail, takes the cake. He says that he has bought, "chiefly out of Birmingham market," and eaten, the Gannet, Heron, Razorbill, Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Eider-duck, and all the varieties of duck he has ever seen there, Knot, Redshank and other waders, Cormorant, White-fronted Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Barnacle Goose, etc., Whooper Swan, Tame Swan, the Thrush tribe, Sparrows, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, etc., Rooks, Starlings, Larks, the Plover tribe, game birds, Land and Water Rail, etc. It would be interesting to know what birds are included among the "etceteras." Anyway, he seems not to have had much time to eat anything but bird-flesh, for he says that he thinks Peafowl are the only birds of those appearing from time to time on sale in Birmingham which he has not eaten. How do the Birmingham butchers manage to live?

SOUTHERNER.

New C.B.S. for Penyrgraig.

SIR,—At a recent discussion held at the Butchers' Arms Hotel, it was carried unanimously that we should have a cage bird society. The members are most fortunate in having as a chairman Mr. Ellis Hughes, the well-known Northwalian judge and exhibitor. A committee of keen and enthusiastic fanciers was elected, with the strong intention of making rapid progress for the society. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that no mile area should be made, therefore fanciers from all surrounding districts may become members. We have fixed our first annual members' show for Feb. 26, entrance fee 6d. per cage. Any fancier desirous of becoming a member should communicate with the sec., when full particulars will be forwarded.

T. L. EVANS, Hon. Sec.,

10, Brook Street, Penyrgraig

The Great Joint London Show.

The British and Hybrid Section.

SIR,—I have received, too late to insert in schedule, a special prize of 2s. 6d. from Mr. J. E. Jeffreys for the best dark Linnet hybrid at our joint members' show at Holborn Hall on Wednesday and Thursday next, also the following donations to the show fund: 10s. from Mr. W. F. Lloyd James, 3s. Mr. P. McQuiston, and 2s. 6d. Mr. J. Sykes. An important omission was made in the schedule in not mentioning that Class 84 (Crows, etc.) is guaranteed through the generosity of Mr. J. R. Trower, so that exhibitors in this are certain of full prize money, which will cover the extra carriage incurred for such large birds.

Entries must be posted on Friday, Jan. 28, otherwise it will be impossible to accept them.

I am glad to report that several new members have joined the N.B.B. and M.C., and many old ones have paid up their back subscriptions, so that altogether the prospects seem to point to a successful show. The Holborn Hall, which is very central and convenient for a bird show, is probably better known to Londoners as the Holborn Town Hall. Trams and buses from all parts pass the door.

JOHN FROSTICK,

Hon. Show Sec. N.B.B. and M.C.,
303, High Road,
Streatham Common, S.W.

The Right Way to Commence.

An Old Fancier Advises the Beginner.

SIR,—Last week I gave you a picture of the struggling fancier; this week I will give you one of a lucky one, though the luck is greatly augmented by the methods adopted. He perhaps has been breeding a few song birds, and comes to the conclusion that it costs no more to keep good ones than bad. He joins the local society, gets to know who's who in the Fancy world, and then, instead of purchasing from some promiscuous advertisement offering champions at giving-away prices, he places himself in the hands of a breeder who he gets to know is a successful one. I have known hundreds who have started this way, and who have gone right away from the start. Perhaps they have not bred anything really champion the first season, but some good enough to compete in members' or novice classes. A fancier of this kind has an advantage from the start, because he begins with the benefit of an older breeder's experience. The time to make a start is as early in the year as possible, for there is always a good demand for stock from noted breeders.

J. BASTOCK.

New Society for Maesteg.

SIR,—A cage-bird society has been finally formed for Maesteg, with a membership of twelve, and I trust that all interested in the Fancy in the district will rally round and give this new society the support it deserves. I will gladly furnish particulars to all who wish to become members.

OWEN COZENS, hon. sec.

249, Bridgend Rd., Maesteg, Glam.

Proposed Federation of Roller Societies.

What It Might Accomplish.

SIR,—It was with great pleasure that I read Mr. Tomlinson's letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS, and as the mover of the proposition at the Leeds Club meeting I would like to outline the scheme as I suggested it. The central idea in my mind was to endeavour to capture part of the foreign overseas trade in Rollers, it having been written by Mr. Tweed that about 450,000 birds are exported annually, some 40,000 of these finding their way to this country. To do this we must be a far more united body than ever we have been since I appeared in the fancy, consequently the idea of a Control Board, made up of one or more representatives from each club. This would do away with several clubs issuing rings, as all rings would be issued through the Control Board's secretary to club secretaries. The judging standard would be fixed by this Board, and altered only after they had voted on the matter, twelve months' notice being given of such alteration to clubs before it came in operation. In cases of dispute between a member and his club appeals could be heard by the body, their decision being final.

Now I arrive at what is to me the outstanding feature, and will presume we have got something like cohesion amongst clubs. Every Roller breeder does not breed show birds, and very few breeders who show breed all show birds. If you approach a fancier who breeds a poorer class of birds with regard to joining your club you are asked what is the use, as he cannot afford show birds. We must offer some inducement to get him to

join, and the one I propose is a ready sale of his birds, worked in the following manner.

The Control Board would issue to club secretaries, in the same manner as rings, small wicker cages, at so much per dozen. On given dates each club would gather, pack and despatch its quota for sale, of course through the Board, who would take a percentage of all monies received for working expenses. Thus we should have a central distributing agency, who would classify the birds, advertise, and supply the British and foreign markets with all grades of Rollers. Clubs would be financially better off through increased membership, the country would benefit by increased trade, and capital kept at home, and the fancier by an increased turnover.

Mr. Tomlinson's letter suggests to me some fear of injustice to the British Roller C.C. I trust the delegates appointed for the first meeting will be broad-minded and generous enough to allay that fear, as this Society has undoubtedly done good work in the past. I used to be a member, and received nothing but courtesy from its officials, and the last thing I would do would be to cause them hurt in any way. My sole aim is to benefit the Roller fancy generally, by getting complete unity and combined action, and nothing would please me better than to see the genial secretary of the B.R.C.C., Mr. Norris, in stalled as general secretary of a large, wealthy, and powerful organisation, known as the British Roller Canary Club. A new club if you like, formed from the ashes of the old. Times change, and tactics must change with the times. In conclusion, I might say I think Mr. Tomlinson's motto, "Each for all and all for each," absolutely "It." Roller fanciers, the decision is in your own keeping.

A. MONTAGUE.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Tomlinson's letter, I think he has made a slight mistake in regard to my views of the above and the B.R.C.C. I am a member of the B.R.C.C., the P.R.C.C., and Bolton Club, so that no one can say that I have any prejudice, and I think that the resolution passed by the Leeds Society is the best way out of the difficulty caused by the split between the B.R.C.C. and the P.R.C.C. I am not going to enter into the nature of the differences of the two societies; sufficient it is to know that they are there. Now the Leeds resolution, in my opinion, means that a Board of Control be formed consisting of delegates sent from the different societies, the number of delegates to be according to the number of members. That this board takes over the business of the rings and points competition so that we shall have one ring for the whole of the fancy; that they will fix the prizes and rules of the competition. They will also fix the standard of the Roller song, so that all the birds will be judged from the same standard, and also any other business of vital importance that might affect the Roller fancy from time to time. That a meeting be held either once or twice each year, a different centre being chosen each time, and the different clubs to pay the costs of their own delegates. I think every club will agree that the above view is an extremely fair one, and the decisions of the Board ought to govern the B.R.C.C., the P.R.C.C., and every other club. Of course, all the different clubs will be allowed to conduct their own business in their own way, as the board will have no control over anything except what it is formed for. I am sorry that the date of the conference clashes with the B.R.C.C. show. I don't know whether it can be altered or not, but, if not, I hope the B.R.C.C. will send delegates to Manchester so that they will be able to have a voice in the matter. Hoping that the conference will settle all the differences in the fancy, and that we shall have a thoroughly united hobby.

JOS. KILSHAW.

About Starlings.

SIR,—The "Millgate Monthly" for January, in its "Wayside Walks and Talks by an Observer," says "Starlings are comparatively a recent addition to British birdland, just as Sparrows are in America, and rabbits in Australia. Starlings found their way here from the Continent about sixty or seventy years ago. They have multiplied with astonishing rapidity, and there is no evidence of slackening."

Rabbits as "recent additions to birdland" may be all right, but it is really a fact that Starlings have only been known in Britain for "about sixty or seventy years." I myself am unfortunately nearing the former of these periods in age, and I can recollect that Starlings were plentiful in my early youth. Perhaps some more experienced ornithologist will tell the ordinary readers of CAGE BIRDS whether the statement quoted is correct. I don't mean the rabbit part of it, but the Starling portion.

STURNUS.

(Many letters unavoidably held over.—Ed. C.B.)

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual smoking concert and prize distribution, January 15, headquarters, Plummet Lane Hotel; a large number present. Mr. D. A. Macpherson presided and presented the prizes to winners at the series of members' shows. He said it was very gratifying that our shows had been a success, but two-thirds of the entries were made by the novices, and he hoped exhibitors in the open would let us have our classes better filled. He trusted that the novices who had won gold medals would still continue to show and prove to the champions what can be done. Special winners were: Open Yorks, Burdakin Bros., 58½ points; R. E. Helliwell, and J. Riley. Open Nor., H. Clegg, S. Heap, and J. Corney. Open Brit., D. A. Macpherson. Nov. Yorks, W. Horsman, 76 points, cash and society's gold medal; Sladdin and Baldwin, 71 points, cash and gold medal; H. Ambler, J. L. Thornton, L. Whitlam, Scrutton and Harris, cash, and two York show cages. Nov. Nor., S. Rolfe, 39½ points, cash and society's gold medal. Nov. Brit., E. Reim. This total value of prizes was £10 4s. A splendid musical programme was provided, the following giving of their best: Messrs. H. Dale, J. Marshall, W. Moran, J. Hamer, and J. Rushton. Mr. S. E. Calvert accompanied. Thanks were accorded to the President, Committee, and to the artistes for so ably entertaining.—J. J. Dunn, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, headquarters, Jan. 12, with a large attendance. Vice-chairman, Mr. A. Hayling, chair. Report of the Hon. Sec. and Treas. and balance-sheet presented. The Sec. said that in spite of the apathy shown by many of the members in the early part of the year, when it was considered advisable to suspend the meetings, the latter part of the year had been very encouraging, and a splendid show was held. This resulted in a profit of over 46, which had been given to the local Red Cross Society. Apart from this, the funds of the society were in a very flourishing condition, with a balance in hand of over £11. All officers were re-elected, viz., Pres., Mr. W. Theobald; Chair, Mr. J. Madagan; Vice-Chair, Mr. A. Hayling; Auditors, Messrs. Stevens and Houghton; Assist. Hon. Sec. and Show Manager, Mr. W. Pounsett; Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. A. S. Treasure, who remarked that that was the twelfth time in succession that he had been elected. Several new members were proposed, and an attractive syllabus drawn up. The annual show will be held on November 1 and 2.—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec.

CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD.

Meeting, Three Tuns, Eastwood, Jan. 22. Accounts for Open Show were found correct. One new member was made. Subs. for coming year are due. The society is open to receive new members, subs. 2s. 6d. per annum. Suggested that a series of table shows be held at our monthly meetings, and a special meeting will be held on Feb. 19 to make arrangements; members are requested to attend.—Smith and Lees, Secs.

SCOTTISH ROLLER C.C.

Annual General Meeting, Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, Jan. 15, Mr. Nettleship chair. Sec. read a letter from Mr. Best, the Leeds sec., on the proposed federating of Roller clubs. Agreed unanimously that we fall in with scheme, and that one ring be used by all clubs. Officers elected for year. Pres., Mr. Jackson, vice-pres., Mr. Stewart; committee, Messrs. McGowne, Arnott, West, Anderson, and McKeehan; Sec., Jas. Macdonald, 169, Glasgow-st., Ardrossan, to whom all Roller fanciers desirous of joining should apply.—Jas. Macdonald.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting Jan. 15, Mr. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. Vote of thanks was given to chairman for gift of bird and cage for competition, and a letter conveying thanks and appreciation to Miss Farrer for devoting her time at our show, Dec. 27, to its most successful management. Decided that 3s. per class be paid as prize money for members' show. Specials were paid out. Decided to pay prize money away next meeting, Jan. 29. Members elected: Messrs. T. Taylor, R. Kircaldy, F. Thwaites, J. H. Beadie.—J. Peacock.

WEST STANLEY (Workmen's Club)

Meeting, Jan. 22, Mr. R. Peart was elected chairman, Mr. R. Hutchinson sec. pro tem. Decided to run the patriotic show on Feb. 26. Open to five miles radius. Decided that chairman and sec. get suitable hall for show, and admission tickets printed to be sold at 3d. Fanciers please apply for tickets to Robt. Hutchinson, 58, Joicey-terr., West Stanley, as we would like to have a turnover for those who have given their best for our King and Country. Decided to make 6d. each entry to go for prize money; all ticket money, donations, etc. to go to the wounded soldiers and sailors. Next meeting, Victoria Club, 10.20, Feb. 6. Fanciers please attend and let us have record show and record takings.—R. Hutchinson, Sec., pro tem.

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A.

Annual General Meeting, Quadrant Restaurant, Jan. 20, Mr. G. W. Jones presiding; the attendance was not so good as in past years. Balance-sheet adopted, showing an increase of £2 15s. 6d. on the year's working, the total balance now being £45 5s. 6d. Decided that officers and committee for past year should stand until after the war, also that membership should be open to the British Isles. Decided that arrangements for show, etc., be made at a later meeting. Those wishing to join the association should apply to the Hon. Sec., G. W. Jones, 156, Holdenhurst-rd.

GUSELEY AND YEADON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 15. Balance-sheet shows a profit on the year's working, after purchasing a silver challenge cup and handing the handsome sum of 10 guineas to the local Belgian Relief Fund. The Members considered the Secretary's report and the balance-sheet satisfactory. We have had an increase in membership of 14, and in addition, made four new members same night. Officers elected for 1916: Chairman, D. Robinson; Vice-Chair, F. Fawcett; Treas., W. H. Dibb; Sec., W. Rose. Decided to have show, July 1. Judge, F. Self, Clayton, Bradford. We are having a supper, Jan. 29, supper to commence at 6.30, at the Regent Hotel.

OPEN NORWICH P.H.C.

Winners of the trophies and specials:—Most points champion: 1. Crawshaw, 158 points; 2. Thomas, 112; 3. Hirst, 93. Amateur: 1. Kaberry, 60; 2. Tose, 39; 3. Jeffries, 33. Crawshaw wins the Percy Hingworth cup, 113, and the Joe Thomas rosebowl, 114. Kaberry, the Edwin Hattersley cup, 60. Most points novice, Yorks U. shows: 1. G. A. Simnett, 139; 2. P. Jowett, 22. Subscriptions due now.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

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DUBMIRE (Workmen's Club) C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 23, good number attended. Decided to hold a show on Feb. 19, for the benefit of the St. John's Ambulance and the Red Cross Society, and to ask the members of the Houghton-le-Spring and Houghton-le-Spring C.B. Societies to join us. All proceeds to go towards this good cause.—Geo. T. Lynn, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Mr. E. J. Banks presided over a good meeting. The auditors, Mr. H. C. Smith and Mr. A. Ball, stated that the accounts of the Charity Show showed a balance to the good of £12 19s. 7d. Resolved that Sec. obtain addresses of local prisoners of war as soon as possible, and all other information, and then call Committee to deal with same. Mr. Maggs was elected to judge Norwich, Mr. H. C. Smith Yorks and Bord., and Mr. D. G. Lewis British and Mules at the Pair Show, Feb. 2. We had a grand Table Show of Yorks., many well-known winners being present, and this being such a great success it was decided to have a Table Show of Norwich at next meeting, Mr. H. C. Smith to judge, Mr. H. James and E. J. Davies promising cash specials to member placing birds nearest the judge's awards. Mr. H. C. Smith won the watch given by Mr. Braille for the bird receiving the highest number of votes as best bird. The following specials were promised for the Pair Show: Mr. Ball, 3 boxes of chocolates; Mr. H. C. Smith, 5/- for Yorks and 2/- for Borders; Mr. Weeks 2/- for the best buff Yorks. Mr. J. O'Leary was enrolled a member. Nomination of officers for next year will be taken at next meeting. Will all members please let me have their contributions then as I have to produce general fund balance sheet at the March meeting.—E. Thomas.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual general meeting, Village School Room, Alexandria, Jan. 11; Mr. Wm. B. Gillies, pres., chair. Balance sheet read and adopted. Officers elected: Messrs. J. W. Bell, R. Watkinson, and T. Nicol. Pres., W. B. Gillies; vice-pres., P. McAdam; sec., and treas., A. H. McLean. Ladyton Cottage, Bonhill. Agreed that radius be extended to whole of Dumfriesshire, and that annual show be held in Dec. instead of Nov., as formerly. Classes for pair show: CL or Tkd., CL Tkd. and Varieg. in each variety; Borders; a class for Cinnamons or Greens in addition; Crest and C.B., 1 each; in Nor., Bord., Scotch Fancy and Yorks., double buffs or double yellows not allowed. Subs. 2/-, must be paid before competing. Judge, Mr. R. Jeffrey, Glasgow. Pres., Vice-Pres., Sec., and Messrs. J. Hannah, J. C. Ritchie, J. McInnes, kindly promised specials.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 18, Amalgamated Musicians' Halls. The financial statement shows a substantial balance on the right side. Decided to grant medals to go with all cups, the Sec. being instructed to purchase six medals. Officers for 1916: Pres., Mr. P. Thorn; vice-president, Messrs. W. Loan and R. B. Gibbs; Sec. and Treas., Mr. P. Houston, 31, Willowbank Crest, Glasgow; Committee, Messrs. Manson, Pringle, J. Stewart, jun., Bonnet, Crawford, A. Brown, Davidson, Pinnock, and R. Brown; Auditors, Messrs. M. Stewart and J. D. Brown. Syllabus for 1916 is in course of preparation, and will be issued shortly, composed of lectures, debates, washing exhibitions, and monthly shows for all varieties Can., Brit. and For. Fanciers invited to join. Meetings last Tuesday each month at the above address.—P. Houston, Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Annual General Meeting, Headquarters, Windsor Castle, King-st., Bannermith, Jan. 20, 17 members present. Mr. Turner chair. On the year's working £1 10s. 9d. was added to the treasurer's balance, making a total of £4 14s. 11d., which was considered very satisfactory. Officers elected: Chair, Mr. Turner; vice, Mr. Withers; committee, Messrs. Butterfield, Bevington, Gibbons, Crust, Chappell, Bennett, Onslow, Mears, and Bonniwell (a new member); auditors, Messrs. Gibbons and Crust; sec., Mr. J. Dewhurst. Challenge cups were presented to the winners, viz., Crests, Mr. Turner; Yorks, Mr. Dewhurst; Nor., Mr. Burt. Points prizes followed, champ Nor., Mr. Butterfield 116, amat., Mr. Bevington 176. Nov., Mr. Onslow 91. Mr. Turner after the presentation said he thought we had done well under the stress of this terrible war. We have three members serving in the colours, viz., Messrs. Bevington, Knight, and Gibbons, jun., and he hoped each member would do his best to bring one new member so as to bring the W.L.F.A. up to its old reputation of being the best F.A. in London. Pair Show Feb. 10; judge, Mr. J. Robson; specials were offered by an old and esteemed member, Mr. J. Freeman, 5s. cash, and Mr. Butterfield, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chair.—H. Chappell, press corres.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Competition winners for 1915-16. OPEN: 1, Dr. Craig, 196 points, first win for Towers and Brown's trophy, value £10 10s. and £3 3s., presented by the C.M.Y.C.C.; 2, C. Morrison, value £1 10s., presented by the C.M.Y.C.C.; 3, H. I. Towers, £1 1s., presented by M. C. Morrison; 4, Atkinson and Fifth, value 7s. 6d., presented by the C.M.Y.C.C. AMAT.: 1, S. Midgley, 60 points, value £1 1s., presented by Mr. H. H. Towers; 2, M. J. T. Sharp, value 10s. 6d., presented by M. S. Binnes; 3, value 7s. 6d., presented by Mr. W. Richmond. NOV.: 1, value £1 1s., given by Mr. A. Cooper, L. Hodgson; 2, 15s., given by Mr. C. Morrison, A. Gledhill; 3, 10s. 6d., given by Mr. A. Brown, W. Symes; 4, 7s. 6d., value, given by the C.M.Y.C.C. Baker Bros.; 5, 5s., given by Mr. S. B. Granghson, J. Ratcliff; Ramsden's special, A. Gledhill. Competition has been keen in open and novice, but in the amateurs was not maintained as it should be, the last prize in this section not being won. Entries have been less than in former years, but quality has been well maintained. There are still a few members subs. not paid; please let me have them early and help me in my work.—R. Garnett, Sec.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Sixth Annual General Meeting, Jan. 20. Balance-sheet was passed, and was considered very satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £6 3s. 5d., although there was a large deficit on the Open Show. Officers elected for 1916: Pres., Mr. W. F. Cross; vice-pres., Viscount Valentia, C.B., M.P., Capt. Williams, Miss Driver, Miss Johnson; hon. solicitor, Mr. A. H. Franklin; hon. auctioneer, Mr. J. Hastings; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. B. George and F. Wildon; hon. treas., J. A. Lees; hon. sec., A. F. Fifield; committee, Messrs. J. Gough, chair, C. Pearce, A. Lewin, F. Wildon, T. W. Wren, C. F. Holliday, and F. Grimes.—A. F. Fifield, hon. sec., 6, Buckingham-st.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End)

Second Annual Show held in the Assembly Rooms, Byker Bridge End, Nov. 26 and 27, and judging by the grand entry (517 birds in 66 classes) and the number of visitors must have proved a huge success. The hall is not one of the largest but every available space was used to the very best advantage. Almost all varieties of Canaries were represented at the show by some fine specimens, many well known winners at leading shows doing battle. Norwich were a fine display and well up in numbers. It was in this section that the winner of the Manor House bowl for the best young bird in the show was found. A fine big bouncing buff cock, the property of Mr. J. Morrison, of Byker, which was hard pressed by a little model of a buff marked cock (Border Fancy) owned by Mr. J. Johnston, of Wallsend. As neither of the judges would give way the Committee decided to call in a referee, Mr. J. Rieborough, who gave the vote to the Norwich. Border Fancies were a fine display, as also were the Greens. Yorksires were a bit disappointing in number, but some good ones were staged. Crests were fairly good in quantity and quality, as were the Cinnamons. The British birds were fairly represented, especially field-moulded Linnets, there being some good birds in this class. The management left nothing to be desired. Mr. J. Hutchinson did duty as Show Manager on the first day, Mr. MacNalling took his place on the Saturday. Mr. J. W. Coutts proved a hard working and ever obliging Secretary, and had every detail in perfect order. He was supported by a good working Committee. Mr. J. Johnston won the President's prize, a silver teapot for most points. Messrs. Archbold and Lascelles winning spl. for second most points, the section specials going to the following: Nor., J. Morrison; Nov., J. Hunter; Crests, T. Bewick; Nov., J. Rushton; Cinn., J. Roy; Nov., R. Bushel; Yorks., Archbold and Lascelles; Nov., Graham; Bord. Fancy, Cleary, W. Espie; Greens, Johnston; Cinn., Johnston; Nov., Bord., Runder; Lizards, Hyslop; Scotch Fancy, Little; Mules, Greenwell; Brit. Birds, J. Johnston. J. Stanger and A. Montgomery judged, and appeared to give general satisfaction. Nor. Vell. Ck. (13): 1, 2, Mackay; 3, McGinn; 4, Halls; vhc. he, Morrison; e, Matthewson. Buff (18): 1, 2, Mackay; 3, Archbold and Lascelles; 4, McGinn; vhc. Roy; he, e, Morrison. Yell. Hen (16): 1, 2, 3, Morrison; 4, he, Archbold and Lascelles; vhc. c, Mackay. Buff (12): 1, Matthewson; 2, McGinn; 3, Archbold and Lascelles; 4, vhc. Morrison; he, Mackay; e, Coutts. Yell. Ck. (1915) (12): 1, Halls; 2, Hutchinson; 3, e, Morrison; 4, vhc. Mackay; he, Matthewson. Buff, 1915 (16): 1, vhc. Morrison; 2, J. Halls; 3, 4, he, Mackay; e, Archbold and Lascelles. Yell. Hen, 1915 (16): 1, J. Halls; 2, Morrison; 3, Archbold and Lascelles; 4, Hutchinson; vhc. Watson; he, Mackay; e, Matthewson. Buff, 1915 (9): 1, Morrison; 2, vhc. Archbold and Lascelles; 3, McGinn; 4, he, Mackay; e, Hutchinson. Natural Col. (5): 1, Greenwell; 2, McGinn; 3, Rieborough; 4, Hutchinson; vhc. Kindness. Nov. Nor. Yell. Ck. (11): 1, 3, Hunter; 2, he, Cleminson; 4, vhc. Marshall; e, Newton. Buff (17): 1, Watson; 2, Reed; 3, 4, Kindness; vhc. he, Hunter; e, Cleminson. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 2, Marshall; 3, he, Hunter; 4, Kindness; vhc. Reed. Buff (12): 1, 4, Newton; 2, 3, e, Hunter; vhc. Cleminson; he, Doughty. Cr. Ck. (5): 1, T. Bewick; 2, 4, vhc. Hutchinson; 3, Simpson. Hen (9): 1, Hutchinson; 2, vhc. Morrison; 3, he, Bewick; 4, Swan; e, Rieborough. C.B. Ck. (7): 1, Simpson; 2, he, Bewick; 3, Hutchinson; 4, Morrison; vhc. Hutchinson. Hen (6): 1, Robson; 2, vhc. Bewick; 3, Hutchinson; 4, Simpson. Yell. Cr. or C.B. (7): 1, he, Hutchinson; 2, Swan; 3, 4, Rieborough; vhc. Simpson. Cr., 1915 (6): 1, 2, 4, Bewick; 3, Rieborough; vhc. Swan. C.B., 1915 (8): 1, Swan; 2, Bewick; 3, vhc. Rieborough; 4, Hutchinson. Nov., Cr. or C.B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Rushton. Cr. or C.B., 1915: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc. Rushton. Cinn. Yell. (5): 1, he, Roy; 2, 3, Coutts; 4, Archbold and Lascelles. Buff (7): 1, 3, Roy; 2, Archbold and Lascelles; 4, vhc. he, e, Coutts. Yell. or Buff, bred 1915 (10): 1, 4, Roy; 2, vhc. Hyslop; 3, he, e, Coutts. Cinn., Foul (6): 1, 2, 4, Roy; 3, vhc. he, Doughty. Nov., Cinn. (8): 1, 2, vhc. Bushel; 3, 4, Doughty; he, e, Kindness. Yorks., Yell. Ck. (8): 1, Studholme; 2, Archbold and Lascelles; 3, c, Halls; 4, Graham; vhc. Havis; he, Swan. Buff Ck. (6): 1, Halls; 2, Havis; 3, Studholme; 4, Swan; vhc. Leck; he, Rieborough. Hen (8): 1, 3, Archbold and Lascelles; 2, Studholme; 4, Leck; vhc. Havis; he, Swan; e, Rieborough. Cocks, Yell. 1915 (7): 1, Leck; 2, Archbold and Lascelles; 3, 4, Halls; vhc. Havis; he, Swan; e, Studholme. Buff (7): 1, 2, Archbold and Lascelles; 3, Leck; 4, Graham; vhc. Studholme; he, Havis; e, W. F. Swan. Hen (7): 1, Leck; 2, Halls; 3, Havis; 4, Graham; vhc. Swan; he, Studholme. Yorks. Nat. Col. (4): 1, Harrison; 2, 4, Harrison; 3, Havis. Nov. York. Yell. (1): Graham. Buff: 1, 2, Graham. Bord. Fancy. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, 4, Espie; 2, 3, Beavor; vhc. Robson. Buff (12): 1, 2, Espie; 3, Johnston; 4, Robson; vhc. Young; he, Runder; e, Smith. Hen. Yell. or Buff (9): 1, Johnston; 2, Beavor; 3, 4, Espie; vhc. Runder; he, Greenwell; e, Allick. Ck. Yell. 1915 (11): 1, Johnston; 2, vhc. Espie; 3, Smith; 4, Beavor; he, Allick; e, Moat. Buff (10): 1, 4, Johnston; 2, Allick; 3, vhc. Beavor; he, Espie; e, Young. Hen. 1915 (15): 1, Greenwell; 2, Espie; 3, Johnston; 4, Young; vhc. he, Beavor; e, Allick. Gr. Yell. Ck. (8): 1, 4, Johnston; 2, Parker; 3, Runder; vhc. Greenwell; he, e, Allick. Buff Ck. (10): 1, 4, Johnston; 2, Smith; 3, Runder; vhc. Espie; he, Allick; e, Parker. Hen. Yell. (11): 1, 2, Johnston; 3, Greenwell; 4, Farrer; vhc. Runder; he, Parker; e, Espie. Buff (7): 1, 2, 3, Johnston; 4, he, Farrer; vhc. Greenwell; e, Allick. Cinn., Bord. Yell. (9): 1, 2, Johnston; 3, Farrer; 4, vhc. Espie; he, Smith; e, Parker. Buff (9): 1, 4, Smith; 2, Farrer; 3, Johnston; vhc. Espie; he, Churnside; e, Doughty. Nov., Bord. Ck. (13): 1, Runder; 2, e, Beavor; 3, 4, Moat; vhc. Wilson; he, e, Beavor; he, Reed. Lizards, Gold (3): 1, 2, 3, Hyslop. Silver (3): 1, 2, 3, Hyslop. Scots Fancy, Yell. (2): 1, 2, Little. Buff (3): 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Little. A.O.V. (4): 1, Roy; 2, 3, Harrison; 4, Kindness. Sell., 20/- (3): 1, Robson; 2, 3, Simpson. 15/- (5): 1, 3, Mackay; 2, vhc. Simpson; 4, Runder. 10/- (3): 1, Appleby; 2, Farrer; 3, Halls. Gift (5): 1, Espie; 2, Leck; 3, Archbold and Lascelles; 4, Robson; vhc. Young. Mule (2): 1, Parker; 2, Johnston. Mule, 1915 (4): 1, 3, Greenwell; 2, Leck; 4, Appleby. Goldf. (5): 1, Rushton; 2, Reed; 3, Greenwell; 4, Johnston; vhc. Stephenson. Buff: 1, Colman. Greenf. (8): 1, 2, Johnston; 3, Fleck; 4, Parker; vhc. Greenwell; he, Colman; e, Espie. Bramblef., etc. (4): 1, Colman; 2, Appleby; 3, Young; 4, MacParting. Linnet, F.M. (14): 1, e, Stephenson; 2, Greenwell; 3, Parker; 4, Colman; vhc. he, Fleck. H.M. (9): 1, 3, Hutchinson; 2, Leck; 4, Colman; vhc. Mackay; he, Espie; e, Wilson. Siskin, etc. (7): 1, 2, 3, Johnston; 4, Colman; vhc. he, MacParting; e, Greenwell.—J. W. Coutts, Sec.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

Annual members' show, Liberal Club, Dec. 27, when 149 birds were shown, amongst which were some of the very best present-day winners. A fair number of visitors attended, and several birds changed hands. Mr. H. Mallinson (Huddersfield) judged. Yorks, Yell. Ck.: 1, Hirst; 2, Hellewell; 3, Wads; 4, Fisher and Dyson. Buff: 1, Hellewell; 2, Taylor; 3, Dyson; 4, Radley. Var. Ck.: 1, A. Radley; 2, Hellewell; 3, Hirst; 4, Everett. Unfig. Yell.: 1, Peel; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Hirst; 4, Hellewell. Buff: 1, Dyson; 2, Hirst; 3, Radley; 4, Taylor. Yell. Hen: 1, Hirst; 2, Radley; 3, Hellewell; 4, Hutchinson. Buff: 1, 2, Fisher and Dyson; 3, Hirst; 4, Radley. A.V. Lell. Hen: 1, Hirst; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Dyson; 4, Wadsworth. Buff: 1, Taylor; 2, Radley; 3, Hirst; 4, Fisher and Dyson. Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, Bower; 2, H. Lodge; 3, 4, A. Taylor. Buff: 1, 3, J. Bower; 2, Morley; 4, Heeley. Var. Ck.: 1, F. Radley; 2, P. Taylor; 3, Heeley; 4, Beaumont. Unfig. Ck.: 1, T. Fisher; 2, W. Lodge; 3, A. Taylor; 4, H. Lodge. Unfig. Buff: 1, J. Bower; 2, G. Bower; 3, Beaumont; 4, H. Lodge. Yell. Hen: 1, 4, Heeley; 2, P. Taylor; 3, A. Taylor. Buff: 1, Morley; 2, 4, T. Fisher; 3, W. Lodge. A.V. Yell. Hen: 1, G. E. Bower; 2, Morley; 3, P. Taylor; 4, A. Taylor. Buff: 1, A. Taylor; 2, 4, Heeley; 3, Morley.—W. Everett, Sec.

SOUTH-EAST LONDON F. & F.S.

Annual Members' Show at the North Camberwell Constitutional Club, Old Kent Road, Dec. 4. Mr. R. Jackson, the hon. sec., and his hard working committee, deserved a better entry. The challenge cup for best unfledged bred by a member, was won by a smart yellow Yorks. owned by Mr. A. J. Clarke. Mr. Clarke also won special for second best with a buff Yorks. Some very typical Norwich were staged. Mr. George Gardner judged. Nor., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Hembrow. Mkd. or Varieg.: 1, Gardner, a varieg. buff, one of the best, if not the best bird in the show. Hens, buff: 1, Gardner, very typical, rare qual. Unfig. Buff: 1, Gardner, chubby varieg. buff, good head, nice feather. Yell.: Both exhibits were buffs. Yorks., Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, 3, Saunders. Unfig. Buff: 1, Clarke; 2, 3, Fairman, good feather and well on the leg. Unfig. Yell.: 1, cup, vhc. Clarke; 2, 3, Fairman, splendid type and qual.; vhc. Saunders. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Boswell, leader a sweet little buff green Border; 2, Saunders, nice sized Linnet-Can.

ROSSENDALE F.A.

Although there was a nice collection of special show, in the Town Hall, Bacup, Nov. 27, was not the success it should have been. Part of the failure is due to the fact that recruiting has made heavy inroads on the fanciers of the district. The special for the best bird in the section fell to a beautifully-spangled Gold Lizard shown by Mr. J. Rukin. Mr. J. Ormerod took that for the best British with a rich coloured, shapely Goldfinch. The birds were nicely staged in a room by themselves, and were well looked after by the committee. Mr. J. Howarth made an obliging and energetic secretary. Mr. C. A. House judged. In Rollers the prizes were divided between Messrs. Ormerod and Rukin. The latter won in each of the Yorks classes with birds of a nice style. Mr. Ormerod won in each of the Brit. classes, and in A.O.V., which were all Lizards, Messrs. Rukin and Teasdale shared the spoil.

GUERNSEY.

Show of the Guernsey Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society, New Market Hall, Dec. 1 and 2. Judge, Mr. J. E. Woodford (Oxford).

CANARY, Ck. (8): 1, res, sp. best cage bird, Richard, two good Yorks., nice and slender in girth; 2, Renouf, a good col. varieg. Nor; 3, Collette, a very nice heavily mkd. Yorks., very light in feather; vhc (2) West. CAN., A.V., HEN (5): 1, Wright, a nice Yorks.; 2, Collette, a mkd. Yorks.; 3, Richard, also a nice Yorks.; he, c, West. CANARIES, PAIRS OR GROUPS, A.V. (4): 1, Renouf, a nice pair of Nor.; 2, West, very good pair of Yorks.; 3, Wright, a nice pair of Cinn.; res, Richard. MULES (4): 1, Renouf, Goldf. Can., nice qual.; 2, res, West, two Canary-Golds, fair birds; vhc, Renouf, Linnet-Canary. GOLDF. (6): 1, 2, West, two nice qual. birds, the winner excels in size and steadiness; 3, Wright, also nice qual.; res, Renouf; he, c, Drouet. PARROTS (2): 1, Lo Feuvre, a nice Ring-necked Parakeet, shown in nice cond.; 3, Robertson, a very good Green Amazon, but fails in cond. to winner. BRITISH, SINGLE OR PAIRS (3): 1, Goubey, nice Song Thrush, well spangled in breast, and in good feather; 3, Dronet, a fair Bullf.; res, Andre. FOR. (1): 3, Frampton, Budgerigar; 1, 2, withheld.

BURNLEY C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Dec. 18, at the new premises. Seventeen classes were provided, and 72 birds staged. Mr. L. Leonard judged. Mr. Wharton won rosebowl and spl. in Nor. with his cl. yell. Mr. Watts won spl. in Amat. with a grand yell. hen. Mr. Callow won spl. Amat. most points. Champ.—Nor. Cl., etc., Yell. Ck.: 1, Wharton; 2, T. Lingard; 3, J. Lingard; vhc. Spencer; he, Hardman; e, Hardman. Buff: 1, T. Lingard; 2, Wharton; 3, J. Lingard; vhc. Braybrook; he, Edmondson; e, J. Lingard. Cl., etc., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Braybrook; 3, Edmondson; vhc. Wharton. Class 4: Cancelled. Cl., etc., Unfig. Yell. Ck.: 1, Braybrook; 2, J. Lingard; 3, Spencer; vhc. Edmondson; he, Hardman. Buff: 1, Spencer; 2, T. Lingard; 3, Huggins; vhc. J. Lingard. Nov.—Nor. Cl., etc., Yell. Ck.: 1, J. Rushton; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Callow; vhc. Wilkinson; he, Thornton; e, Watson. Buff: 1, Foster; 2, Wallwork; 3, Foster; vhc. Broxup; he, Midgley. Cl., etc., Yell. Hen: 1, Watts; 2, Rushton; 3, Watts; vhc. Callow; he, Callow. Buff: 1, Callow; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Broxup; vhc. Thornton; he, Stansfield. Cl., etc., Unfig. Yell. Ck.: 1, Stansfield; 2, Thornton; 3, Watts. Buff: 1, 2, Derriett; 3, Midgley; vhc. Watson; he, Whithead; e, Callow. Yell. and Buff Hen: 1, 3, Callow; 2, Thornton; vhc. Stansfield; he, Midgley; e, Watts. A.O.V.: 1, Wallwork; 2, Derriett. Gift: 1, Braybrook; 2, Watson; 3, Wharton.—Jas. Moorhouse, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting, Jan. 18, 2, York Street, St. James's. Mr. Rob. in the chair; good attendance. Details of annual show were settled, and notice of alteration in rules given by several members. Three new members nominated. Sec. reported over 47 has been allotted in special prizes for Canary classes. So now L.C.B.A. members, make the show the success it deserves to be.—A. Wallington.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

LARKHALL C.B.A.'s FIRST VENTURE.

So successful it will become an Annual.

Larkhall C.B.A. held its first annual show under the auspices of the Lanarkshire branch of the Red Cross Society in the Drill Hall, Victoria-st., on Jan. 7 and 8. The success of the effort means the establishing of an annual open event, and as the entire proceeds are to be given over to the Red Cross Society, we look for a nice donation being the result of labours so ungrudgingly given and heartily responded to. The Hall is comfortable, spacious, and well lighted from the roof, the temperature was even, and without the slightest draught. The gate was good, visitors thronged in patriotic fashion to the first real cage bird show in the district. Entries were good, encouraged by capital classification, they massed to fully 600 strong, and many of the season's winners were represented. The officials are of the best, from the president to the stewards every one was in this element, kindness to everybody seemed to be the law. Office bearers were:—President, Jos. Rindell; vice-president, J. Kennedy; show secretary and treasurer, Allan Thomson; assistant secretary, R. McEwan; show manager, W. P. Campbell; Committee, Messrs. McLean, Kerr, Perrie, Smith, Graham, Marley, Gibb, Clark, and Bone. The judges got through their work in good time, and to the general satisfaction.

THE BORDER CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. G. Hislop.

CLR. OF TKD. YELL. CK. (30): 1, Craig, Glasgow, winner, fit as ever, capital qual.; 2, Thomson, Glasgow Red Cross winner, fine type and qual., well drawn body, neat, shapely, could be better headed, still pressing for top; 3, Dempster, nice size and cond., neat and jaunty, not quite so level col., well staged; 4, Adams, typical body, neat carr. and style; 5, Kilpatrick; 6, no name. BUFF (13): 1, spl. Wilson, well drawn, nice close feather, fine texture, neat, shapely carr., O.K.; 2, Clark, stylish, neat, capital qual., nice top end, well braced, trifle chubby; 3, spl. Craig, fine type, grand qual., loose back of head and wing carr.; 4, Kilpatrick, nice type and qual., not quite so level col.; 5, Bennett; 6, J. Wilson. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Nairn, shapely, fine col., grand qual., feather, stylish, well built, finely balanced, trifle open in feather; 2, Ferguson, we liked much, well drawn, close feathered, neat, typical, in top condition, must have pressed; 3, Sandilands, nice type, col., and carr.; 4, Kennedy, nice level col., good qual.; 5, McClure and Hilson; 6, Bennett. BUFF (17): 1, spl. Craig, little heavy, full of qual., very typical, stylish, neat and natty, in the pink; 2, spl. Stewart, jaunty, neat type, good carr.; 3, Dempster, fine stamp, jaunty, neat all over, grand qual., we fancied for 2nd place; 4, Robertson, fine type and qual., shapely; 5, Bennett; 6, Stevenson. EVEN MARK (8): 1, McMillan, Glasgow winner, looking fit, nice buff, fine markings, well drawn, neat, typical, stylish, perfectly braced; 2, Orton, fine yell., great col., lovely qual., feather, neat wings, tall, barely so well drawn; 3, Clark, yell., well drawn, neat, typical, hard up for col. and cond.; 4, McClure and Hilson, we could not find; 5, Nicolson; 6, Graham. YELL. VAR. CK. (8): 1, Nicolson, A1, capital col. and qual., typical, stylish, well braced, in grand order; 2, Nairn, hard up for col., type, and carr., fails trifle in neck; 3, spl. Rubie, shade smaller, good col. and qual.; 4, Harper, nice col., good body and style, neat wings; 5, Graham; 6, Stewart. BUFF (12): 1, spl. Wilson, fine stamp, neat, jaunty build, wing and eye mark, grand type, capital qual., well braced, in perfect order; 2, Clark, lovely qual., neat markings, nice build, well braced, if anything could have better rise in head; 3, spl. Ritchie, fine weight, grand body shape, fine, well filled, neat top end, perfect wings, closely folded tail, not quite the qual. of 2nd, but must have pressed hard; 4, Bennett, grizzle cap and wings mkd., clean cut, well drawn; 5, Adams; 6, Thomson. YELL. VAR. HEN (12): 1, Wilson, small, very neat, grand qual., neat carr., just a bit unsteady; 2, Nairn, cinn. mark, nice size, top qual. feather, neatly folded wings, tail not so warm col., typical, presses hard up on leader; 3, Stewart, jaunty build, fine type and qual., neat wings, tail; 4, McClure and Hilson, cinn. mark, lovely col., type, and qual., neat, jaunty, perfect carr., about as good as any; 5, Nicolson; 6, Robertson; very even lot in this class. BUFF (9): 1, Craig, cap and wing mark, lovely type, grand qual., neat head and neck, stylish, in the pink; 2, Niven, grand type, fine qual., feather, tight, body, neat, well drawn body, correct carr., only fault at throat; 3, Robertson, lovely type, qual., cap and wings mkd., trifle lighter, fine stamp, close up; 4, no name, beautiful wing marks, lovely type, A1 qual., shapely, well drawn, neat wings close tail, only fault, trifle lacking between shoulders; 5, Smart; 6, Dempster. YELL. INN. CK. (15): 1, spl. Wilson, all there for type, qual., fine size, neat, well drawn, shapely bodies, fine ground col. and pencilling, neat heads, necks, well proportioned, leader shade hotter; 3, McFarlane, nice weight, good col. and pencilling, stylish, well braced, close up; 4, Patterson, nice size, typical, neat carr.; 5, Johnston; 6, McMillan. BUFF (7): 1, spl. Wilson, 1st fine type, top qual., grand col., rich pencilling, just trifle heavy built, but well braced; 2nd fine weight, grand shape, build, neat, typical, all over, we liked as well as 1st; 3, McClure and Hilson, on fine lines, well drawn, typical, light bib; 4, McLinden, nice shape, good type and qual.; 5, Whitelaw. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl. Glass, nice size, rich body col., finely pencilled, sweet type and build, well braced; 2, 4, 5, 6, Wilson, 2nd fine stamp, plenty col., neatly drawn, top qual., stylish and neat; 3, Whiteflaw, topper for col. and qual., neat, stylish, and typical, we fancied could have gone up, best headed bird in the class. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Wilson, leader, fine size, grand col., lovely texture of feather, full qual., richly pencilled, typical, neat all over, well staged; 2nd, spl. grand type, qual., and pencillings, shapely body, fine carr., jaunty style, presses hard, good type and qual., well braced, fails head; 4, Glass, smaller, neat, shapely, fine carr. and style; 5, McLinden; 6, McMillan. YELL. GREEN CK. (10): 1, Harper, top col., rich grassy green, well pencilled body and flanks, nice weight, typical, and well balanced; 2, spl. Wilson, nice size, col., and shape, typical, close feathered, nicely tucked wings, close tail, only fails trifle at back of neck; 3, Reid, fine type, grand col., richly pencilled, close feathered, fine top end; 4, Whiteflaw, fine stamp, nice weight, neatly tapered, clean cut, well balanced; 5, Kilpatrick; 6, Johnston. BUFF (11): 1, no name, grand col. and markings, typical, stylish, grand qual. and carr., in rare

fettle; 2, Stevenson, fine size, nice type and col., just lacks a trifle at front; 3, Johnston, nice model, grand col., type, and build, sweet top end, fine style, perfect carr., we liked much; 4, Orton, neat, and typical, in rare feather; 5, Rubie; 6, Reid. YELL. GREEN HEN (12): 1, 2, spl. Reid, leader beauty all over, full col., grand type, A1 qual., neat, shapely, tight as a Java, superb cond.; 2nd runs hard up, but just inclined to draw too much; 3, Wilson, good type, fine col., well braced, not quite so sweet at front; 4, Clark, nice type, sweet build; 5, Duncan; 6, Brown. BUFF (8): 1, spl. Wilson, neat type and col., well pencilled, close feathered, shapely, well braced wings, close tail, steady, in the pink; 2, Orton, nice size, stylish, neat, fine head, neck, well braced, in rare order; 3, 5, Reid, very similar in type and qual. to 2nd, hard to separate first three; 4, Niven, nice type and carr., fails col.; 6, Patterson. SELL. (12): 1, J. Wilson; 2, Stevenson; 3, Thomson; 4, Smart; 5, Hadley; 6, Campbell.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. G. Bishop.

CLR. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl. (2), Stewart, grand size, lovely, hot even col., grand type, rare qual., fine head and neck, clean broad front, neatly braced, in the pink; 2, spl. Scobbie, hard up for size, type, and qual., behind in depth of col.; 3, spl. Morrison, smaller, but neat, fine type and build, grand qual., feather, hot col., nicely braced, presses; 4, Simpson, grand qual., barely so hot; 5, Crawshaw; 6, Devoy. BUFF (3): 1, Barron, fine size, lovely col., rare qual., feather, well mealed, proportionate build, neat, clean cut, wins well; 2, Naismith, well up for size, good col., fine qual., barely the subs. of leader; 3, Simpson, fine size, shapely, good qual. feather, pleasing col., wants more subs. at top end. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Barron, nice size, short cobby build, broad, well filled, deep, front carr. and style, A1, we liked; 2, Devoy, fine size and col., nice qual., shade open in feather; 3, Stewart, smaller, fine, even, hot col., proper type and carr., wants more top weight; 4, Buglass, nice size, col., and qual. BUFF (9): 1, Cuthbertson, plenty size and subs., nice top, good feather, but rather cordy at front; 2, W. Naismith, up in size, shorter, more cobby built, carr., and type, O.K., we liked better; 3, Taylor, similar in type and build to 2nd, presses well forward; 4, Braidwood, grizzle cap, neat, nice qual.; 5, Martin; 6, Edwards. VAR. ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Crawshaw, grand size, red-hot col., top qual., plenty subs., broad, deep front, shapely, neat, well braced, in telling trim; 2, Taylor, fine size, cobby make, broad, neat, well filled front, full top end, carr. and style perfect, presses; 3, Bisset, smaller, neat, cobby, fine col.; 4, 6, Barron; 5, Naismith. HEN (5): 1, Braidwood, good size and subs., cobby, neat, well braced, compact top cond.; 2, Scobbie, nice type, qual., and col., falls top end; 3, Devoy; 4, Robertson; 5, Weir. VAR. ETC., BUFF CK. (4): 1, Barron, capital green, all there for size, type, and col., broad, deep, shapely front, fine full head and neck, stylish, in the pink; 2, Murray, head and wings mkd., grand size, A1 qual., feather, fine stamp, just trifle longer behind; 3, Robertson, shade smaller, hot col., lovely feather; 4, Crawshaw. HEN (4): 1, Murray, top size and subs., full head, neck, typical; 2, F. Taylor, light mkd., plenty size, grand qual., falls only in col. and closeness feather; 3, Devoy, smaller, neat all over, well put down; 4, Buglass. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Barron, clicking, cl., fine size, hot, even, col., rare qual. feather, neat, close, silky, nice type, fine girth and carr., in the pink; 2, Simpson, hard up for size, col., and qual., in rare order; 3, Crawshaw, nice size, hot, even, sound col., typical and well braced; 4, Taylor, thick set, finely built, stylish; 5, Robertson; 6, J. Taylor. HEN (4): 1, Gray, good col., nice feather and carr.; 2, Simpson, shorter in feather, better proportioned, we fancied for 1st; 3, Sheen, nice cl.; 4, Robertson. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Taylor, grand cl., topper for size and subs., plenty of type, rare qual., neat carr., wins well; 2, spl. Murray, good var., hard up for size, grand feather, neatly braced wings, closely folded tail; 3, spl. fine cl., grand qual., stylish, neat over all; 4, Barron, good cl., shade smaller, nicely mealed; 5, Braidwood; 6, Weir. HEN (7): 1, Weir, var., fine stamp, broad, chubby build, well filled throughout, clean cut, neat, finely staged; 2, Cuthbertson, grizzle top, well up for size, fine texture feather, neat carr. and style, not quite so chubby; 3, Martin, small cl., neat, shapely, in fine order; 4, Bisset; 5, Crawshaw; 6, Robertson. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Crawshaw, fine var., massive build, plenty subs., fine head, stout neck, grand body, well braced, neat, something to work on; 2, Morrison, tdk. yell., lovely even col., qual., nice head and neck, stout cobby body, good carr., runs well up; 3, 5, Martin, 2nd heavy var., good size, fine silky feather; 4, McGregor, good cl. yell.; 6, Murray. HEN (7): 1, Cuthbertson, nice size and weight, shapely, neatly coupled, proportionate, just trifle feather at thighs; 2, Morrison, short, cobby-bodied yell., rare feather, fine front, well braced, nicely put down; 3, Crawshaw, lovely qual., var., buff, heavy var. yell., grand size and qual.; 4, Stewart; 5, Enston. CREST (4): 1, Barron, heavy var., good subs., nice body, plenty top, well radiated, well staged. C.B. (1): Barron, good green, capital qual., feather, well domed, nice broad entrance. SKILL (8): 1, Campbell; 2, McGregor; 3, J. Taylor; 4, Allan; 5, Barron; 6, Smith.

THE YORKSHIRE SECTION.

Judge: Mr. R. Heggie.

CLR. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Park, rare length, top col., capital type and qual., well drawn, clean cut, in the pink; 2, Dykes, all there for type, fine even col., grand texture, lengthy, not just so beautifully rounded; 3, Cochrane, stylish, hot col., lengthy, well drawn and sleek, finely braced, just inclined to lift at front; 4, no name, typical exhibit, neat carriage; 5, Ferguson; 6, Macready. HEN (6): 1, 6, Dykes, leader grand length, fine qual. feather, neat carr.; 2, Macready, grand length, top qual., typical, very shapely, neat, stylish, must have pressed very hard; 3, 5, spl. Park, grand length, close feathered, level col.; 4, Ferguson. BUFF CK. CLR. OR TKD. (5): 1, 4, spl. Dykes, rare length, type, and qual., clean cut, well rounded, stylish, well braced, grand cond.; 2, spl. Cochrane, hotter col., lovely qual., very shapely, neat, grand col., fails in length only; 3, Park, grand length, fine even col., nice type and qual.; 5, Clark. HEN (7): 1, Macready, heavy, rare length, top qual., very shapely, well drawn, smooth as glass, nice win; 2, Dykes, lengthy, nice col., shapely, stylish; 3, Park, fine qual., nice type, very shapely, stylish, neatly braced; 4, no name, lengthy, fine type, rare feather; 5, Cochrane; 6,

Bond. VAR. CK. (5): 1, Dykes, yell., rare length, good col., very sleek and slim, clean cut, neat, stylish, in hard cond.; 2, Cochrane, red-hot yell., lovely qual., rare type, neatly braced wings; 3, 4, Park, 3rd similar type and build, neat and stylish; 5, Hilson. HEN (2): 1, Cochrane, yell., nice col. and type, clean cut, well drawn, steady; 2, Ferguson, good qual., buff. YELL. CK. 1915 (7): 1, 2, Dykes, grand cl., lengthy, typical, neat, fine power, well braced, clean cut; 2nd, spl. tight up for length, style, type, well drawn, lacks col. and qual. of leader; 3, Cochrane, very shapely, well drawn, nice style and pos.; 4, no name; 5, Ferguson; 6, Clark. BUFF (6): 1, spl. Dykes, real topper, capital length, lovely feather, neat body, well rounded, clean cut, wings and tail, without blemish; 2, 3, Mason, leader all there for type and qual., lengthy, shapely, well drawn, fails in col. only; 3rd good col., neat build, close feathered; 4, Macready, fine type, neat and stylish; 5, Cochrane; 6, Ferguson. HEN, 1915 (4): 1, 3, Dykes, fine length type, nice even col. and qual., neat, well drawn; 3rd, spl. good style, type, and qual., fails in staging and steadiness; 2, Cochrane, fine length, nice type, well drawn body; 4, Park. SELL. (4): 1, Mason; 2, Ferguson; 3, no name; 4, Sloan. COMMON (6): 1, McGregor; 2, Sandilands; 3, Campbell; 4, Perrie; 5, Kennedy; 6, Kerr.

THE HYBRIDS AND BRITISH.

Judge: Mr. J. Livingston.

CLR. OR VAR. MULE (6): 1, 2, Heggie, leader light mkd., grand col., top size, fine feather, steady, in the pink; 2nd, well known cl., A1 bloom, close up; 3, McQuiston, known face, var. Goldie, fine col., good size, perfect feather; 4, 6, Gilmour; 5, Perrie. DARK MULE (9): 1, McQuiston, well-known winner, in fighting form, massive jonque Goldfinch, rare subs. and grand col.; 2, P. Arnott, fine jonque Greenfinch, nice size and subs., grand feather, smooth as glass; 3, Crone, jonque Siskin, well known, good size, rich col., markings, steady; 4, Heggie, massive jonque Greenie, plenty subs., marked "rough while judging," hard lines, "real good exhibit"; 5, Hance; 6, Campbell. BULLF. HYB. (4): 1, 2, Crone, well-known Canary-Bullie, in grand trim, no comment needed; 2nd, Redpoll-Bullfinch, fine size, grand col. and subs., faultless cond.; 3, Macready, fine Goldie-Bullie; 4, Anderson, Twice cross. A.O. HYB.: 1, Heggie, fine example Greenf. Chaffinch, fine size, col., and markings, top feather, steady; 2, 3, Crone, Bramble-Chaffie and Gold-Greenfinch, lovely condition, perfect feather, rare blend of col., well mkd., very steady; 4, McQuiston, similar to 3rd, nice size, grand cond., perfect feather, nice col., barely so steady; 5, Anderson; 6, Blackley. SELL. (12): 1, 2, 3, no name; 4, Alexander; 5, McLean; 6, Melvin. GOLDF. H.M. (8): 1, 4, spl. Wallace, grand Finches, hard to beat, grand blaze, full of col., rich markings, well defined, neat tanning, pure cheeks, rich wings, deep yell. bars, finely buttoned, not a ruffle, worthy the honour; 2, Trotter, fine Finch, good col., nice square blaze, nice rich wings, well buttoned, steady; 3, spl. Crone, fine face, rich, distinct col. and markings, pressed hard; 5, Boag; 6, Watson. GOLDF. F.M. (10): 1, 4, Conkie and Loudon, leader nice size, rich markings, nice blaze, perfect feather, steady, not quite in full col. yet; 2, Clark, we liked, up in size and cond., better face, rich markings, steady; 3, Frame, nice col., falls cond. and steadiness; 5, McEwan; 6, Strachan. BULLF. (12): 1, McQuiston, rare coloured body, neat fitting cap, distinct wing bars, very steady; 2, Trotter, rather more subs., nice feather and markings, not in such sparkling trim; 3, Edwards, fine size, sweet tone and col., nice cap and wing bars; 4, Hardie Bros., shade smaller, fine col. and cond.; 5, Arnott; 6, Perrie. LINNET. H.M. (10): 1, 6, McQuiston, fine size, rare ground col., lavishly pencilled, steady; 2, no name, very steady, up in size, nice tone of col., well pencilled, close up; 3, Nelson, trifle smaller, but all there for col. and pencilling, well shown; 4, Naismith, small, great col., well pencilled, neat, steady, in rare order; 5, Wason. F.M. (12): 1, 2, 5, 6, Campbell, fine team, leader fine size, grand col., well pencilled, steady, well staged; 2nd smaller, grand col., perfect feather; 3, Davidson, very steady, nice even body col., well pencilled, plenty white on wings; 4, Nelson, smaller, good col., steady. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Connachie, good jonque Siskin, fine size, rich col. and markings, good cap, nice bib, perfect feather, very steady; 2, Nelson, good Twice, well coloured, neatly pencilled, steady; 3, Campbell, N.F. jonque Siskin, nice size, good markings, steady, will improve greatly with another moult; 4, Pollock, Twice, good size, rare feather; 5, Macready; 6, Steel. LESSER REDPOLL. H.M. (13): 1, Steel, heavy, grand size, col., nice bib, perfect feather; 2, Campbell, well up for size and cond., but lacks col.; 3, Wason, capital cond., steady, hard up on 2nd; 4, Wason, smaller, steady, well coloured, grandly laced; 5, Dixon; 6, no name. F.M. (13): 1, no name, topper, grand size, capital col., fine poll, well defined bib, topping feather and cond., very steady, in the pink; 2, Trotter, hard up for col. and markings, rare sheen, lacks subs. only; 3, no name, good all round, in rare order, pressed hard; 4, no name, small, steady, grand col.; 5, McQuiston; 6, no name. GREENF. H.M. (10): 1, Davidson, fine jonque, nice size, good subs., natural feather, rich deep level col., well polished, steady, perfect; 2, Wason, grandly fed jonque, right up for size, col., and feather, must have pressed very hard; 3, no name, fine col., perfect feather, lacks subs. only; 4, Sharp, smallish, N.F., in nice cond.; 5, Brown; 6, Alexander. F.M. (12): 1, 2, McLean, leader, jonque, good size and col., perfect feather, cobby, neat; 2nd trifle smaller, cond. perfect; 3, Connachie, very similar to 2nd, little to choose; 4, 6, Thomson, 4th just on the small side, but neat, perfect feather; 5, Hardy. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (2): 1, Morton, good Chaffinch, fine blaze, good col., perfect feather, well mkd., steady; 2, Perrie. YELLOW-HAMMER (4): 1, 2, Strachan, leader, good size, perfect feather, steady, well mkd., clear distinct headlines, nice build; 2nd well up in size, body col. and cond., fails in head points; 3, Watson, smaller, good cond., steady, also speckled on head; 4, Crone, we could not find. BULLF. HEN (12): 1, Mills, beauty, grand size, feather, lovely col., well furnished, fine expansive, neat fitting deep black cap, well defined wing bars, in the pink; 2, Cowan, good for col. markings, sound feather, steady, fails subs.; 3, 5, spl. Steel, quite up in size and cond., A1 feather, not quite the depth of col.; 4, McQuiston, trifle smaller, all there for col. and cond.; 6, Campbell. GREENF. OR BRAMBLE. HEN (15): Our reporters remarks on this class were made according to the numbers originally given in the catalogue. As these numbers were incorrect, we can only give the correct awards as revised by the secretary: 1, McQuiston; 2, Crawford; 3, Topping Bros.; vhc. Sharp; he. Strachan; c. Morton. A.O. SEED-EATING HEN (5): 1, Conkie and Loudon, nice Corn Bunting, fine size, well spotted, steady, perfect feather, nicely benched; 2, Campbell, good Yellow-hammer, rare cond.; 3, Erskine, good Hawfinch; 4, no name; 6, Crone. A.O.V. BUNTING OR FINCH (1): 1, Topping Bros., fine Corn Bunting, lovely cond., well mkd., steady. SOFTBUL. SMALL.

(2): 1, spl. McLean, grand Redstart, clicking col. and bloom; 2, Davidson, well known Bearded Tit, in perfect feather, without fault. A.B. LARGE (6): 1, Erskine, capital Hawfinch, in lovely bloom, fine size, grand col., well mkd., steady; 2, Crone, well-known Hawfinch, in faultless feather, presses hard; 3, spl. Anderson, fine Thrush, grand size and feather, evenly spotted, rich ground col., very steady; 4, Perrie; 5, Crawford; 6, Lindsay. SELL. (17): 1, 3, Sharp; 2, 5, Campbell; 4, Thomson; 6, Perrie. FOR. (11): Grand Class. Mr. P. Arnott's fine team accounting for all the tickets but 2nd. 1st, well-known Yellowwing Sugar-bird, leading, in perfect feather; 2, Lee Grand King Parrot, in rare cond., well shown; 3, Gold-fronted Honey-sucker, equally well known, needing no comment; 4, handsome pair Zosterops, as perfect as ever. Some fine specimens usually in the tickets had to stand down.

HUDDESFIELD O.S.

Monthly table show, held Nov. 29, at headquarters. 55 birds, all Yorkshire, Judge Mr. H. W. Walsh, Halifax. Special Best Bird, S. Radley; 2, Sykes. Yell. CK. (6): 1, 2, sp. F. Sykes; 2, 3, Cotton; vhc. c. Atkinson; he. Buttle and Coupland. Buff CK. (5): 1, S. Radley; 2, Smithies; 3, F. Sykes; vhc. Cox; he. Thorpe. Yell. Hen (6): 1, S. Radley; 2, Buttle and Coupland; 3, M. Radley; vhc. Smithies; he. F. Sykes; c. Thompson. Buff Hen (5): 1, F. Sykes; 2, S. Radley; 3, he. Atkinson; vhc. Townend. Unfig. CK. (10): 1, S. Radley; 2, 3, F. Sykes; vhc. Townend; he. Atkinson; c. M. Radley. Unfig. Hen (12): 1, sp. S. Radley; 2, Crowther; 3, F. Sykes; vhc. Townend; he. Smithies; c. Wood. Cinn. mkd. CK. (7): 1, Cox; 2, Wood; 3, Smithies; vhc. Buttle and Coupland; he. Thompson; c. Thorpe. Cinn. mkd. Hen (4): 1, vhc. Wood; 2, Buttle and Coupland; 3, Smithies.—A. Lawford, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' Show, Dec. 4; Judge, Mr. L. C. Casey. Class 1: 1, 3, Lingard; 2, Ormonroyd; 4, Hartley. Class 2: 1, Hartley; 2, Lingard; 3, 4, Ormonroyd. Class 3: 1, Hartley; 2, Lingard. Class 4: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, 3, Hartley. Class 5: 1, 2, Hartley. Class 6: 1, 2, Hartley. Class 7: 1, Ormonroyd. Class 8: 1, 2, Hartley. Novice Classes.—Class 9: 1, 2, Self. Class 10: 1, Self; 2, Fifth; 3, Oliver; 4, Coombs. Class 11: 1, Shackleton; 2, Oliver. Class 12: 1, 2, 4, Collins Bros.; 3, Self. Class 13: 1, Coombs. Class 14: 1, 2, 4, Collins Bros.; 3, Coombs. Class 15: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Fifth; 3, Oliver. Class 16: 1, Fifth; 2, 4, Sutcliffe; 3, Self. Class 17: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Oliver. Class 18: 1, 2, 4, Self; 3, Collins Bros.—A. W. Hartley Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Deciding show, Granby Hotel, Dec. 18. 43 birds were judged by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, of Bradford. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. CK.: 1, Ambler; 2, Sharpe; 3, Lumb; 4, Allatt. Buff: 1, Sharpe; 2, Allatt; 3, Sugden; 4, Farrar. Mkd. CK.: 1, 3, Sharpe; 2, Ambler; 4, Hoyle. Cl. or Tkd. Hen: 1, Sharpe; 2, Farrar; 3, Allatt. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Haggis; 2, Lumb; 3, Sharpe; 4, Ambler. Buff: 1, 2, Sharpe; 3, Haggis; 4, Allatt. Unfig. Yell. CK.: 1, Farrar; 2, Sharpe; 3, Lumb; 4, Hoyle. Buff: 1, Sugden; 2, Farrar; 3, Haggis; 4, Ambler. Hen: 1, Sharpe; 2, Sugden; 3, Hoyle. Sharpe 1st prize, 137 points; Allatt, 2nd, 145; Sugden, 3rd, 127; Farrar 4th, 89.—W. Jagger, Sec.

PENIGUIK O.S.

Show held in the "Carpet Bowling Room," Nov. 27. Entries showed an increase on last year's total, was well maintained. Mr. J. Hamilton judged, and gave general satisfaction. Border Fancy medal was won by Ketchen. Best Nor., Weir. Best Brit., Gilchrist. Scotch Fancy Yell.: 1, Stirling. Buff: 1, Ketchen. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Weir; 3, Smith. Buff: 1, Weir; 2, Smith. Bord. Fancy, Yell. CK.: 1, Stewart; 2, Ketchen; 3, Stirling; 4, 5, Weir; 7, Monteith. Hen: 1, 6, Ketchen; 2, Stirling; 3, Gilchrist; 4, Weir; 5, Smith; 7, Monteith. Buff CK.: 1, Weir; 2, Monteith; 3, 6, Stewart; 5, Howitt; 7, Bell. Hen: 1, 7, Stewart; 2, Ketchen; 3, Weir; 4, 5, Gilchrist; 6, Monteith. Var. CK.: 1, 2, 4, Stirling; 3, 7, Gilchrist; 5, Bell; 6, Ketchen. Hen: 1, Gilchrist; 2, Bell; 3, Stewart. Green or Cinn. CK.: 1, 3, Ketchen; 2, Smith. Nov. CK.: 1, 2, 5, 6, Stewart; 3, Smith; 4, Monteith; 7, Howitt. Hen: 1, 2, Bell; 3, Monteith; 4, Smith; 5, Monteith; 6, 7, Stewart. Brit. Hardbill: 1, Gilchrist; 2, 4, 6, 7, Weir; 3, Smith; 5, Stewart. Softbill: 1, Smith. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Gilchrist.—James Weir, Sec.

USHAW MOOR (Workmen's) C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Dec. 4, with very fair entry considering the poor breeding season. Mr. Thos. Dixon, of Bedlington, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Nor. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Briggs; 4, Foster. Hen: 1, 2, 3, 4, Briggs; 2, Scorer. 1915: 1, Foster; 2, 3, 4, Briggs. Yell.: 1, Stones; 2, Farrow; 3, Whyatt; 4, Stones. Buff: 1, 2, Stones; 3, Farrow; 4, Whyatt. Crest: 1, Scorer; 2, Blake; 3, 4, Stones. C.B.: 1, Scorer; 2, 3, Stones; 4, Morton. Bord. Yell.: 1, Stones; 2, Briggs; 3, Blake; 4, Foster. Buff: 1, Briggs; 2, Stones; 3, Walker; 4, Morton. Pairs for breeding: 1, 2, Briggs; 3, Scorer; 4, Farrow. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Scorer; 2, Foster. SELL. 7/6: 1, Briggs. 10/-: 1, Briggs; 2, Scorer. Mule: 1, Farrow; 2, Foster; 3, Whyatt. F.M. Linnet: 1, 3, Foster; 2, Walker; 4, Farrow. H.M.: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Farrow; 4, Whyatt. Greenf.: 1, Foster; 2, Briggs; 3, Blake. Siskin, etc.: 1, Foster; 2, Blake; 3, Saunders; 4, Farrow. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, 2, Foster; 3, Blake; 4, Saunders.—H. Briggs, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual members' cup show, headquarters, when close on 100 birds faced the judges, Mr. S. N. Taylor and W. G. Andrews, the former taking the Nor., and the latter the Yorks, Brit. and Mules. The spl. best in show and best Nor. went to J. Gibbons; for most entries and best Yorks, to Messrs. Gibbons and Weekes; for best and second best nov. to Miss E. Cullwick; and spl. for a member not having yet won a spl. to F. J. Weaver. The members' cup was won outright by J. Gibbons. Points as follows: J. Gibbons, 71; J. A. Yonks, 64; Gough and Loach, 60; F. Bendall, 43; Miss Cullwick, 41; F. J. Weaver, 41; J. Weekes, 39; J. Hampton, 32; E. Hall, 31. Nor. Cl.: 1, Gough and Loach; 2, spl. Miss Cullwick; 3, Weaver. Mkd.: 1, Hampton; 2, he. Byles; 3, vhc. Weaver; he. Evans. Unfig. Yell.: 1, 2, Gough and Loach; 3, vhc. Bendall; he. Weaver; c. Evans. Buff: 1, vhc. Gough and Loach; 2, 3, Hughes; he. Hampton; c. Bendall. Hen: 1, spl. Miss Cullwick; 2, Gough and Loach; 3, Evans; vhc. Hughes; he. Weaver. Yorks. CK.: 1, 2, Gibbons and Weekes; 3, Trusselle. Mkd.: 1, spl. 2, Gibbons and Weekes; 3, Miss Cullwick. Hen: 1, 3, Gibbons and Weekes; 2, Trusselle. Unfig. CK.: 1, Gibbons and Weekes; 2, Miss Cullwick; 3, Trusselle. Hen: 1, 2, 3, vhc. Gibbons and Weekes. A.O. Can.: 1, spl. 2, Weaver; 3, Bendall. Goldf. Mule, etc.: 1, 2, 3, Tonks. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, 3, Tonks. Linnet or Greenf.: 1, spl. 2, Hepwood; 3, vhc. Bendall. Redpoll, etc.: 1, 2, 3, Tonks. A.O. Brit.: 1, Hepwood; 2, Tonks. SELL. 12s. 6d.: 1, Hampton; 2, Gough and Loach.—J. Gibbons, Press Correspondent.

Queries Answered

(FOR RULES SEE LAST WEEK.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

F. J. L., F. L., R.C.B., and C. H.—Replied to by Post.

YORKSHIRE NOT SINGING. (F. Ford).—Certainly, Yorkshires are, as a rule, quite free singers of an uneducated type of song, but, as with all other breeds, it is quite possible to find one now and again that does "more thinking than singing." There is a possibility that the bird is a hen, and you would do well to make yourself quite sure on this point before the breeding season commences, and thus spare yourself possible disappointment. If it is really a cock, the following should very soon bring it out if it is ever likely to be much good as a singer. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts niger, white millet, teazle and linseed, and on these days give also a morsel of banana, sweet apple, or watercress, provided you can get the latter in a fit condition to use. In the drinking water every second day for a week add 20 drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. Omit the latter in the second week, and give it again as before during the third week.

SEEMS VICIOUS (Pimp).—The peculiar behaviour of the bird which you describe is simply indicative of a tame bird courting familiarity from you, and I do not think there is anything else wrong with it. The looseness of feather may be more apparent than real, as many birds when thus familiar puff out their plumage a good deal in their efforts to attract attention. Anyway, you may try the treatment advised to "F. Ford" in this issue for a few weeks, but in your case you may add to the sponge cake two drops of cod liver oil emulsion as well as the sherry, and after giving the salts mixture in the water for one week, go on at once and give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. The second week's course with the salts mixture you will omit altogether. If the bird is not quite as well as you would wish, in, say a month, write again, repeating particulars, and I will advise you further, if necessary.

A SNEEZING HABIT (Novice, Norwich).—Really, the best remedy for Canaries that have got into the habit of sneezing is to hustle around and discover the cause and remove it, when the effect will soon remedy itself. Here are the most frequent causes: Cold, direct draughts, which may be only occasional, or constant; sudden extremes of heat and cold, the sneezing developing after the onset of a cold spell; hanging birds in windows, where the fluctuations are generally extreme, and draughts common; hanging near or over burning lights in the evenings, or high up near the ceiling where the air is foul and vitiated, or in a dusty atmosphere. See that any or all of these causes are removed, and then you may treat the birds the same as advised to "F. Ford" in this issue, but instead of giving the medicine advised in that reply give four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight. You may also with advantage add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the sponge cake mixture in addition to the other items named in that reply.

HOW TO MATE (Miss A. Muschamp).—As you mention having only one pair of birds and two double breeding cages, and yet ask if you could keep two hens in one cage, I take it you mean getting a second hen. If this is so, you would find it more convenient to adopt the following plan of mating the birds: Place a hen in each breeder, and you may leave the slide out so that the hen can have the advantage of the whole cage for exercise from now until time to mate, about the beginning of April. Keep the cock in a cage by himself. A moderate-sized singing cage will do for him. Then, about the end of March, if the birds are in good condition and the hens jumping excitedly from perch to perch, calling to the cock, and clapping their wings, and the cock in good vigorous song, you may start mating by putting in the slide and limiting the hen to one compartment of the breeding cage, and place the cock in the other. Keep them thus until you find the cock singing violently to the hen through the wires at bottom of the centre which divides one compartment from the other, and calling the hen to these wires and feeding her. Then you may put a nest pan in the hen's compartment and remove the slide and allow the cock to run in with her. A few days later, if you see them busy in and out of the nest pan you may offer a nest bag, and leave them as much as possible to their own designs from this stage. As soon as the hen has laid her clutch of eggs and commenced to sit, remove the cock and repeat the process with the second hen. When No. 2 commences to sit, remove cock, and cage him alone again until No. 1 is again ready for him for the second brood. Both hens will be left to hatch out and rear the young by themselves, which they will do just as well as if the cock were left in permanently. For more precise details, you should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d. post free.

GROWTH ON BEAK (Stone Fox).—The substance sent is an adventitious growth of sebaceous matter, which might have commenced as the result of some slight injury, or from natural causes. Such growths are not very uncommon about the head and beak in old birds, and will sometimes disappear, as this might have done, as the result of the bird rubbing or scratching them off when they have reached a certain stage. The bird does not need any special treatment, unless the hole left in beak looks sore, when you may anoint it sparingly daily for a week or so with boracic ointment or Lanocynlin. The hole will gradually disappear and the beak assume a normal shape. There is no reason why you should not breed with the bird in the coming season, if it is in good health and condition.

AILING NORWICH COCK (D. W.).—You to have given full particulars about the appearance and symptoms shown by the bird. In the absence of these I cannot advise you so well as I might have done. Keep it in a fairly equable and warm place, free from direct draughts, and bright and healthful. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of

cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet and teazle. In the water add every second day for a week six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. If not quite well in that time write again giving full particulars, and I will advise you further.

DIARRHŒA AND DUAL MATING (Crest).—(1) In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, maw, teazle and broken groats every third day, once a week on the intervening days give a similar quantity of crushed dry arrowroot biscuit, and on each of the remaining days give a morsel of banana or raw carrot. To check the loss of feathers add to the drinking water six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and a crystal of sulphate of iron as big as a split pea every third day for two or three weeks. If this does not succeed in preventing the continual loss I am afraid there must be some obscure cause at work which you have not yet discovered or mentioned. Anyway, you may report result of this course in, say, a month. Only time can show whether the feathers of the one bird's neck will be reproduced. Well mix 12 drops of glacial acetic acid in a teaspoonful of glycerine, and slightly moisten the bare skin with this once a week for a month. (2) If you mate a Roller cock with two hens, removing him when each hen begins to sit, and keep him caged alone when not engaged with either hen, leaving the hens to hatch out and rear the young by themselves, there will not be the slightest risk of injuring the cock from overwork. The quality of the chicks will not suffer in the least on account of this dual mating.

GONE WHEEZY (H. T. Croydon).—Probably the bird was not a suitable subject to keep in an outdoor aviary, or, possibly, it had not a proper sleeping quarter, where it could roost without being exposed to the weather. Only birds that have been bred and reared under normal conditions of temperature should be selected for keeping in outdoor aviaries. Keep the bird now in a fairly warm place, which need not be overheated, but must be fairly equable and free from direct draughts, or sudden extremes of heat and cold. Do not hang it near or over burning lights in the evenings, or high up near the ceiling. In addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give first a morsel of banana, and next half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle and broken groats. In the drinking water add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea every second day. If the feathers have ceased dropping at the end of a fortnight, stop the iron mixture, and give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for another fortnight. You should not be feeding him up with egg and biscuit for breeding yet. In fact, it is useless thinking of breeding with him at all, until he is in a very different condition.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

TREATMENT OF CHAFFINCH (C. E. Green).—I am rather surprised to hear your bird refuses to sing, although in the nest of health. I would advise you to cage him up separately and make a slight change in his diet. The following should suit him. As a staple food give this seed mixture: Canary and teazle 4 parts each, rape two parts, and linseed 1 part. Give sunflower seed daily. Offer occasionally some smashed nuts, walnuts, or other nuts as a special tit bit. Just a little hemp, say once a week. Let him have a mealworm or two daily, and as the spring advances offer small caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, spiders, greenfly, etc. Greenfood should also be given, such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, and others. Take a handful of radish, turnip, and rape seeds, and keep moist in a warm corner until it commences to germinate, then cut out a square inch daily, they are particularly fond of this.

CANARY-CHAFFINCH HYBRIDS (Constant Reader).—I am glad to hear you intend to try for the above hybrid. We offered a medal for anyone who could produce a hybrid that had not previously been bred; and the Canary-Chaffinch comes under this heading. I do not know that I can give you any particulars that would help you excepting (and I think this is very important) to feed the Chaffinch as near to nature as you possibly can, and give it plenty of exercise and facilities for bathing. The difficulty is in getting fertile eggs. I have known of several cases of pairing, and of eggs being laid. Of course this is the chief difficulty in all rare hybrid breeding, therefore you can understand that the birds must be in perfect health and in high breeding condition.

THRUSH NOT SINGING (Song Thrush).—You need not despair about your Thrush not singing just yet, as some birds are more backward than others. He certainly should be a singer, considering the price you paid for him. You do not say how you are feeding him, and this is important, as it is necessary to give him good treatment to get the best out of him. He should have a good-sized cage, one about 30 inches in length, and be given a bath on all suitable occasions. Give it early in the morning so that he and his cage are quite dry before roosting time. I would advise you to feed him just now on a good brand of insecticide mixture made slightly damp with scraped raw carrot or boiled potato. He should also have mealworms, beetles, spiders, or any live food you can get hold of, also any fruit, such as apple, banana, etc. If you are interested in these birds and would like to know the proper way to manage them, you had better get one of our Nuthatch booklets, No. 4 on the Thrush and Blackbird. It tells you all about them much more than I can in these answers.

BULLFINCH LOSING FEATHERS (C. R. T. Hutchings).—Yours is a cock Bullfinch, and should of course sing in the spring and summer, but the Bullfinch song is not a noisy production, it is best described as a soft piping note. If you have carefully examined him for red mite and lice by taking him in the hand and blowing up the feathers under the wings and lower part of the body, I am afraid your feeding is at fault, and you are not giving him enough fruit and greenfood. Dissolve as much glauca salt as will cover a

sixpence in two tablespoonsful of water and give for one day only and repeat two days later. Supply soaked seeds and a little soft food twice a week, not both on the same day, and give a piece of apple daily. Just wet the bare place occasionally with fresh lemon juice.

BREEDING LINNET-CANARY HYBRIDS (F. H. Puck).—You should be able to utilize your breeding cage for the pair of birds intended for Mule breeding. I have bred Linnet-Canary Hybrids in quite a small cage, although a large one is much to be preferred, the birds get fat and lazy in a small one, and seldom feed the young so well as they do in the others. (2) I do not use the method you suggest to sex Canaries; you cannot do better than rely on general appearance, colour, and shape of the vent. (3) The seed sent is not the usual small summer rape, but it is a capital sample of rape, beautifully sweet and mild, and I should think the bird would eat it readily.

LINNET MULE FRIGHTENED (Doubtful).—It appears to me that your bird has never been properly steady or perhaps your cage is too small for him, and he is unable to take exercise unless he dashes about. I expect he has injured his foot at some time or other, and you had better examine it, and if swollen bathe it in warm water (not hot) first dissolving a teaspoonful of boracic powder in it. Do this carefully and get someone to clean the cage and perches while you are operating.

BREEDING IN AN AVIARY (Ortsac).—You will have to supply plenty of nesting material, such as moss, cow-hair, a little wool, and feathers, also short lengths of grass and fine roots. Fix up boxes, small flower pots half filled with earth and moss, and old wild birds' nests, any kind will do, place them in odd corners and twist some heather and furze round them, to partly conceal them from observers. In addition to the usual seeds, you will have to give soaked seeds, and all kinds of wild food, such as seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, etc. Put in good big bunches every day when they are nesting. They should also have some kind of soft food, and I do not think you can do better than use a good brand of insecticide mixture as used for Warblers. Watch these replies for the next few months, you may be able to apply some of the information given to suit your own birds.

TREATMENT OF LINNETS (C. H.).—I cannot do better than advise you to get the small Nuthatch Booklet on the Linnet, No. 2, post free 3d. from this office. It gives you all the information about feeding, and a good deal also about caging and general treatment. The stock mixture is canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. Particulars about other foods to give them you will find in the little book. For your birds in the outside aviary add 1 pint of hemp seed to the above mixture, but reduce the quantity somewhat during the summer months.

LARK FOOD (Kral).—Thanks for sending me the sample of your Lark food. There is no doubt the recipe given makes a splendid food, good enough for almost any softbill. I must congratulate you upon the careful way in which you have made it, it comes out splendidly. If you add crushed hemp to it, crush it fresh daily, you can moisten it as you suggest, and occasionally do so with a little warm milk. Glad to hear our advice has been useful to you.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

CRIMSON-CRESTED CARDINAL WITH COLD (E.T.S.A.).—Get the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts, and put half a teaspoonful of this mixture in the drinking water (one ounce should suffice) daily until the cold yields. Add any kind of ripe fruit it will eat to its "bill of fare." The cold should yield to the treatment in its present quarters, and it will be better not to change these if it can be avoided. However, if the cold should prove obstinate, then you must remove the bird to a warm room, and keep it there till spring is well advanced; of course, treating it as above. Only a glass or china drinker must be used when giving drugs.

TO HASTEN A MOULT (B. J.).—An abnormal moult is sometimes produced by changing the bird suddenly from cold to warm treatment, or vice-versa, but I cannot advise this, as the bird may be affected adversely thereby. Commence with the tail and draw the stumps, say, two at a time, at intervals of several days. The feathers should then be reproduced in the course of a month, or a little longer. After the tail has been so treated you can proceed with the wings in a similar manner, but you must go carefully, as it by no means follows that because it has remained at liberty with poultry for some months it will continue to do so when the power of flight returns. Apart from one of these methods, the latter for preference, you must await the ordinary course of the moult. A bird often experiences difficulty in shedding the stumps of cut feathers, and often requires to have the stumps removed as above, and I really advise this course.

FOREIGN SEED-EATERS (Foxe).—The wires of most Canary cages are half-inch apart, and this would suffice to contain most foreign hardbills, and would mostly confine the small Waxbills, unless the wire got bent, though wires 3-in. apart are better for the Waxbills. In your uncaged Canary cages you could keep such as: Silverbills, Bengalese, Bib Finches, Zebra Finches, Cuthroats, Spice Birds, Bronze-wing Mannikins, Cordon Bleus, Alario Finch, Cuban Finch, Gouldian Finch, Long-tailed Grass Finch, and Saffron Finch. You could also keep hatcher Weavers (Bishops) for the sake of their lovely plumage, such as Grenadier, Scarlet, Orange, Napoleon, etc. These all live on seed, but need a few mealworms at moulting time, or one or two per diem regularly. Re your Javas, the canary and millet will suffice. Keep a small quantity of paddy rice by you and give a little twice a week as change. Give them an occasional millet spray for the purpose. When they do nest, most will take a little of some good soft food mixture, but they mainly rear their young on seed and green food. When I kept them in cages (very many years ago) they used to be pretty keen after seeding and flowering grass, and also to pick over other garden weeds.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (Mixed Birds).—I am pleased to note you have an outdoor aviary, but cannot advise the inclusion of Budgerigars with Finches. It is far better to make it either a Finch or Parakeet aviary. With such British species as you wish to keep, you could keep Zebra, Alario, Green Singing, Bib, Ribbon, and Long-tailed Grass Finches, Silverbills, Bengalese, Spice Birds, Bronze Mannikins, and, say, three hatcher Weavers (Orange, Napoleon, and Madagascar), a pair of Red-billed Weavers, and an odd cock Red-crested Cardinal, which would give nice variety and some good colour. I should advise you to remove the rock plants and

mosses (saxifrages, I expect), and plant coarse grasses, an evergreen, and one or two bushy privet plants of the evergreen variety. Yes, a cock Green will mate with a hen Yellow Budgerigar. Their progeny, however, would be Green, with the exception of an odd Yellow bird turning up at intervals. But, I repeat, you must not put Budgerigars with Finches. The risk (a real one) must be your own. Sooner or later disaster comes, though you may enjoy immunity for quite a period. Moreover, they would soon eat up all the plant life in the aviary.

PARALYZED BUDGERIGAR (Betty).—Leave her the cuttlebone and weed to amuse herself with, also the young Budgie, and you must just let her live her little life in her own way under the circumstances, giving her relief whenever egg-binding occurs. If the bird were mine I should consider it kinder to painlessly destroy it than to leave it in this semi-crippled condition, even though apparently happy. Of course, if a matter of sentiment stands in the way, there is no actual cruelty unless her condition becomes more acute. As regards palliative measures, I can add nothing to my previous reply.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

"John Smith," Everton.—Your letter is libellous, and we cannot see our way to publish it.

Anxious Reader.—Please see our rule as to names and addresses of correspondents. In any case, the secretary of the show in question should be able to answer your questions.

A. Jenkins.—The matter of which you write concerns the societies which held the shows, and if you have grounds of protest you should communicate them to the committees. Questions of the nature you send cannot be answered in our columns.

Rook or Crow? (W. Stewart).—Strictly speaking, the word "Crow" applies to a large family of birds, including the Rook, Chough, Jay, Nutcracker, Magpie, Raven, and many foreign birds (a Bird of Paradise, for instance, is a Crow). As generally understood, however, especially in an argument such as yours, which we may say is continually cropping up as an old friend, the word "Crow" means either the Black (Carion) Crow or the Grey (Hooded) Crow, while the Rook is the familiar bird which is seen in flocks over the whole of our country. The Rook, unless it be a very young bird, may be easily distinguished, not only by its gregarious habit, but by the bare skin in front of its eyes. This is visible from a considerable distance. You will see, therefore, that while a Rook is a Crow, a Crow is not a Rook. The answer to your second question is "No."

WALLSEND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

General meeting Station Hotel, Jan. 12. Mr. L. Simpson presided over a good attendance. Election of officers: President, Col. E. R. Pinkney, mentioned in Sir John French's recent despatches; Vice-Presidents, left over for Sec. to get as many as possible; Chairman, Mr. J. Heslop; Vice-Chairman, L. Simpson; Committee, Messrs. Wilson, Craig, Scott, Masterman, W. Studholme, Johnston, Couchman, Hymers, Grealey, R. Studholme, Baker, Fleck, White, Muse, Messenger, Parker; Auditors, L. Simpson, W. Stephenson; Sec. and Treas., Geo. Greenwell, 17, George-st., Wallsend. New members elected: Messrs. T. Davison, Hiron, Smith, R. Bertram, A. Montgomery, Havis. Fanciers wishing to join may come to next meeting, or send their names to me; 1/- nom. and 2/6 sub. Rules for the year were drawn up, and we will take any member a month before annual show. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to our landlady for use of room.—G. Greenwell.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual general meeting, January 8, Plummet Hotel, Mr. H. Lord presiding over a good attendance. Sec. presented bal. sheet, which proved satisfactory, seeing a small profit had been made on the year's working, apart from the sum £3 10/- handed over to local Soldiers' Comforts Fund, and was adopted. Vote of thanks passed to officers and committee for work during year. Election of officers: Pres., Mr. D. A. Macpherson; vice-pres., Messrs. J. Robertson, S. Haigh, W. Speak; sub-committee, F. Burdick, R. E. Helliwell, J. Mottram, W. H. Bull, H. Clegg, T. Pilling, P. Child; auditors, J. Mottram, M. I. Sharpe; trustees, T. Pilling, J. Mottram; steward, N. Scrutton; assist. sec., H. Lord; sec., J. J. Dunn. Resolved that annual open show be held Nov. 17 and 18 (other societies please note), and that same be entered in CAGE BIRDS guaranteed list as before. The committee wish to thank all who assisted during the year.—J. J. Dunn, Sec., 67, Hartley-st., Battinson-rd.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Meeting and Night Show, Jan. 19. Nor., Buff (ex. unfig.). Open: 1, 2, 3, Claypole and Crane, Nov.; 1, Brooks; 2, 3, Steel; vhc. H. Yates, Redpoll, 11.M.; 1, 2, Brooks; 3, Hardbatt.—J. Hardbatt, Sec.

FIFE C.B.L.

Annual meeting of above League, Masonic Arms, Jan. 22, with a poor turn-out of delegates. Mr. Smith presided. Balance-sheet was passed. Owing to the crisis in the country it was decided to hold the League meetings every 3 months. Sec. to post-card all C.B. Secs. in the League one week before meeting. Officials for the incoming year: Pres., Mr. Smith; Vice-Pres., Mr. A. Storrar and A. Baxter; Sec., Mr. Sneddon. Points for the past season: Lochgelly (cup winners), 427; Coatdown and Wemyss, 255; Dunfermline, 155; Buckhaven, 138; Cowdenbeath, 50. Next meeting last Sat. in April, in Dunfermline.—J. Sneddon, Sec.

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Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 6. Annual meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers.—C. F. Tapson.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Feb. 1, St. Thomas Old Schoolroom (entrance Chapel Street), 8. Arrangements for table shows; new members.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne C.B.S.—Feb. 1, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Division of specials and prizes.—J. Whitehead.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Local fanciers earnestly invited.—Geo. Havver.

Blacknave C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Crown Hotel, 6.30. Members' show for Norwich, Yorks, and Bord. hens; also British. Contributions due. New members invited.—G. Broome.

Bootle C.B.S.—Feb. 1, St. Andrew's Hall, 8. Annual general meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers, etc.—A. E. Huyton.

Bowling B.F.A.—Feb. 12, Barley Mow Hotel, 4.30. Knife and fork tea and prize distribution, also prize distribution for Laisterdyke, Bowling and Tong Amalgamation. Tickets from any member or from J. Nicholl, 327, Bowling Hall Road, Bradford.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Feb. 1, Park Hotel, 7.30.—H. Wanling.

Burton-on-Trent.—Feb. 1, New Inn, 8. Table show; pairs matched for breeding.—A. Wood.

Bulwell F.A.—Jan. 29, Red Lion Hotel, Coventry Road, Bulwell, 8. Balance-sheet for 1915 and election of officers for 1916.—L. Mellor.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 1, Park Chapel Schoolrooms, 8. Annual general meeting. Election of officers, etc.—J. Spencer.

Blyth C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Allison's Barber Shop, 7.30; important business and election of officers.—Henderson.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Lamb Hotel, 8. Table show. Crests and Yorkshires. Judge, Mr. Hiles.—A. S. Treasure.

Chorley C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Important business.—J. H. Welch.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Sydenham Palace, 8. Balance-sheet and table show. Nor. Cl. Tkd. or Uneven. Yell. Cock; ditto Unflg.—F. A. Green.

Croydon F.A.—Feb. 2, Ruskin House, W. Croydon, 7.30. Pair show and lecture. Fanciers welcome.—F. B. Roberts.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—A. C. Shirley.

East Ham C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Town Hall, 8. Annual general meeting; balance-sheet for 1915; election of officers; prize money distributed for inter-club show.—F. Onslow.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Feb. 3, Riego Street Hall, 8. New members wishing to be enrolled can get particulars at above hall, or of—E. Grant, 40, Broughton Road.

Edinburgh Norwich and Mule Breeders' Society.—Feb. 3, 142, High Street, 8. Business, general; intending members welcome.—J. Stormont.

Guisely Veodon C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Regent Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—W. Rose.

Hanley C.B.S.—Feb. 5, 28, Mayer Street, Hanley, 3. Prize money paid; cups, shield and specials.—C. Beckett.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Nightingale Hotel, 8. Pair show.—P. Brooks.

Halifax C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Annual general meeting and election of officers.—A. Sutcliffe.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 31, headquarters, 7.30. Classification for next table show, judge, and other business.—A. Lawford.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Intending members please attend if you wish the show to continue. Election of officers, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Idle C.B.A.—Feb. 2, Springfield Hotel, 7. Selecting next season's show dates and judges, to be followed by a social evening and distribution of prizes. Fanciers welcome.—J. Chippindale.

Ilkerton C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Nag's Head, South Street, 7. Very important.—Geo. Siddown.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 5, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 5.30. Table show. Lesser Redpoll and Goldf. cocks, and Greenf. hen. Mr. Randall's special. Judging starts at 6. T. J. McGregor.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Jan. 29, Griffin Hotel, 2. Members' contest; annual meeting; election of officers; selection of delegates to attend meeting re Fed.—H. Best.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Annual general meeting. Balance-sheet, election of officers.—H. Hoyle.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 2, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, 7.30. Classification for members' shows, judges, etc.; also date for presentation of prizes, and other important business.—L. Hodgson, jun.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 1, White Swan, 7.30. Table show. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck., Mkd. or Var. Yell. Ck. (old birds). Pair class Double Buff, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite.—Day and Roberts.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Fare and Pleasant, High Street, 8. A.V. Nor. Yell. Hen (except unflg.), ditto buff.—J. Hardcastle.

Northern British M.F.B.C.—Jan. 29, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Table show. Linnet, Goldf., or Buff., Greenf., A.O.V., all F.M. Fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Balance-sheet and auditors' report. Discussion on Mr. Cooper's cup special. Ticket money for amalgamation show; new members and friends invited.—A. Colley.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. Annual meeting; question of future meetings; important. Election of officers.—J. W. Reed.

Nelson Colne.—Feb. 1, 117, Every Street, 8. General, etc.—D. Watts.

Northern Border F.C.C.—Feb. 2, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, 7. Nomination of officers; selection of medals, etc.—C. Farrer.

New Cross C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Salisbury Hotel, Clock Tower, Lewisham. Pair show, open 8. Entries received evening of show. Birds staged by 7 o'clock; fee, 6d. per cage. Fanciers invited.—Burton Bros.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Jan. 29, headquarters, Annual meeting. Election of officers.—A. Percival.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Granby Hotel, Members' show. Judge, Mr. A. Jowett. Birds staged at 3. Feb. 3, Granby Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—W. Jagger.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 7.30. Roller singing contest. Judge, Mr. Wareing, Tootingdon.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—Wednes. day (date not stated.—Ed.), Palmer Hall. Pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Rob-

son. Birds to be at hall by 6.30. Members please make a large entry. Entries to be made at hall.—O. C. Smith.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Mail Coach, 7. Fixing date for pair show, and other special business.—W. Wilshaw.

Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.—Jan. 31, St. John's Hall, Richmond, 8. Arrange for pair show. General business. Present cups to winners.—Geo. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General meeting. Business important.—J. W. Jackson.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 2, Victoria Hotel, 7. Members' specials paid to winners. Nomination of officers for 1916; subs. due.—Long and Craven.

Sheffield O.S.—Feb. 1, new headquarters, Rotherham House, Exchange Street, 8. Table show. Champ. Yorks, Ch. Norwich, Nov. Yorks, Nov. Norwich Crest or Crestbred, Anat. For., Amat. Brit. Prizes, 3s., 2s., 1s. per class. 3d. entry fee. Judge, Mr. Clegg.—E. C. Job. Sec.

Scottish Red Cross Show.—Jan. 31, Central Halls, 25, Bath Street, 7.30. General meeting. Financial statement.—R. Haggie.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 29, Station Street Cafe, 7.30. Prize money paid. All ticket money. Proposition for pair show. Arrangements for annual meeting.—J. Peacock.

South Shields.—Jan. 29. Annual pair show; birds staged at 3. J. Johnson, judge.—W. L. Smith.

Southend C.B.S.—Feb. 2, 5, Priory Avenue, 8. Arrangements for pair show.—Deer and Cundy.

Skemanthorpe C.B.A.—Feb. 1, Liberal Club, 8.—W. Everett.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Pair show. Prizes, 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., 1s. 6d. Also judging competition.—A. Hobson.

Southampton C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Waterloo Hotel, 7.30. Mr. Maidment's proposition re show entry fees. Bird washing exhibition by Mr. G. Gamble, Winchester.—W. L. Page.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Wharf Hotel. Pair show. Birds staged 7. Judge, Mr. S. Haigh, Halifax.—G. Mitchell.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Commercial Hotel, 6.30. Special meeting; important business to discuss.—W. Cresswell.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Ivy Bush Hotel, Handsworth. New headquarters, 8. Balance-sheet; arrangements for shows during 1916.—W. G. Andrews.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Feb. 5, Ship Inn Hotel, 6.30. Arrangements for table shows, election of new Sec., etc. Members note, meeting for February will be at the new headquarters—one of the best clubrooms in the town.—C. Humphreys.

Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 29, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 5. Monthly business and table show.—J. Sherwood.

ALTRINCHAM (Open) C.B.S.

The members have adopted a scheme for periodically visiting each member's bird room. Decided to appoint four rooms to be visited at the meetings, representing the Yorks., Nor., Bord., and Brit. fanciers, respectively, and the most convenient time for visiting to be made known. It is hoped that all will benefit by the advice and suggestions given.—C. Bailey, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual General Meeting, January 1, Lockhart's, Briggate. Officers elected: President, Mr. W. Hall; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Hattersley and W. Greenwood; treas., E. Norton; assist. sec., A. G. Rhodes, sec., J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Barley Hill, Leeds; committee; chair, Mr. H. J. Mennard, Messrs. J. Owen, G. Yelland, J. Livingstone, W. A. Wilson, T. Baldwin, H. Simms, J. Sykes, C. E. Hall, W. Waind, R. Haigh, E. Reed, and R. Watkinson. Sec. was sorry to receive the resignation of three members who were temporarily leaving the Fancy.—E. Norton.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Annual General Meeting, Railway Hotel, Jan. 5, poor attendance. Balance-sheet for 1915 and for open show adopted. Officers for 1916: Pres., Mr. J. L. Turner; vice-pres., Sir W. F. B. Priestley, M.P., Mr. W. H. Boldy, Messrs. Hammond's Brewery Ltd.; chairman and treas., Mr. Geo. Pownall; vice-chair, Mr. F. S. Foster; trustees, Messrs. E. Padgett and W. B. Swaine; auditors, Messrs. A. Varley and E. Padgett; sec., L. Hodgson, jun., 586, Rooley Lane, Bld.; delegates to Union, Messrs. W. H. Symes and L. Hodgson, jun.; committee, all members. Meetings are held first Wed. in each month; more members wanted.—L. Hodgson, jun., Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

General Meeting, Jan. 13, at Trinity Schools, Beresford St., Woolwich, Mr. Newnham in chair. Mr. Skinner, of Stratford, was appointed to judge pair show, Feb. 10, the society giving special for best pair shown. Mr. Laibury, of Manor Park, presented the society with 50 leaflets on Canary management, for which he was heartily thanked. Decided to invite all fanciers free to pair show, also that 6d. per cage be entry fee, 1d. deducted.—Geo. H. Maclellan, Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Annual Meeting, Star Inn, Jan. 11, Mr. Hargreaves in the chair, good attendance. Officers elected for 1916: Pres., Mr. Hargreaves; treas., Mr. Eastwood; sec., Mr. Chadwick; assist. sec., Mr. Hines. Bal.-sheet shows a better balance in hand than last year. Pleased to make new members as we have a few champions who are always willing to help the novice. Particulars from me at any time. Terms 4s. a year. Lecture on breeding, Jan. 25, at 7.30; novices welcome.—R. Hines, Assist. Sec., 15, Thomas St.

S. OF SCOTLAND C.B.A.

Annual meeting, Mr. W. Crosbie presiding. Secretaries gave report of the season's work. The annual show was very successful, though many of the members of the Society are serving with the colours, and the entries were slightly less than last year. Treasurer intimated he had a balance of £5 15s. to hand over to the war funds, which the members agreed to allocate as follows: Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, Dumfriesshire branch, £1; Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, Dumfriesshire branch, £1 12s.; Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, Kirkcudbrightshire branch, £1 1s.; Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, Wigtownshire branch, £1 1s.; Serbian Fund, £1 1s. Office-bearers for 1916 elected: Hon. President, R. Patlie; President, W. Crosbie; Vice-President, F. Palling; Secretary, W. Erskine, 6, Loreburn Street, Dumfries, and J. Creebie; Treasurer, A. Doyle; Committee: Messrs. W. Edgar, R. Lawson, T. McCreddie, T. Hannah, J. Power, W. Topping, A. McIlm, J. Dickson, R. Buchanan, J. B. Richardson, James McNeill.

Many Club Reports unavoidably held over.—Ed. C.B.

AUDLEY ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting, Jan. 1, Mr. A. Dean chair. Mr. Councillor Warham elected President. An honorarium was presented to Mr. G. Cross in recognition of valuable services as secretary since formation of club. By request he again holds office. Mr. J. Tomlinson, Newcastle, President since formation of club, has found it necessary, on account of other matters connected with the hobby, to resign. He was elected Vice-President, and, as a mark of esteem, was presented by the Rev. Pugh, on behalf of his fellow members, with a handsome suitably inscribed silver-mounted ebony walking stick. Voices of thanks passed to the Vice, the Rev. Pauli, Mr. Councillor Warham, Mr. H. M. Wood, and Mr. Oldridge, sen., for valuable services to the club. Mr. Broadbent welcomed as new member. Decided to have a second show in Feb. in aid of Red Cross Funds. So far as can be ascertained, all members winning prizes will forfeit them in aid of the fund. Two classes, 1915 ring birds, and old birds, both classes open to North Staffordshire. Two judges; one has already been elected, and gives his services free of charge.—Geo. Cross, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Annual Members' Show held at the Crown Hotel, Hill St., Birmingham, Nov. 6. 150 birds staged; no doubt the finest members' show seen in Birmingham for at least ten years, every section being strongly represented. Judges: Yorks., Mr. W. G. Andrews; remainder, Mr. W. Neaves. Nor. Yell. 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, Shirley; 3, Bastock; he Gough and Loach; c, Fessey. Buff: 1, sp, vhc, Shirley; 2, Collier; 3, Taylor; bc, Broadhurst; c, J. Bastock; Hen, Yell. or Buff: 1, Bastock; 2, Collier; 3, c, Broadhurst; vhc, Gough and Loach; he, Taylor. Unflg. Yell.: 1, Gough and Loach; 2, 3, Collier; vhc, bc, Broadhurst; c, Bastock. Buff: 1, c, Broadhurst; 2, Fessey; 3, Gough and Loach; vhc, he, Collier. Nov. Yell.: 1, Parker Bros. Buff: 1, vhc, Ancott; 2, Hinton; 3, he, Derry. Nov. Hen: 1, Southon; 2, Ancott; 3, Derry. Nov. Unflg. Yell.: 1, sp, vhc, T. Jones; 2, Ancott; 3, Derry. Buff: 1, Wakefield; 2, vhc, Lewis; 3, Jones; he, Parker Bros. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, sp, Wells; 3, Swinden; vhc, Cowley; he, Richards; c, Smith. Buff: 1, 3, Cowley; 2, Wells; vhc, Smith; he, Burke; c, Richards. Hen: 1, 2, Wells; 3, vhc, Cowley; bc, c, Burke. Unflg. Yell.: 1, 2, Wells; 3, c, Cowley; vhc, Smith; he, Swinden. Buff: 1, 2, Cowley; 3, Wells; vhc, Swinden; he, c, Smith. Sell: 1, 2, Wells, Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, vhc, Clarke; 2, Sheldon; 3, Padmore. Buff: 1, Clarke. Hen: 1, Sheldon; 2, 3, Clarke. Unflg. Yell. Nov.: 1, sp, w.c., Clarke; 2, Parker Bros.; 3, Sheldon; vhc, bc, Clarke; 2, Parker Bros.; 3, Sheldon; vhc, bc, Salmon. Crest: 1, 2, sp, Padmore; 3, Jeffrey. C.B.: 1, Padmore. Cinn., Yell. or Buff: 1, Southon. Unflg.: 1, sp, 2, Derry; 3, vhc, Southon. A.O.V. Can.: 1, Derry. Mule or Hyb., A.V.: 1, sp, Robinson; 2, 3, Raby; vhc, Waid. Goldf. or Buff: 1, Raby; 2, vhc, Camm; 3, Bastock; he, Jones, Siskin, Etc.: 1, Raby; 2, Camm; 3, Ward; vhc, Robinson. A.O.V. Hardbill: 1, sp, vhc, Camm; 2, 3, Ward; he, Robinson. A.O.V. Softbill: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Jeffrey. For.: 1, Jeffrey. Nor., Sell.: 1, Bastock.—O. C. Shirley.

RADCLIFFE C.B.S.

Show held Dec. 4, Conservative Club, Church St. The room was ideal for holding a cage bird show, being well supplied with light, and close to the railway. The show was a complete success, 14 more entries than at our last show. Many well-known fanciers paid us a visit and promised their support if we hold an open show, which may be next season. The class for householders, 14 entries, should improve each show, judging by what we heard. Mr. J. Chambers, Burley Hill, judged. In Yorks., notable birds were seen in Mr. Spiby's buff cock, the Liverpool winner, and Mr. W. Pickup's 2nd Ardwick. Mr. W. Noonan also staged some nice birds. Among the Norwich Mr. J. Allen's buff cock stood out prominent, securing special best bird.

Yell. Yorks. Ck.: 1, vhc, Pickup and Holt; 2, Noonan; 3, he, Spiby; c, Williams. Buff: 1, 2, vhc, Spiby; 3, Noonan; he, Pickup and Holt; c, Williams. Hen: 1, Noonan; 2, 3, 4, he, Spiby; vhc, Williams; c, Pickup and Holt. Unflg.: 1, 4, vhc, Spiby; 2, c, Pickup and Holt; 3, Noonan; he, Williams. Yell. Nor. Ck.: 1, 3, Pilling; 2, Grimshaw; 4, Williams. Buff: 1, Allen; 2, 3, Pilling. Hen: 1, 2, Allen; 3, Bolton; 4, Williams. Unflg.: 1, Williams; 2, Allen; 3, he, Pilling; vhc, Grimshaw. Nat. Col.: 1, Walton; 2, Brennan. Cl. Roller Ck.: 1, vhc, Britton; 2, he, Hickton and Ollier; 3, Redford; c, A. Hardman. Tkd. or Lightly Varieg. Roller Ck.: 1, 2, Britton; 3, vhc, Hickton and Ollier. Hen: 1, 3, Britton; 2, Seddon; 4, Redford; vhc, Hickton and Ollier; he, Bolton; c, Allen Bros. Unflg. Roller: 1, 3, Britton; 2, Hickton and Ollier; vhc, he, Hardman; c, Seddon. Heavy Varieg. or Green Roller: 1, vhc, Allen Bros.; 2, J. Britton; 3, T. Seddon; he, Hickton and Ollier. Brit. Goldf.: 1, Grimshaw; 2, Walton. Linnet: 1, Brennan; 2, Allen; 3, Grimshaw; 4, Allen Bros. Householders.—Any Variety Can. (14): 1, Burton; 2, Parr; 3, Milburn; 4, Bridge; vhc, France; he, Banks; c, Berry. Special best Yorkshire: R. Spiby; Norwich, J. Allen; Roller, J. Britton; British, H. Grimshaw.—Geo. Lord, Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Annual old bird show held Nov. 27 and 28, at Railway Hotel; one of the best yet held. Special winners: Most points in show, most points sell, best vhc Yorks., Spiby; 2nd most points sell, best vhc Yell. Nor., Marginson; buff, Dawson. Most points in each of the four sections: W. Ordish, R. Spiby, J. Green and Son, and C. Walkden. A. Cann, tie. Mr. A. Hirst judged to the general satisfaction. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Ordish; 2, 3, Collier; vhc, Marginson. Buff: 1, vhc, Dawson; 2, Collier; 3, Marginson; he, Walkden. Yell. Hens: 1, 3, Ordish; 2, Walkden. Buff: 1, 3, he, Dawson; 2, vhc, Collier. Unflg. Ck.: 1, vhc, Ordish; 2, he, Lomas; 3, c, Wilkinson. Hen: 1, 2, Ordish; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, he, Dawson; c, Lomas. Yorks. Vell. Ck.: 1, Charnock; 2, Brown; 3, he, Walkden; vhc, c, Spiby. Buff: 1, Brown; 2, vhc, he, Spiby; 3, Taylor; c, Marginson. Yell. Hen: 1, Ashton; 2, he, Hamer; 3, vhc, Spiby; c, Charnock. Buff: 1, Brown; 2, vhc, Spiby; 3, Walkden; he, Charnock; c, Collier. Unflg. Ck.: 1, Walkden; 2, Brown; 3, vhc, he, Spiby; c, Charnock. Hen: 1, Walkden; 2, 3, vhc, he, Spiby; c, Collier. Crest: 1, 2, 3, he, Green and Son; vhc, Lomas; 3, Walkden. C.B.: 1, 3, Green and Son; 2, Walkden; vhc, he, Lomas. A.O.V.: 1, 2, c, Walkden; 3, vhc, Taylor; he, Green and Son. Mules: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Lomas; vhc, Edwards; he, Green and Son; c, Cann. Brit.: 1, Green and Son; 2, vhc, he, c, Walkden; c, Cann. For.: 1, 2, 3, Cann. Sell. 39s.: 1, Marginson; 2, Collier. 20s.: 1, Marginson; 2, Ashton; 3, Spiby; vhc, he, Walkden; c, Charnock. 10s.: 1, Wilkinson; 2, vhc, he, Spiby; 3, Taylor; 3, Cann. Gift: 1, Walkden; 2, Taylor; 3, Spiby. Open Linnet: 1, Brooks; 2, Roughley; 3, Mullineaux; vhc, Aspinall; bc, Cowburn; c, Jones.—F. Charnock, Sec.

FINE pair Rosellas, outdoor aviary, in perfect health and condition, 60/-; Stevens, Hazlemere, Paignton. (296)

WANTED, cock Red Rosella, pair Diamond Doves, breeding, cheap for cash. Cartwright, 22, Valley-st., Darlington. (297)

LEMON-crested White Cockatoo (acclimatised), 21 years, £4, a bargain; Jowett, 31, Westminster-pl., Bradford, Yorkshire. (214)

AMAZON Parrot, excellent talker, whistler and mimic, accept 45/- with cage; exchange: Seedman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (229)

BEAUTIFUL Budgerigars, bred in healthy outdoor aviaries, green 5/6, yellow 7/6 pair: Gibbons, One Ash, The Crescent, Luton, Beds. (214)

EXHIBITION cock Rainbow Bunting, 40/-; also big red Gouldian hen; both H.M. and in good condition: Macready, Jeweller, Stranreer. (205)

UNBEATABLE: Cock Diamond Sparrow, size, colour, markings, champion show specimen, 25/-; Corpl. Cook, A.S.C., 23, Lindley-st., Norwich. (211)

BUDGERIGARS, outdoors, unrelated adults, yellows 7/-, hen Greenfinch, 2/-, hen Bullfinch 2/6, cock Goldie, 5/-; approval: Criddleford, Layford. (214)

TALKING Scarlet Macaw, tame, talking, orange-winged and blue-fronted Amazon Parrots, Budgerigars, Canaries: Mrs. Gilbert, Shadoxhurst, Kent. (214)

INDIAN Rock Parrot in fine condition, talking, comes out of cage, 30/- bird and cage, or exchange Canaries: T. Green, 22, St. Michael-st., West Bromwich. (210)

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ROCHDALE O.C. ANNUAL SALE.

A number of Lancshires, Lizards, Norwich, Yorks., etc., and Cages, will be on view at the Club Rooms, Clarke's Place, behind the Public Hall, Bullie Street, on Sat., Feb. 5. Admission free; all fanciers welcome. Anyone desiring to enter birds or cages for sale should communicate with Sale Sec. at once.—R. Blincoe, 179, Drake-st., Rochdale. (211)

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PAIR Golden Pheasants, full plumage, 21/-; pair ditto, 8 months, 11/-; Miss N. Staniland, Hussey House, Boston, Lincs. (211)

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WANTED, all breeds of Canaries and mules: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (160)

NORWICH clear yellow hen, unflighted, no rubbish: Johnson, 106, Mill-rd., Kettering. (205)

WANTED a few Yorkshire and Norwich songsters: Newley, 24, Stockwell-green, London, S.W. (189)

WANTED for prompt cash, Rose Cockatoo or Parrot: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (217)

SISKINS, Goldies, Bullies, Mules, Hybrids, wicker cages; wild rabbits weekly: Broxup, Stock-st., Burnley. (210)

WANTED, hen Canaries, large or small; cash per return: Percival, 46, Burgess-st., Great Grimsby. (210)

WANTED, Norwich or Crests; exchange rook and rabbit rifle, or sell £1: White, 52, Gipsy-rd., Wellington, Kent. (206)

WANTED, Canaries and Mules, for cash, good prices paid for good birds: Bosher, 245, Barking-rd., East Ham. (210)

TO catchers. Wanted cock Goldfinches; highest price in the fancy: G. Perrins, 26, Lennox-rd., Long St. Staffs. (219)

LARGE buff Lancashire cobby hen for cash or exchange for large buff cobby cock: T. H. Anderson, Darvel. (204)

LADY'S Cycle frame, enamelled green, handles, cranks, pedals; wanted wanted, lady's clothing: Cook, Pembroke. (217)

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WANTED, pair of Madagascar Lovebirds, lavender head, young and healthy: Kinsley, 8, Cambridge-st., Bridlington, Yorks. (216)

WANTED, good buff Norwich hen: exchange 1915 buff cock, full song, grandly bred: Horne, 39, Barnsole-rd., Gillingham, Kent. (216)

WANTED, all kinds of healthy Canaries and Mules and British birds: Send lowest prices to A. Leitch, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (216)

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WANTED about three hen Canaries for open outside aviary; cheap; must be very healthy: Sewell, High-st., Southwold. (207)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also Parrots and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 94, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (197)

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WANTED, a cock Redstart, in good feather and condition; reasonable price: P. F. M. Galloway, Durban, Capetown, Reading. (157)

WANTED, any number singing cock Canaries, cash or exchange cages, any description: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle-Douglas. (218)

WANTED Siskins, Bullfinches, Titmice, etc., any quantity; top prices paid; prompt cash on deposit: Sutherland, Ramboodde, Forres. (217)

WANTED for cash, all kinds British birds; Canaries all varieties; genuine talking Parrots: Wicks, 60, Rose-lane, Norwich. (191)

WANTED, British and foreign birds, puppies, kittens, and all kinds of live stock: Edmonds, Naturalist, Seaside-rd., Eastbourne. (214)

WANTED, healthy Canaries, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins; state lowest price: Frank Sparks, Bird Dealer, 200, Overgate, Dundee. (165)

OLD china, jewellery, false teeth, books, pictures, war medals, bought cash by return post: Farquhar, 30, Woolmanhill, Aberdeen. (214)

WANTED, any number Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders and Crests; state your price; approval; deposit W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (214)

WANTED, Canaries, birds, cages, anything useful; exchange garden flower roots; poster writing to order; good value: Cypher, Bedwas. (215)

WANTED, Yorkshires, any quantity; good price for good birds; deposit C.B.: Burke, 219, Little Green-lane, Small Heath, Birmingham. (208)

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PAIR of crested birds, matched for breeding, buff preferred; highest price 70/-; 7 days' approval: R. Tait, 23, Brodgend, Chryston, nr. Glasgow. (218)

WANTED for cash, Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, rabbits, bantams, puppies, tame mice and rats: Foster, 157, Richmond-row, Liverpool. (219)

WANTED, pair really good unflighted Norwich, must have size, type and quality; good price given; approval: Clark, Hairdresser, Peterhead. (209)

WANTED Canaries, dogs, puppies, mice, pigeons, Parrots, monkeys, birds; purchase or exchange laying pullets, singing Canaries: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (219)

WANTED, 3 self unflighted large plain Norwich green hens, good heads, two yellows, one buff; no cinnamon blood; state price: Levatino, 12, Foster-rd., Chiswick, London. (211)

WANTED, two green or cinnamon hens, Yorkshires, exchange three Bullie hens, twice aviary moulted: Mrs. Gardner, 9, Beaufort-rd., Charlton-rd., Kingwood, Bristol. (206)

WANTED, birds, any description, in exchange for loose fronts or cages, any size made; state offers and wants; also gent's cycle wanted, 22in. or 23in. frame: Leigh, 4, Kirkdale-rd., Liverpool. (207)

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshire hen Canaries, give 20/- dozen; hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/3 each; buy any kind of birds, cocks or hens, any quantity: Perkins, 207, East-st., Walworth, London. (210)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, also good singing common cocks, good prices given for good Norwich; approval; send how many and price to: Vance, 6, Stirling-st., City, Glasgow. (208)

WANTED, cock Chaffinch, just coming in song, must be steady and sing when being carried; hand-reared bird preferred; state full particulars and price to J. Ody, 62, Brookland-rd., Old Swan, Liverpool. (208)

WANTED variegated yellow Norwich cock or hen, unflighted or 1914, must be cobby with big head and neck, and good colour; particulars with price on approval to: Hale, Station House, Aintree, Liverpool. (217)

WANTED for cash, Canaries, cocks and hens, any quantity, any kind, healthy; best price for good birds; business straightforward; established 24 years: G. Smith, Central Bird Stores, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (193)

COCK Thrush, Blackbird, or Skylark (in full song) and cage; wanted in exchange for steel fishing rod, reel, line, and case containing flies, hooks, etc.; value 15/-; yours first: Elliott, 3, Pantygywydr-rd., Swansea. (204)

WANTED, Canaries, any quantity, healthy birds, cocks and hens, good price for good birds; also Bullfinches, Goldfinches, young rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.; state price to C. A. Paine, Bird Stores, 54, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth. (199)

WANTED, any quantity of Canaries, also British and Foreign birds, Parrots, Monkeys, Rabbits, Cavies, Persian Kittens, common poultry, ferrets, young dogs, puppies, etc., cheap for re-sale; prompt cash; England's best and largest buyer: Cooper's Livestock Emuorium, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (217)

NOW is the time: Just eight more splendid birds for sale, Bailey's strain, unbeatable quality; see Wimbledon report, this issue; prices from 15/- pair; good quality joiner-made cages wanted: Colin Brown, Inglenook, King's-rd., Richmond. (205)

BROADBENT

wants Canaries and British, also cages, etc., complete or part stocks for cash: 355, London-rd., Sheffield. (219)

WANTED, HEN CANARIES

Norwich or Yorkshire, old or young, 21/- a dozen; common or small, 15/- a dozen; Goldfinch Mules, hens, 1/- each; cash or deposit with Editor: Rutherford, Bird Importer, Leytonstone. (194)

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500 pairs colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, will give 9/- pair for good type birds; 7/- each cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/6 each cock Linnet Mules; hen Mules 1/- each; 24/- dozen cock Goldfinches, Siskins, Bullfinches; 6/- dozen hen Goldfinches, Siskins, Bullfinches; 4/- dozen Linnets, Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Redpolls; for prompt cash by return: Enoch Power, Bird Specialist, 89-91, Selater-street, Shoreditch, E. (219)

WANTED, YORKSHIRES

Colour-fed, give 6/- each, cocks, full song; 2/9 hens, any quantity. Bankers, County and Westminster and South Western. Phone 3317 Dalston; particulars; stamp reply: Oliver, 101, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (219)

IMPORTANT

Wanted, any quantity of Yorkshire, Norwich, and Border Canaries, also Rollers and Mules. We are prepared to pay highest prices for males or pairs. Fanciers wishing to dispose of their birds at the highest market prices should communicate with us immediately. Any quantity, any variety, providing healthy: G. B. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. Telegrams: Parrakeet. Phone: Central 689. References, Parr's Bank, B'ham; Barclay's, London. (219)

Mainly British.

TWO splendid cock Goldfinches, twice H.M.; exchange pair good Yorkshires; sell 10/-; Smith, Grocer, Somersham. (206)

H.M. cock Bramblefinch for mulling hen or Siskin hen (yellow); yours first: R. Lightly, Chivington Drift, Ocklington. (209)

SIX large cock Linnets, full song, 10/- lot, or exchange Canaries, Goldies, fishing tackle; offers: 134, Washington-st., Bradford. (215)

BULLFINCH, Greenfinch, Twite, Redpoll, 15/- lot; exchange mulling hens, Norwich, anything: Pettet, 8, Etchingham-rd., Leyton. (214)

EXCHANGE cocks, Goldfinch Mule, Goldfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, for hen Canaries; approval anywhere: Ball, 43, Milton-rd., Wealdstone. (213)

BULLFINCH cock, 2nd Forfar; exchange for Crested hen, will add 10/- cash for good bird: Cameron, Commissioner-st., Crieff. (215)

TEN magnificent cock Greenfinches, pick of catch of three hundred, exchange hen Bullies or mulling hens; yours first: Wilson, 29, Townhead, Irvine. (217)

SEVERAL Bullfinches, both sexes, also few extra good Goldfinches; exchange common Canaries, fount pen, or offers: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton. (219)

COCK Greenfinch, hen Bullie, pair fine Redpolls, caged 3 months, 6/- lot; exchange yellow or marked Norwich hen: Dawou, 37, Grosvenor-pl., Carnforth. (214)

SELECTED giant cock Brown Linnets, fit for exhibition, mulling, or contest singing, 1/6 each, three 4/-: Cooper, Naturalist, Princess-st., Manchester. (219)

THREE exhibition cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; two big hens, 1/6 each; exchange young yellow Yorkshire cock; offers: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford. (215)

VERY fine call Linnets, in the best of condition for Mule breeding or singing, 2/6 each, or exchange Canaries: T. Green, 22, St. Michael-st., West Bromwich. (210)

EXCHANGE a pair of good Crest for a pair of good stock Norwich or poultry; yours first; approval both ways: J. Henderson, 21, Cowpen-sq., Blyth. (206)

PURE Welsh Goldfinches, for Mule breeding or for showing in the best of condition, 7/6 each; or exchange Canaries: T. Green, 22, St. Michael-st., West Bromwich. (210)

EXCHANGE two Linnet Mules, sex not known, also Norwich buff hen, yellow, 1914, for cock Goldfinch Mule in song: Marshall, Wicken Lodge, Soham, Cambs. (209)

DICE box, solid leather, with five ivory dice, exchange for cock Thrush, Blackbird or Skylark (in full song) and cage; yours first: Elliott, 3, Pantygywydr-rd., Swansea. (204)

HENS. Two Norwich, one common Redpoll, three Chaffinches, cocks, 7/- lot; exchange cock Canaries, cages, other birds; me first: Alex. Barr, Arncliffe, Slamannan, Stirlingshire. (218)

H.M. cocks, selected, colour fed, some winners: Yellowhammer, 6/-; Chaffinch, 6/-; Twite, 5/6; selected Linnet, 2/6; must clear; attested: Dixon, 33, Roseberry-aven., Morecambe. (214)

LARGE cock Goldfinch, H.M. cock Linnet, H.M. hen Bullfinch, sell or exchange; wanted, large cock yellow Siskin, large yellow hen Siskin: W. Dacey, 2, Baron-st., Rochdale-rd., Manchester. (213)

WINNING cock Bramblefinch, perfect feather and condition, 7/6; Canary-reared cock Greenfinch, 1915, 5/-; two field-moulted Greenfinches, 2/6 each; will make winners or offers: J. W. Johnson, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk. (217)

LAST year's catching: F.M. Goldie, 4/6; yellow cock Siskin, 5/6; nice cock Linnet, 2/6; cock Greenfinch, yellow, 1/6; cream of mulling types; a Goldie moulted from pate, make a show bird, 7/6; young surplus Norwich hens wanted: Gardner, 4, Poplar Grove, Dingle, Liverpool. (201)

GRAND exhibition Greenfinch, fed to perfection, sure winner, sell 20/-, or exchange; exhibition yellow Yorkshire, Grand exhibition field-moulted Bullfinch, Goldfinch, and Linnet, sell 10/- each; exchange Borders, must be winners: approval: Bobbett and Wall, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgewater. (213)

EXHIBITION Waxwing, house-moulted, large, winner several firsts, show cage, and case, as new, 50/-; Light Linnet Mule, winner, firsts, 20/-; monster Greenfinch-Redpoll Hybrid, cock, young, unshown, 20/-; all show condition; part Norwich hens, must be large: Fisher, 7, Gerrard st., Lancaster. (214)

Mainly Canaries.

NEW blankets, 30/-; tweed suit length, 25/-; exchange either for Canaries; approval: Hyron, Castle-Douglas. (217)

OFFERS want-d in hen Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries and cock Bullfinch: C. Howland, 10, New Ferry. (215)

TWO good Yorkshire hens, double in 1915, 10/-; exchange laying hens, or offers: 4, Kington-rd., New Ferry. (215)

EXCHANGE, pair Norwich Canaries for 12 yards 1/2-inch wire netting: H. Allen, Treviscoe, nr. Grand-pound-rd., Cornwall. (215)

EXCHANGE large clear yellow Norwich cock (1914, value 12/6, for healthy Roller feeding hens: Croxon, Crown Dairy, Lowestoft. (211)

GENT'S cycle frame, pedals, cranks, handle bars, good condition, wanted pair tyres, or eight Norwich hens: Cook, Pembroke. (217)

FIVE healthy hens, make good feeders, 2/- each; exchange large Norwich hens: Carnew, 40, Thorn-leigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol. (217)

SELL, 3 Yorkshire hens, 2 buff, 1 green, 5/- each; exchange yellow or yellow marked Norwich hens: J. Richmond, Pateley Bridge. (210)

WILL exchange high-class Canaries for scrap brass, copper, pewter, solder, zinc, lead, or tools, etc. Steele, 80, Ordeall-lane, Salford. (207)

CHAMPION Crests, 41 to 410 pairs, approval exchange Norwich, Yorkshires, or Mules: T. Billington, 22, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (119)

WILL exchange good pair Norwich or Yorkshires for Budgerigars, yours first: Humphries, The Aviaries, 129, Seaside, Eastbourne. (219)

WILL exchange three large Norwich hens for two cock Goldfinch or Linnet Mules; mutual approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

CLAP-NET complete 9ft. by 2ft., almost new, hold Finches, exchange for good Yorkshire hen: T. Butcher's Broadfields Farm, Cotes. (204)

WANTED, good Roller cock songster, for pair Norwich or three hens; yours first: Howard, 4, Station-rd., Burnham Market, Kings Lynn. (212)

BORDER hen, 3/-; two flights 35in. joiner-made, cost 10/- each, 5/- each; two tier four-compartments breeders, complete, 5/-; Breeze, Meadow view, Littleport. (212)

NOTICE. Grand lot Canaries, several winners, prices reasonable; or exchange for good Bantams or well-bred dogs: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas. (200)

SELL 12 Norwich hen Canaries, 2/6 each; 2 cocks, 5/6 each; or what offers the lot; deposit; stamp reply: Middleton, Boundary-rd., Aylestone, Leicester. (212)

MATCHED pair of unflighted Norwich; sell 12/6; or exchange outer cover and inner tube, 26in. by 1 1/2in., to value: E. Grimmer, 2, Burgess-sq., Sandylane, Wisbech. (209)

SALE or exchange 3 buff marked York-hire hen Canaries, 4/- each; 4 buff marked crossed Yorkshire hens, 3/- each: Brooke, 11, Baldwin-st., Athercliffe, Sheffield. (210)

CLEAR buff Norwich cock, winner, £1; house-moulted Goldfinch, winner, £1; or exchange two yellow Norwich hens to value: Barlow, Hilcote, Blackwell, Alfreton. (212)

THREE 1914 mulling hens, good feeders, and twice H.M. Greenfinch cock muller for good lengthy 1915 buff Yorkshire hen; no rubbish: W. Shead, 2, George-st., Barry Dock, Glam. (213)

EXHIBITION cock Yorks, unflighted, 9/-; two lovely cock Greenies, 2/-, 10/6; part exchange, wanted unflighted Norwich hen: Burnham, 67, Totteridge-rd., High Wycombe. (216)

WANTED, Crests and Scotch Fancies, in exchange for winning Fairy Swallow Pigeons, or sell, 15/- each; 2nd Forfar, 3rd Stonehouse (Anderson's strain): Fraser's Aviaries, Auldcarn, N.B. (205)

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, show cages, British Hardbills; exchange two Roller Canaries, 2/6 each, or good Flying Tipplers, 5/- pair: Smith, 4, Pilkington-st., Thornes, Wakefield. (214)

EDISON standard phonograph, cost £4 4/-, in new condition, exchange common Canaries, or sell £2; yellow Norwich or Rollers preferred; offers: Jeffrey, 209, York-rd., Battersea, London. (214)

VELDEE, with instructions, cost £2.6 sell £1; six-kg piccolo, 12/6; Greaves lever watch, £1; exchange Rollers, poultry, anything; approval: F. Nicholas, 3, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (216)

FOR sale, H.M. exhibition Bullfinch hen and H.M. cock Chaffinch, sure Mulers, 10/6 pair, or exchange for pair 1915 Borders to value; approval; yours first: Esmond, 16, Waungoch, Nantymael, Glam. (214)

THREE yellow Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; buff and variegated Norwich hens, 3/-, 3/6 each; exchange for others; fresh blood wanted, or useful exchange: Brooks, 157, De Beauvoir-rd., Dalston, London. (208)

TWO exhibition cock Goldfinches, 10/- each; 2 typical unflighted buff Norwich hens, 7/6 each; 1 typical unflighted yellow Norwich cock, 10/-; exchange good yellow Norwich hens: G. Pease, St. Luke's Cottage, Leamington Spa. (205)

NORWICH and Yorkshires: 40 high-class winners and bred from winners, show or stock birds, singles and pairs, sell cheap, or exchange new boots, clothing, drapery, dress material, cycle tyres, or poultry; offers: Soner, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (217)

EXCHANGE 6 vols. (bound) of "The Illustrated Globe Encyclopedia of Universal Knowledge," edited by John M. Ross, LL.D., very useful, cost £4 10s., for best offers of Crested, Yorkshire, and Norwich pairs, and odd hen Canaries: A. Lovell, 27, Westcott-pl., Swindon, Wilts. (202)

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EXCHANGE clap nets, also 3 H.M. Redpolls, sell 10/-; Worsley, 11, Hope-st., Bradford, Manchester. (218)

EXCHANGE pair scales (brass) for pair of Canaries, or sell 10/-; 346, Aldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (218)

TWO top coats, fit man 5 feet 6, one 12/-, one 20/-; exchange Canaries, fowls; offers: Davison, Haddenham, Bucks. (213)

EXCHANGE suit length, good tweed, for pair of good Norwich, sell 41/-; putters sent: 12, Sydney-st., Brighton. (212)

EXCHANGE large phonograph, 30in. brass horn, 2 doz. records; what offers in Canaries: Wise, Banks Court, Keswick. (211)

WHAT offers for Dulcimer, new condition, grand tone, cost 57/6, sell 37/6, or exchange: 63, Bracton-rd., Rotherhithe. (219)

EXCHANGE cross Flemish doe and her eight young, six weeks, for birds, or sell: Carpenter, Palmerston-rd., Walsden. (213)

SELL 3 dozen nest pans and wires, 2/3 dozen; also other cage sundries: Dunham, Mount Pleasant, Clapham, Bedford. (192)

EXCHANGE coat-length smart fancy tweed for good pair Norwich, sell 22/6; pattern sent: 12, Sydney-st., Brighton. (212)

EXCHANGE chest, good condition, basket cradle for pair large Norwich non-fed: McBride, 159, High-st., Irvine, Ayrshire. (212)

DE DION 31-h.p. cycle engine, Amac carburettor; Canaries or anything; bargain: Beaumont, Stanley Pit, Crook, Durham. (205)

OIL heater, 2ft. high, cost over £1, offers cinnamon, greens, Norwich hens: Nicholson, 33, Hardcastle-rd., Stockport. (219)

LADY'S Humber cycle, 30/-; 12 D.S. records, good order, 7/6; exchange birds, anything useful: Hutton, Baker, Holbeach. (216)

HARMONIUM, with stops, good tone, 20/-; what offers: room wanted; letters, please: F. Chadwick, Tool Dealer, Wrexham. (208)

EXCHANGE Collie dog, 3 months, for Border cock, in song; bird first: Thomson, 188, Preston-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow. (209)

EXCHANGE Edison phonograph and 47 records, as new, for British or other birds; offers: Steele, 201, City-rd., Manchester. (207)

SPARKING coil, in good condition, sell 17/6, or exchange show cages, or offers: Beedleston, 12, Primrose-terrace, Shrewsbury. (208)

GOOD pedigree Fox Terrier dog, sell 15/-, or exchange Canaries, poultry, rabbits: Bailes, 36, Colliery-row, Fence Houses. (214)

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FOUR enamelled breeding, four show, four other cages, feeders, drinkers, nest pans, etc., 41/-; Collings, Devon-terr., Paignton. (203)

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GENT'S cycle and nearly new marble clock, 50/-, or exchange Norwich or Yorkshire to value: Burnard, 8, Maldon-rd., Acton, W. (211)

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AVIARY, mahogany stand, good condition, 21/-, or exchange perambulator, blankets, Borders: Jewers, 11, Townsend-hill, Plymouth. (205)

COCK Goldfinch Mule, Finch song, sell 10/-; or exchange pair Yorkshires to value; yours first: E. Bunn, Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. (205)

INCUBATOR, 30-egg size, complete instructions, thermometer lamp, etc., for Norwich feeding hens or offers: Cannon, Hatton, Aberdeenshire. (217)

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MINIATURE electric light, four volt lamp, switch, and batteries, complete; exchange birds, sell 10/6; Beedleston, Primrose-terrace, Shrewsbury. (208)

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EXCHANGE carpet sweeper, perfectly new, cost 25/-, for Canaries or British birds: Miss Joyce, 9, Rosamond-place, Oxford-rd., Manchester. (219)

EXCHANGE solid silver cigarette case, new, cost 25/-, for Yorkshire Canaries to value: Hurd, "Brandon," Haddington Gardens, Belfast. (205)

GENT'S free-wheel, back-pedalling brake, will exchange for gramophone or talking Parrot and cage: Foxton, 9, Wilden-terr., Washington, Durham. (211)

(CHAMPION pedigree) wire Terrier bitch, 20 months; exchange pair Crests, or sell 30/-; approval: Hanbury, Somerset Booths, Congleton. (210)

EXCHANGE one set boxing gloves and punch ball, as new, for pair Norwich or Yorkshire for breeding: W. B. Henwood, North-rd., Baldoak, Herts. (205)

EXCHANGE 14 disc records for two yellow Norwich hens, good size, for Mule breeding: James Buchanan, Craigmark, Dalnellington, Ayrshire. (212)

EXCHANGE while queen Ferret, three black and white English rabbits, two bucks, one doe; Bantams or Roller Canaries: Aldrich, Cicely Grange, Narton. (218)

EXCHANGE gramophone records and all kinds of musical instruments or cash for Canaries and Goldfinches: Stirling, Music Stores, 10, Surrey-st., Croydon. (213)

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EXCHANGE gold brooch and yellow variegated hen Canary for two double breeders, good condition: M. Crowther, Highfield, Colleshill-st., Salford Coldfield. (204)

WHAT offers in Yorkshire hens or other cage birds for pairs of Old English Game Spangled Bantams, cockerel and pullet: Fullylove, Glascoate Heath, Tamworth. (204)

NOTICE: We want Canaries, British birds, poultry, rabbits, caviar, anything, in exchange for cutlery and plate, jewellery, etc.: Write, Smith Bros., 49, Pease-st., Sheffield. (213)

WANTED: good Yorkshires in exchange for four Stilton wrenches, 1 large pipe vice, 1 stock with 2, 4 in. dies, nearly new: Baynes, 76, Mersey-rd., Rock Ferry, Birkenhead. (218)

EXCHANGE four high-class Modern Game Bantams, three hens and cock, real models, for good small rifle, 22 bore, or good Spaniel pup, or offers: Abel, Neeton, nr. Swarham. (214)

SALE, exchange, a Parrot cage and Yorkshire show cage and 3lb. clean dandelion seed, 7/- or offers: Canaries, hens or cocks: George Larnmouth, Flint-hill, Dighton, Co. Durham. (205)

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EXCHANGE Natural History of Cage Birds (Blechny for Yorkshire, songster; Our Irish Song Birds (C. W. Benson), for songster, or offers: Jos. Marsden, 114, Upper Dorset-st., Dublin. (208)

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EXCHANGE pair of Sandow's grip dumb-bells, new, never been used, for good stock yellow Border cock or Linnet Mule, pure notes; no rubbish; approval: W. Piper, 10, Pentre Estvil, Swansea. (212)

LARGE three-compartment Palace aviary, with fittings, new, 10/6; also gent's cycle, 24in. frame, pump, lamp and tool bag, almost new, 30/-, or exchange Canaries: Steele, 201, City-rd., Manchester. (207)

ONE pair roller skates, ball bearing, adjustable, 7/6; two Seifert and Goldfinch cocks, 12/6; pair tourist glasses, in case, 55/-; exchange Winchester gun, part cash: Burkhill, Cross, Buckley, Chester. (217)

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WILL give prize Dutch rabbits, 1 buck Chester-le-Street winner, 1st young buck, 3rd Felling show; 5 does; all good rabbits; sale or exchange Canaries or records: Joseph Gibson, 11, South Market-st., Hetton-le-Hole. (209)

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LADY'S Foxaline set furs, 20/-, also seal set, 30/-; lady's tweed coat, 25/-; violin (Stainer copy), 40/-; blouses, napery, underclothing, etc., at lowest prices; exchange any for a few Norwich; offers: Strachan, Draper, Woodside, Aberdeen. (218)

ONE double, 4 single breeding cages, rack complete; nest pans, hoppers, drinkers; 3 Yorkshire show cages, baths and sundries; value £2; exchange poultry, incubator, or offers; yours first: Hodson, 42, Northcot-rd., Clapham Junction. (208)

WILL give splendid pair white wool blankets for two pairs large coloured Canaries, or 2 pairs B.R.C.C. Rollers, or 2 pairs Crests, or 3 pairs ordinary Canaries, or 3 cock Mules, full song, give 1/3 each Goldfinch hen Mules: B. Soanes, 92, Bervast, Lowestoft. (219)

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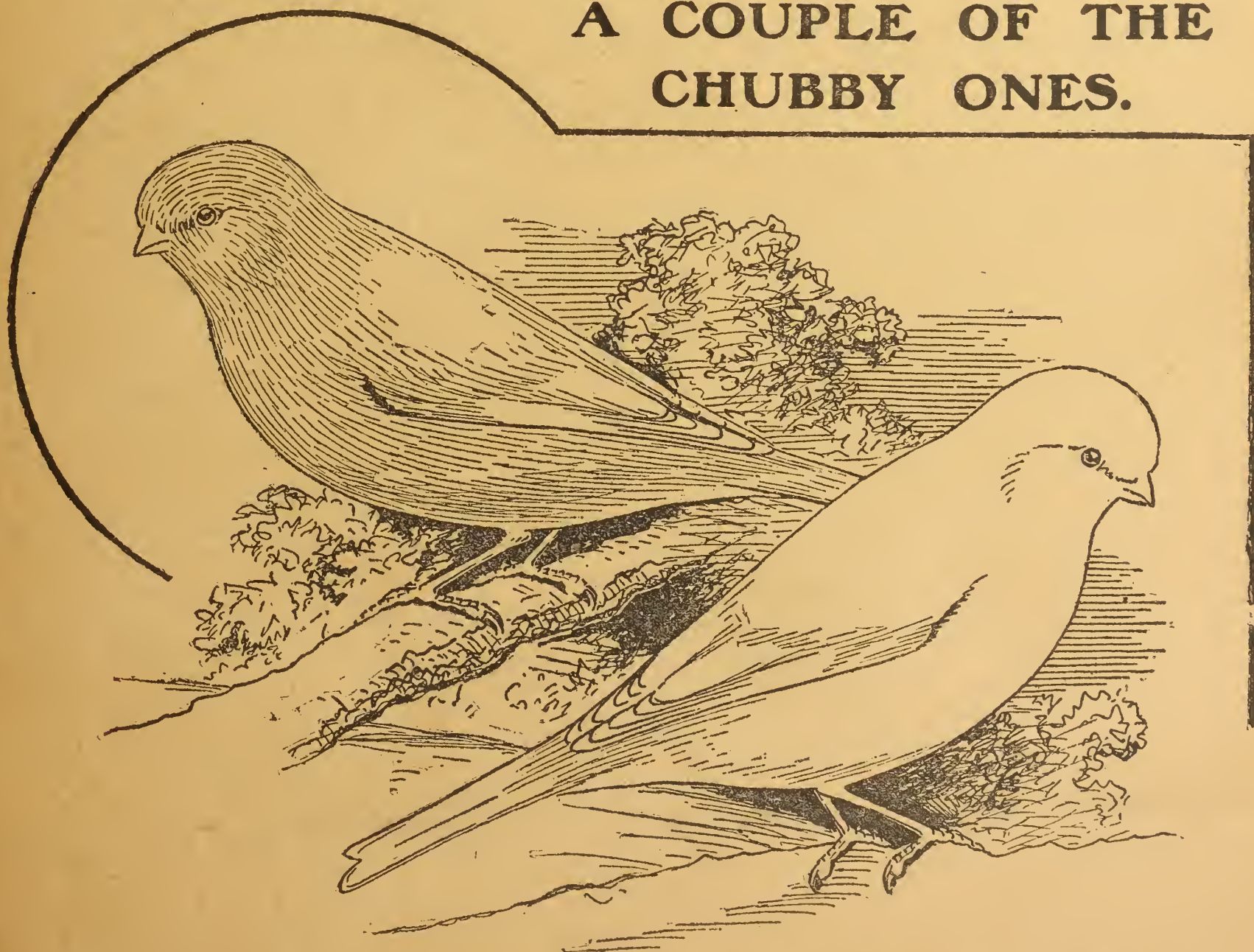
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etc. Cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-; large, specially selected, 4/-, 5/- each; hens 1/3, three 3/-; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, three 2/6; for showing, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Redpolls, 9d. each, three 2/-; Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 33, Flyde-st., Preston, Lancashire. (231)

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GRAND cock Larks, 3/- per dozen: Wright Bulliver, 38, Lytham-rd., Marshdale, Southport. (233)
WANTED, British Softbills, any quantity: Palmer and Son, 66/70, Selater-st., Shoreditch, London E.
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WORLD'S best songsters, Norfolk cock Skylarks, aged September 1915, bursting into song, 2/6 each: Cooper, Lindley-st., Norwich. (211)

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LARKS, grand cock Larks, clean, healthy, 4/- doz.; hen Larks, 1/9 doz.; hen Linnets, Greenfinches, 1/6 doz.: E. Rowe, 24, West-st., Chatteris, Cambs. (235)

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Redbreasted cock Linnets, three 1/8, 5/6 dozen; big up-standing cock Larks sex guaranteed, three 1/8, 4/6 dozen; Goldfinches, Goldfinches, cocks, 2/6 and 3/6; hens, 1/- each; Greenfinches, selected yellows, no others stocked, cocks or hens, 6d. each, three 1/-; few Corn Buntings and selected cock Blackbirds 1/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: J. Whiteley, Catcher, Boston-rd., Holbeach. (Not eligible for military service.)

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LOVELY green crested hen, 4/6; approval: Miss Wicks, 60, Rose-lane, Norwich. (239)

WANTED, Crests and Crestbreds for prompt cash: Wicks, 60, Rose-lane, Norwich. (239)

WANTED, good Crests, best price given: J. Howard and Sons. See other wanted advertisement.

FEW high-class young Crest and Crestbred cocks, cheap to clear: Hume, Ellenslea, Dumbane. (217)

CREST and Crestbred cocks from 9/6 upwards: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London. (225)

WANTED unfledged yellow Crest hen, will give £3 or £3 10s. for a good bird: Thomas Forsyth, Castle-st., Duns. (237)

FEW matched pairs of Crests, 30/- to 60/- a pair; approval; deposit: Mals, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (214)

WANTED, good, clean, healthy Crests and Crestbreds, for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (237)

CREST pairs for sale, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- pair; no odd hens; approval; stamp, deposit: W. Harris, 120, Smeinton-rd., Nottingham. (237)

FEW Crests and Crestbred cocks to part with, reasonable price; state wants; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green, N. (228)

HEAVILY variegated 1915 Crested hen, bred from wonderful breeders; Joyce Barnett stain, 12/6: Rev. G. Mullens, Chedsey, Bridgewater. (229)

WANTED a good Crested hen and Crested cock, large birds; state lowest price; deposit Editor: 6, Lambert-terrace, Aberdare, Wales. (231)

PRIZE bred Crest and Crestbred cocks from 12/6; pairs from 25/-; healthy; approval: Robson, 26, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (209)

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LARGE Crested-bred cock, hen, good health, 12/-; or exchange others; two Norwich cocks and hens wanted: Newton, 36, Elmville-avenue, Scarborough. (228)

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder of high-class Crests, has a few good Crested cocks for sale, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and 30/- each; approval.

THREE grizzle Crested cocks, one green Crested cock, one C.B. cock, cold-room 1915 bred, from 12/6; approval: Brackenbury, 6, Bell-st., Lincoln. (232)

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LARGE buff Crestbred cock and grizzle Crested hen, winning strain; cheap to clear: Hamilton, 4, Holburn Gardens, Kilmarnock-rd., Newlands, Glasgow. (226)

ABOUT 40 Crests and Crestbred, each from 7/6, pairs from 15/-; healthy birds, bred from prize stock; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate, Essex. (104)

WINNER of four medals at Crystal Palace, has Crests and C.B. for disposal; stock birds 10/- upwards; approval: China Shop, Drummond-street, Inverness. (231)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, 35 years breeder of the best, many winners sold; some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (17)

MILLS, 96, Junction-rd., Northampton; Green Crested cock, another variegated, good stock birds, 30/- each; Crested-bred cock, 15/-; young Crested hen, 15/-; approval. (230)

CHAMPION Crests: Having won 17 firsts 12 seconds, 13 thirds, two cups, gold and silver medals this season, can spare a few birds from 10/-: Bwck, 7, Newfield S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (237)

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TWO green Crest cocks, 20/- and 25/-; several variegated cocks, good birds, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; grand Crest-bred hen, 20/-; also others cheaper: Apply, A. Fiddaman, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (237)

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WANTED pair good young Crest cocks, will exchange pair good Crest hens, sell 40/-; good Winchester gun 22 bore, sell 25/-; exchange Cinnamons, Goldfinches; offers; approval: Low, Rocknowe, Bronghy Ferry. (237)

REV. JOYCE, Wellington, Somerset, can supply crests and crestbreds (best blood) in matched pairs from 40/-; singles same rate, all bred for quality and vigour; some of the chief winners this season again are from birds bred by him; stamp; state price.

TIE winning strain; can spare one W.M. Dark Crest cock, big winner, £5; also the following Crest bred cocks: W.M. Dark cap, a champion, £5; 1914 clear, 30/-; 1915 ditto, 25/-; 1915 variegated, 20/-; big healthy birds and free breeders; approval: D. McLarn, 16, Millmill-st., Dunfermline. (238)

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high class Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, Palace winning strain, only 21/-; honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warming, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (236)

NOTICE.—Special offer, champion exhibition dark Crested cock, immense perfectly formed drooping crest, nicely centred, sure winner, only 35/-, honestly worth £3; also massive feathery Crestbred hen, rare size, type and quality of feather, only 15/-, cheap at 30/-; also monster exhibition Crestbred cock, large broad head, turnover to end of beak, marvellous head feather, only 30/-, honestly worth £4 for stock alone; also choice dark Crested hen, large drooping crest, exceptionally well bred, make champion stock bird, only 17/6; also several other massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, only 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/- and 42/- each; also judiciously matched pairs to breed winners, only 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 25/- to 70/- pair; Palace winning strain, all cold room bred, honestly worth pounds for stock alone; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warming, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (236)

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Cinnamons.

WANTED, Cinnamons, any quantity: Palmer and Son, 66/70, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.
 WANTED, large, typical, clean, healthy Norwich cinnamons, for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.
 WANTED, large unlighted yellow cinnamon Norwich cock, also house-moulded cock Twite: J. Dun-can, Citadel, Inverness.
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 CHAMPION Norwich cinnamons; 1914 yellow cock, 20/-; 1915 yellow cock, show bird next season, 27/6; 1914 yellow hen, 20/-; 1914 buff hen, 15/-; 1915 yellow hen, small side, well bred, 12/6; Bevan, 8, Grove-lane, Ipswich, Breeder of Norwich cinnamons only. Latest win silver challenge cup.
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WANTED well bred 1915 green Norwich cock: Troke, 71, Parchment-st., Winchester.
 TWO green Norwich cocks 1915, exchange yellow or buff cocks and two buff hens 1915: Carter, Wateringbury, Kent.
 NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs, from 10/- each; approval: no single yellow hens: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.
 NORWICH Greens, three cocks, two buffs, one yellow, one buff hen, one buff green Yorkshire cock, 7/6 each, 35/- lot: cash or deposit: Andrews, 109, Mersey-rd., Widnes.
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BELGIANS, few good birds, single or in pairs, prize winning strain; approval, deposit: Bennett, Little Herton, Sticklepath, Barnstaple.
 BELGIANS, several 1915 birds for sale, from my well-known winners, pairs of single, reasonable prices, approval: Horrell, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.
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BUFF copy cock and yellow Plainhead hen, 25/- pair: James Newell, 12, Carlisle-st., Rochdale.
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 TWO large Norwich hens, yellow, 6/-; buff, 5/- each: J. Sherwood, Bromfield, Mold.
 WELL-BRED young Norwich hens, healthy, 3/- each: Gwy, Challock, Ashford, Kent.
 WANTED, Norwich, any quantity: Palmer and Son, 66/70, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.
 WANTED, Norwich Canaries, any quantity: state price: Porritt, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley.
 COCKS, 7/-; hens, 3/-; pairs, 9/6 upwards: Thompson, Confectioner, 63, Wellington-st., Luton.
 NICE unlighted buff cock, 8/6; buff hens, 3/- each; cash; deposit: W. Popple, 83, Mersey-rd., Widnes.
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 TYPICAL yellows and buffs from my winning strain, from 10/6: Jay, S.N.P.C., Astonville-st., Southfields.
 BUY from the breeder: Norwich cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; Twine, 55, Allen-st., Hucknall Torkard.
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WANTED, a few cock Canaries for cash; state lowest price: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.
 HENS, three good variegated Norwich, 10/6, or exchange Crested cock: Hohnleigh, Edwards-st., Nun-eaton.
 CHUBBY yellow hen, grand head, nice quality; bargain, 10/-: Strachan, 207, St. Andrew's-rd., Pollok-shields.
 GOOD buff cocks from 15/-; grand pairs from 30/-; approval: Robson, 28, Camden Grove, Peckham, London.
 A FEW splendid Norwich for sale, cocks and hens; approval: Peter Glass, The Square, Fochabers, Scotland.
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 MATCHED pairs, 20/-, quality, no rubbish; large buff cocks, 20/-; yellow hens, 10/-: Olle, 3, Linton-crescent, Hastings.
 LARGE clear buff cock, with good yellow hen to match, 30/- pair; approval anywhere: T. Wilkinson, 65, Henry-st., Leigh.
 MRS. ANGUS (nee Miss A. Scott), 17, Regent-st., Lancaster, has some tip-top stock birds for sale, also all her winners.
 J. WEBSTER can spare three pairs high-class birds from 15/- to 20/- per pair; approval: 25, Brown-st., Rotherham.

THE VERDICT

By one and all who inspect my wonderful collection is—

"Never seen anything like it before."

The others, by the hundred, are as follows: "Burton-on-Trent, Jan. 29, 1916.—Birds arrived safely on Friday morning. I am delighted with them. I think they are a grand pair and well matched.—A. E. Cliff."

Superlative Value in Norwich and Yorkshires.

Prices as follows:—No "gush" or absurd exaggeration; but sold for what they are worth on the perch—not bogus strains. Cocks or hens, for exhibition, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Pairs, correctly matched to produce best results by me personally, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-. These are marvels at the price. Other useful birds. Cocks 7/6, 8/6; Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6. Pairs, matched to produce best results, 10/6 and 12/6. Cages to hold one bird, 3d., to hold two or three birds, 4d.: W. Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, 10/-; unlighted yellow var. hen, 7/6; ditto buff hen, 5/-; approval: Daigety, 10, River-st., Brechin.
 GOOD colored Norwich cocks 7/-, hens 3/-; seen Saturday afternoon, Sunday: Lettis, 2a, Lismore-circus, Gospel Oak, N.W.
 NORWICH Canaries for sale, cocks and hens, show birds and singers, bred from winners: E. Hopcraft, 101, Albert-rd., Peckham.
 UNFLIGHTED, two buff cocks, one clear, one marked, 7/6 each; well bred: Taylor, East Donnington-st., Darvel, Ayrshire.
 WANTED, Norwich Canaries, also Yorkshires (must be healthy); state lowest price to Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wishaw, Scotland.
 WANTED two cocks, four hens, clears, for stock, not fed, and cold-room; deposit: Bullfinch type: Lake, Hairdresser, Reigate.
 CHAMPION Norwich, large, typical birds; cocks, 10/6; hens, 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury.
 MRS. BANKS, 51, Bathouse-st., Perth, has a few Norwich Plainheads for sale, prize and prize-bred; cold room; in perfect health.
 LARGE clear buff cock, 12/6 worth double; yellow hen, 10/6; or pair 20/-; also few grand Borders: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.
 BUFF cock, 6/6; yellow cock (natural colour) 5/6; both unlighted; year-old buff cinnamon hen, 5/-: Spener, 85, Athol-st., Burnley.
 WELL-BRED 1914 Norwich clear yellow cock, 12/6; ditto, 10/6; clear yellow hen, 7/6; clear buff hen, 8/-: Troke, 71, Parchment-st., Winchester.
 UNFLIGHTED clear buff Norwich cock, good head and neck, bred same as my winner Kendal show, 12/6: Heywood, Castle Garth, Kendal.
 I HAVE for sale a few splendid pairs of Norwich to dispose of; winners at all leading shows: Parker, St. George-avenue, Wollstanton, Staffs.
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 JNO. ALLEN having selected breeding stock has typical pairs, year old, and unlighted; cheap to clear; approval: A. Bonsall-st., Leicester.
 LARGE stock colour-fed Norwich from winners, cocks from 6/6, hens 4/6; inspection invited: W. Grouddridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinkley.
 YELLOW and buff hens, two typical birds of excellent quality and size, 15/- each, or 25/- the two to clear: Kerr, Richmond-rd., New Barnet.
 YELLOW buff Norwich for sale, including Wimbledon winners and relations; seen by appointment: Hamilton, 71, Pulborough-rd., Southfields.
 BARGAINS. Grand pair Norwich 1914, yellow cock, buff hen, clears, splendid stock 15/-; no dealers: Faulkner, 24, Walker-st., Burton-on-Trent.

GRAND healthy colour-fed birds for sale, some are winners; others are bred from winners; pairs from 15/-; approval: Thompson, Cross-st., Spalding.
 BUFF cocks and yellows from 12/6; also two yellow self-green hens, 30/- and 40/- each; stamp for reply: Thomas Hulton, Ivy Lea, Lamberth, Stirlingshire.
 LARGE buff variegated hen, 1st. Shettleston, 25/-; unlighted buff cock, 1st., sp. Shettleston, 20/-; few others cheap: Ward, 425, Main-st., Shettleston.
 AVIARY bred Canaries, Norwich type; cocks 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/-; week's approval; deposit: Hedges, Confectioner, Wallingford, Berks.
 WANTED, Norwich Canaries, for cash; same address 20 years: fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton.
 WANTED good Norwich, Yorkshires and Crests, also good songsters; good price; write: Thos. McCrystal, 16, Langlands Road, Govan, Glasgow.

NORWICH for sale, of good quality and typical birds, 1915; hens from 5/-; cocks from 10/6; approval willingly; S.N.P.C.: Withers, 21, Oxford-rd., Ealing.
 BUFF variegated Norwich cock, good size, head, 25/-; short, thick, variegated unlighted hen, 15/-; buff cock, 15/-: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle.

WANTED, large, typical, clean, healthy, colour-fed and natural Norwich Plainheads; best price given; prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.
 MR. GEO. N. SHAW offers some grand yellow cocks at 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; also a few buff hens at 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each: 11, Sandcliff-rd., Erith, Kent.

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 C. PARKINS, 33, Park-terrace, Chelmsford, can spare three Norwich buff cocks, 25/- each; one buff hen, 25/-; one yellow hen, 41/-; a few cocks and hens cheaper.

SEVERAL well-bred 1914 yellow hens, good feeders and breeders of winners, 15/6 each; worth double; clinking buff hen, 12/6: Robinson, 37, Broad-st., Windermer.

8/- to 10/- a pair paid for good surplus stocks of Norwich, in small or large quantities; colour fed or natural: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

REDUCING stock, two clear yellow cocks, 20/-, 10/- each; two clear buff hens, 10/-, 7/6 each; approval: James Barnes, Factory-row, Whalley, near Blackburn.

GRAND, clear, yellow cock, variegated buff hen, 35/- pair; variegated buff cock, variegated yellow hen, 20/- pair, on approval: A. Tydeman, 45, York-rd., Ipswich.

SPLENDID Norwich cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 3/6, 5/-, 7/6; cold room, 1915, cash, approval: T. Sanders, 151, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester; close to Midland Station.

NORWICH, four unlighted cocks, clear yellow, marked yellow, clear buff, foul buff, 15/- each; good heads, etc.; bargains; approval; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

NORWICH hens, buff, fine condition, cold room bred, good feeding strain, 1915 birds, 3/-, two for 5/6: cages 3d. extra: Miss P. Robinson, 102, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

MR. INNES, Estate-Factor, Largs, Ayrshire, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Norwich, offers exceptional bargains; many winners; all large; inspection invited; letters only.

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THOMAS HERBERT, 35, South-st., Redditch, must clear; 1914 large buff cock, winner 2nd, 15/-; yellow hen, 5/-; unlighted yellow cock, 7/6; unlighted cobby buff hen, 6/-; approval, stamp reply.

FRANK COLE, 51, Melbourne-grove, East Dulwich, S.E., has buff hens, 12/6, 10/-, 7/-, 5/-; yellow cocks, 12/6; related his winners (this year Plymouth, Clapham, Dulwich and Peckham); approval cash.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich. Disposing all. Two big unlighted yellow cocks, one big buff cock, one unlighted clear yellow hen, 12/6 each, other 7/6; half value: Frank Inglis, Millar-st., Innerleithen.

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1914 BRED wings-marked buff hen, nice short wings and tail, 8/-; one wing-marked yellow hen, 6/6; unlighted clear yellow hen, good head and neck, 7/6; approval: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, good type and feather, well matched pairs or single birds, winners sold every season; 35 years breeder; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham.

NORWICH Plainheads for sale, 1914 cocks, 10/-, and hens 7/6 each; 1915 cocks, 8/6; hens 5/- each; all bred out-of-doors from Thomas's noted strain; on approval: W. Springett, 64, Wilson-st., Battersea, S.W.

GRAND evenly marked yellow cock, vic Ilkeston open class, 20/-; really good stout yellow cock, 10/6; large big-headed green cock, 12/6; all unlighted: Watson, 33, Fearon-st., Loughborough, Leicestershire.

NORWICH, winner medal most points 1915, clear yellow cock, 17/6; marked buff cock, 12/6; buff hens, 10/- each; the above have good heads, wing carriage and feather; on approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby.

WHAT offers in Yorkshire, Norwich, or Crests for two Bared Plymouth Rock pullets, one Black Minorca, one Black Orpington, and one Golden-faced Wyandotte; all laying: Rackham, 23, Benedict-rd., Brixton.

D. DEVOY has still a few well-bred unlighted Norwich to part with; yellow and buff cocks, clear and variegated buff hens; only two yellow hens left, 8/- each to clear; no fancy prices: 23, George-st., Stranraer.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, large, thick-set birds, best of blood; yellow cock, 25/-; variegated buff cock, 25/-; two buff hens, 10/-; few nice hens, yellows and buffs, 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

W. HUDSON, 117a, Gibbet-st., Halifax, Yorks, offers a few pairs of pure-bred Norwich from 25/6; also buff or yellow cocks from 10/- each; enquiries invited; own breeding and colour-fed, in top condition: approval.

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W. PROSSER can spare three clear yellow unlighted Norwich cocks of good stock, 10/6 each; one 1st and 3rd members' shows, 12/6; one 1914 buff, 15/-; large unlighted Goldfinch Canary Mule, 12/6; stamp approval, deposit: 14, Nightingale-terrace, Pontnewydd, Pontypool.
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LARGE buff Norwich cock winner and variegated yellow hen, well matched pair, 30/-, large heads; a few good unlighted Norwich cheap, large unlighted Crested cock and dark Crested cock, 10/-; approval: W. Smiles, 52, Dandsfield-place, Radcliffe, Acklington, Northumberland.

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FOR sale, one pair prize-bred Norwich, clear yellow cock and clear buff hen, 17/6; also the following house-moulded prize British: cock Bramble, 5/-; Greenfinch, 3/-; Twite, 3/-; Cirl Bunting, 5/-; Reed Bunting, 3/-; also fine Hawfinch, with show cage, 25/-; all are show birds and in fine condition: Smith, 331, Weelsby-st., Grimsby.

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NORWICH HEN CANARIES

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JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH

A few nice birds left; cocks from 12/6; hens from 7/6; state wants; inspection invited; approval; cash or deposit Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds.

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MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, breeder and trainer purest Seiferts, Glucke, etc., 110 bred 1915; deposit. (86)

COCK and two hens, Randall's strain, 20/-; James Goode, Foley Park, Kidderminster. (228)

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GOOD singing cocks, 6/6; hens 2/-; bargains: Seymour, 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester.

SEVERAL extra well-bred Roller hens, 2/6 each, to clear: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (233)

GRAND day and gaslight songsters, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (238)

WANTED, good schoolmaster on approval; state lowest price: W. Matter, Turkish Baths, Brack-st., Birmingham. (225)

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DEEP water glucke hens, P.5 rung, Randall-Neugbauer's strain, 6/- each; approval, deposit: Knowles, 19, Princess-st., Dukinfield. (233)

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MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Rollers, offers cocks at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-. (157)

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DEEP Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C.; few pairs left; 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; particulars free: Earnshaw, 51, Rook-st., Nelson, Lancs. (233)

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A FEW high-class B.R.C.C. rung 1915 Roller hens to part with, 4/- each; packed free and carriage paid: E. Stanton, Cycle Stores, Swan-st., Alcester. (229)

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TWENTY pure Rollers, hens, 1915, cold room, own breeding, 3/-, 3/6 each; would exchange few for Roller shutter cages or training cabinet: J. Scott, Higher Heysham, nr. Morecambe. (232)

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YORKSHIRE cock Canary, 1915, clear well-bred bird, singing, 6/-; J. Redman, Hallgate, Holbeach. (236)

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H. NEIGHBOUR has a few good Yorkshire hens for sale from 6/- each: 12, Arthur-rd., Holloway. (200)

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WANTED, well bred 1915 Yorkshire hen, clear yellow, or slightly marked yellow; Troke, 71, Parchment-st., Winchester. (228)

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. W. Coutts, hon. sec. Newcastle E. End C.B.S., writes that the name of the show manager was Mr. G. W. MacParling, and not Mr. MacNalling as printed in our report.

Mr. R. Hutchinson, sec. of the W. Stanley C.B.S., would like to hear immediately from anyone able and willing to judge, without fee, Canaries and British birds at the club's Charity Show on Feb. 26.

We are holding a smoking concert and presentation of prizes at the Red Lion Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, on Feb. 7, at 8, writes Mr. J. Glover, Hon. Sec., Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A. All fanciers are welcome, and a real good time is in store.

The balance-sheet of the Newcastle E. End C.B.S. shows that after paying all entry money, and £2 15s. as special prize-money at the annual show, and £4 6s. 6d. for the Manor House bowl, there is a balance in hand of £30 5s. 2d., as against £15 10s. brought forward.

The drawing of my Yorkshire Canary on your front page of Jan. 22, writes Mr. A. G. Cant, does your artist credit. The bird is peculiarly variegated, and the drawing is perfect. He should be a valuable stock bird as a variegated yellow is a useful specimen for a breeder.

Mr. E. W. Allsopp writes that he shipped a small consignment of Plainheads in November last per the s.s. "Metagama" to Toronto, and has since received word of landing all safely, even without a cold. The business, he says, was due to a small advt. appearing in CAGE BIRDS.

We regret to find that the advertisement of Messrs. J. Howard and Sons, London and Norwich, which, under the heading of "Wanted for Export," has for some time been a weekly feature of our advt. columns, was accidentally omitted from our last week's issue. The advt. appears again in this issue.

There seems to be some misunderstanding that Stanley and District F.F. and C.B.S. patriotic show is only for club members, writes Mr. Robt. Hutchinson, Sec. (pro tem.), 58, Joicey Terrace, West Stanley. It is for all fanciers within a radius of five miles, so let us have a big attendance at the next meeting, Feb. 6, at Victoria Club, at 10.30. I have plenty of tickets to sell at 3d. each.

I thank you for the honour you have done me in depicting my winning unflighted buff Norwich in your grand Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. W. Saunders. Though not one of the largest, he is of good type and quality, so it is not always the largest birds that win, as some would have us believe, for we still have some judges who will put type and quality before mere size. I have sold the bird to a London fancier at a nice figure, and I am pleased to see he has proved himself worthy of a red ticket for his new owner.

The December issue of "Bird Notes," the Journal of the Foreign Bird Club, completes Vol. 6 of the New Series, and has a full index to the contents of the volume. It contains accounts of the breeding of the Melba Finch by Mr. H. Willford; the Lesser Saffron Finch, by Mr. Maurice Amsler, and the Chinese Greenfinch, by Mr. W. Shore-Baily. Mr. Whittier concludes his "Ornithological Diary from the Punjab," and among the other articles is a most interesting account by Mrs. E. L. Beadnell of the rearing of a young Cuckoo by a Robin.

Taking the Risk.

At Westleigh, Devonshire, a Blackbird's nest with eggs was found during the third week in January.

The Yellow Wagtail as a Resident Bird.

Answering a correspondent who wishes to know where the Yellow Wagtail spends the winter, "W. C." of the "Manchester Dispatch," says: "Of late years there has been a tendency to regard this bird as migratory, but the great bulk are to be found in the southern counties, where they escape the severe weather of the north."

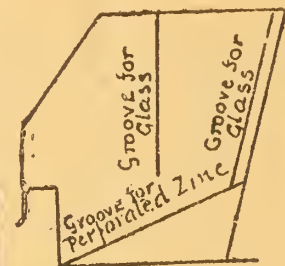
(We had an idea that the Yellow Wagtail spent its winter in West Africa. Still, we live and learn.)

An Outside Seed Hopper.

By F. THOMAS (Ramsgate).

A Handy Contrivance to Lessen the Labour of the Busy Bird-keeper.

THERE is an old saying that necessity is the mother of invention, and necessity has prompted me to invent a seed box



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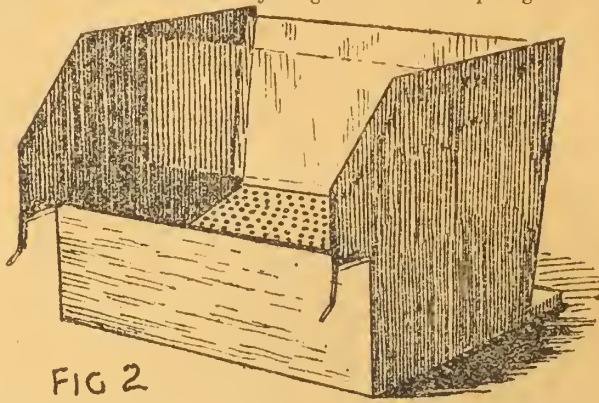


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for busy fanciers who, like myself, are perhaps through the war obliged to work short-handed in their business, so that their birds do not get quite the attention they otherwise would.

Possibly they have found that unless the seed-box is emptied fairly often a lot of dust accumulates at the bottom, and the seed clogs together. To obviate this, I made some boxes like the sketch, and they answer

We have engaged as three of the judges for our open show, Oct. 20-21, Messrs. H. W. Battye, J. C. Barnes, and C. Houlton, write Messrs. Green and Metcalfe, Secs., Liverpool O.S.

A lighthouse-keeper reports that whereas before the institution of bird-rests at the lighthouses innumerable birds perished on the migratory journey, it is now a very rare occurrence to pick up any dead birds. As the vast majority of birds which formerly met their death belonged to the smaller insectivorous species, the new conditions must be all to the good of agriculture.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. H. SYMES (Bradford).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. Helliwell, sec., that I have to acquaint members of the City of Bradford O.S. of the very sudden death of our esteemed member, W. H. Symes. I know all will join me in offering our sympathy to his wife in her great loss.

The Avicultural Magazine, the Journal of the Avicultural Society, of January, opens with an article by Dr. A. G. Butler on the Zosterops (White-eyes). The article is illustrated by some charming photographs from life by Mr. Geo. Lowe. Mr. F. E. Blaauw contributes notes on Humming Birds in nature, and among the other articles are "Spring in New South Wales," by G. A. Heumann; "The American Bittern in Captivity," by Innis Dorrien-Smith; and "Our Winter Breakfast Guests," by Mrs. K. Curry.

Chaffinches in London.

A flock of about thirty Chaffinches was noted in St. James's Park, London, on Jan. 25.

Cock Robins and and Hen Robins.

I am asked, says the writer of Nature Notes in the "Oldham Weekly Chronicle," why it is that the Robins which come to our houses in winter are always cocks. To be frank, I had never before thought of this, and have no observations to work upon. The plumages are exactly alike in both sexes, although this fact is not at all well known. Some men claim an ability to tell a cock from a hen, even in winter, by a faint difference in attitude and actions; but the usual test lies in the voice, for the cock has a sweet song, while the hen utters nothing beyond the familiar click or the thin wall.

Affairs of the Southern

Norwich P.C.

A very important meeting of the members has been called for Feb. 9 at the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, at 7.30 sharp, when matters of considerable urgency will be decided. Alterations in the rules will be discussed and officers elected. Mr. F. Cole asks us to urge upon all members the necessity of attending, or of sending in their voting papers to him at 51, Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, S.E., if they find it will be impossible to be present at the meeting.

splendidly. The dust drops through the perforated zinc, and the seed is perfectly clean.

By putting the narrow slip of glass in the centre, the space between the two bits of glass can be filled, and as the birds feed the seed drops down in hopper fashion, which is handy if you have a number of birds in a cage together.

The hopper may, of course, be made of any size, either in respect of length or height, according to the fancier's requirements. I have made some long enough to supply two partitions, and a brother fancier seeing them thought it a good idea, hence the reason I'm sending it to CAGE BIRDS for the benefit of the Fancy in general. The top edge of the

box next to the cage is bevelled off, so that the seeds or husks have no top edge to rest on.

If very small seeds, such as maw seed, are used, the false bottom should be of wire gauze instead of perforated zinc, or the smaller seeds would drop through with the dust. Figure 1 represents one of the end pieces, showing the grooves for the two glasses and the perforated zinc; Fig. 2 shows the hopper complete.

A FINE SHOW AT HOLBORN.

The grand Joint Members' Cage Bird show, under the auspices of the London C.B.A., the National British Bird and Mule Club, and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, was held on Wednesday and Thursday this week at the Holborn Town Hall. A comprehensive schedule had been provided, and met with a fairly generous response, a capital entry of 800 birds being staged.

The Canary section was well supported, especially by the Crest and Crestbred exhibitors, this being one of the best collection of birds ever staged; many very high-class birds were on view.

Yorkshires, although not heavy in numbers, were an extremely high-class collection, some of the finest specimens of the breed being staged, all in the pink of condition. Norwich were not so numerous, but good in quality, shape and colour. Border Fancies were somewhat weak in numbers, but good in quality.

The collection of British Finches was quite a feature of the show, competition being very keen all through some excellent specimens being staged, while the Mules and Hybrids also came out well, many noted winners again putting in an appearance and occupying their usual prominent positions in the prize lists. The reputed Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids were not accepted by the judge, Mr. Robson, and stood cardless.

The Foreign Bird section was again an excellent one, although hardly so large as at previous club shows. Many rare and beautiful birds were staged in this section, especially the winning Malachite Sunbird shown by Hon. Mrs. Bourke, staged in faultless condition. Parrots and Parakeets were also a very interesting collection.

The birds were staged at a convenient height, the room being well heated, and there was a capital attendance of the public; in fact the space between the benches was at times impassable.

The judges were: Yorkshire, Mr. R. L. Crisp; other Canary classes and Hybrids, Mr. J. Robson; British Hardbills, Mr. C. Prior; Softbills, etc., Mr. J. Dewhurst; Foreign, Messrs. C. Cooper and R. J. Watts.

The show had only just opened at the time of going to press, and catalogues and list of special prize-winners were not available. A fully detailed report will be given in next week's CAGE BIRDS.

"From my last advert. in the Foreign Bird Column of CAGE BIRDS I received over 30 replies from all parts of England and Wales. This speaks well for the great circulation of your paper in these times of stress."—F. H. PERRY (Rhyl).

"The last advert. I had in for Canaries got me a good sale. I could have sold above 50 times, thanks to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS."—J. TAYLOR (Alfreton).

SOME HANDY APPLIANCES.

By J. W. WILSON.

It may be thought a curious commencement to notes on appliances to mention mice, but, next to red mite, mice are the worst enemies of the bird-keeper. Where there is bird seed there is sure to be mice, and recent correspondence in CAGE BIRDS testifies to the annoyance caused by these little rodents. If they get into a vessel containing seed, they not only steal the seed, but they contaminate that which they do not eat, and seed which has been fouled by mice is a deadly poison.

The first consideration of every bird-keeper, therefore, should be to keep the mice from his stock of seed, and this is fortunately an easy and inexpensive matter. Whether the stock be large or small, it should be kept in tins, and such tins are obtainable cheaply, either as having already contained household necessities, or from the grocer. Each kind of seed should have its separate tin which should be clearly labelled.

A seed mill is another article which no bird room should be without. Many seeds, such as sunflower, beech mast, etc., require breaking before being given to the birds, and if a mill is not at hand, they are either withheld from the birds or are only given to them after very considerable trouble in their preparation. Mills which will answer this purpose are inexpensive, and repay their cost in a very short time.

Where hard-boiled egg is used, and there are few bird-rooms in which it is otherwise than indispensable, some means of preparing it other than mincing it with a fork is very necessary. Small sieves with strong wire bottoms answer the purpose nicely, or a piece of perforated zinc may be fastened to four strips of wood. The egg may then easily be rubbed through the holes by using a knife or a piece of hard wood, or even with the ball of the thumb if only a small quantity is needed at a time.

About Baths.

There is no need to say that a bird is not healthy unless it is always ready for its daily bath. Baths may be purchased of all shapes and sizes, but of whatever pattern they be the interior must not be dark, or the birds will not go into them. The best shape therefore is a square wood and wire box, like a cage with one side taken out. Pieces of removable glass may easily be fitted to the three sides, and will prevent any splashing of the water to the outside of the bath, and at the same time will not obscure the light. Inside of this box should be a porcelain or glass tray which just fits it, and is easily removed for cleaning.

The proper bath for an aviary of birds is a matter which is of some importance, for unless some precautions are taken to minimise the effect of the splashing of a number of birds, the floor of the aviary becomes unpleasantly wet, and in time unsanitary. An admirable method is to have two square zinc trays, about an inch deep, one considerably smaller than the other, so that when the one is placed inside the other a fairly wide space extends all round. Then if the smaller one is filled with water the larger one will catch most or all of the splashes, and the floor of the aviary will not be wetted.

A New Use for a Hairpin.

A holder for a piece of apple or other fruit may easily be made from a lady's hairpin. Bend up the two points into a hook shape, hang the hairpin on the inside of the cage around one of the wires so that it rests on the crossbar, and the holder is ready for use. A longer piece of wire bent into the same shape, and also with the ends turned into hooks will, if bent again at right angles, make a handy appliance for keeping open a sliding door in a cage-front while the bath is in use. One part lies on the top of the cage and the top bar of the door is slipped into the hooks.

A Novel Nest Box.

Get a penny wooden, square, nest box and a straw "envelope" from a wine bottle. Slit the envelope partly up from the wide end, fasten the bottom around the box by tacks through a narrow piece of tin, and a warm and cosy nest box will be formed for small foreigners or for birds in an outdoor aviary. A small perch may easily be fitted to the front edge of the box by a bent wire.

To Circumvent the Mice.

When mice are troublesome in an aviary, turn a flower-pot upside-down, stand on this a bottle of any kind, to the centre of a square piece of wood; fix a peg which will fit into the neck of the bottle, and you have a seed stand which no mouse can climb.

Improper and Proper Cages.

By BIRD LOVER.

An Article which shows how Pet Birds should be Housed so as to keep them in Health and Happiness

UNFORTUNATELY one of the last things which enter the thoughts of the majority of those who think of keeping a bird or a few birds is the cage. If they were only to realise that in whatever habitation the bird is put there it has to remain for good or for ill, the cage would be the first consideration rather than the last.

Unfortunately also, about the very worst kind of cage in which a bird may be kept is the one mostly used by those who keep only one bird, or only a few. That is, the all-wire cage, which is the stock in trade of the general ironmonger. These cages generally, besides exposing the inmates to every draught that blows, and to every change of temperature that occurs in the living-room in which they are so frequently hung, are entirely of the wrong proportions; their height is more than their width, and their floor space is inadequate.

Further, they are generally fitted with two perches, which are not only wrongly placed, i.e., one across the other, so that the bottom one gets soiled by the bird's droppings, but are made smooth and round, and not nearly of sufficient thickness. When a bird has continually to use a thin round perch, its claws get overgrown, and the necessary cutting only aggravates the evil, for a cut claw grows apace, and soon needs more cutting.

A Haven for Red Mite.

The wooden "boss," or block, which is generally inside the cone-shaped top which carries the totally unnecessary swing and the ring by which the cage is hung, forms an ideal hiding and breeding-place for the wicked little pests known as red mite, and it is scarcely too much to say that half the troubles which affect "pet" birds are due to the presence of these blood-sucking parasites; a presence which is totally unsuspected by the fond owner of the bird.

A cage for any kind of bird should be of what is known as the "box" pattern. Such a cage is entirely closed in excepting at the front, which is of wire, and affords not only partial seclusion for the inmate, but protection against draughts and other evil influences. The floor space should not be less than one square foot for a bird the size of a Canary (16 inches by 12 is better), and it should be from 10 to 12 inches in height.

The Things that Matter.

Such a cage may be made to be quite as "ornamental" as the contraptions of all wire, or wood and wire, that are so universally used by novices in bird-keeping. It may be of polished mahogany or other fancy wood, and can be finished off with a shaped pediment if desired. So far as the bird is concerned, however, ornament is not a consideration. The things that are vital to its well-being are comfort, cleanliness, and reasonable room for exercise, and these are all to be had at very little cost, certainly less than the cost of an all-wire "drawing-room" cage.

But whether the cage be cheap or expensive, one point is imperative; it should be so made that there are absolutely no crevices or cracks for the deadly red mite. A cage as it comes from the maker should be carefully inspected before use. A few extra brads will tighten up any gaps, and a coat or two of enamel inside and out, of a colour to the taste of the owner, will not only improve its appearance, but hermetically seal up all crevices. A cage so finished can be kept absolutely clean with a minimum of trouble, and a very occasional re-enamelling will keep it "as good as new."

The wire front should be of the "punched bar" type, with the food and water openings large enough for the bird to get its head through with comfort, and without damaging its neck feathers. A large door, which slides up and down, should form part of this front, to give facility for hanging on the ever-necessary bath. The whole front should be easily removable, for an occasional thorough cleaning or re-enamelling the interior of the cage, and it should be enamelled to match the interior of the cage.

In the interests of Tidiness.

The bottom rail should be of a good depth, say, three inches wide, and this, with a sand drawer one inch deep, will form a sufficient screen to keep the sand and seed husks inside the cage, rather than about the floor of the room. One perch should run along the whole length of the cage

at the front, level with the top of the bottom rail, to allow the bird easy access to its food and water. Two or three perches should be screwed to the back of the cage, and these should not quite reach the front wires, so that the bird cannot sit close to the bars and foul the feeding perch.

These cross perches should be preferably of differing thicknesses, but if they are uniform in thickness, then they should be quite half an inch wide and three-eighths of an inch thick. Two of them may be placed level with the feeding perch, and one or more sufficiently below the top of the cage to allow the bird comfortable headroom. The wider the perches are apart the better for the well-being of the bird, as the jumping from perch to perch affords healthy exercise, and if the bird has to use its wings in the "jump" so much the better.

A door in one end of the cage is an optional matter, but it has its uses. A bird will readily go through the end of its permanent cage into a temporary one placed outside the open door, and if it has to be caught out the end door offers an easier means than the sliding door in the wire front.

A spare sand tray is a great convenience. Nervous birds are apt to be badly frightened by cleaning operations, and if there be a spare sand tray the soiled one may be removed and a fresh one substituted without scaring the bird. Provided there are more cages than one, one extra drawer will, of course, suffice for cleaning out any or all of them, that is, if the cages be of uniform size.

HOW TO CAGE BRITISH BIRDS.

By F. Z. S.

A Plea for Uniformity in the Birdroom.

It adds much to the appearance of a bird-room if the cages are of uniform size. They can then be disposed on racks or shelves, and every available inch of wall space may be used, but when they are of different heights the wall space required for any row is equal to the height of the largest one, and over the smaller cages there is waste space, while if they are of different depths from front to back there is waste room on the shelves in front of the smaller ones, and a skeleton rack, which is greatly to be preferred to a range of shelves, cannot be used at all. It is scarcely necessary to say also that the interiors should be painted all of the same colour, for nothing looks worse than a dozen or more cages of all the colours of Joseph's coat.

A very nice size for a cage for a British Finch or small softbill is 18 inches long, 14 high, and 10 deep. It should, of course be of the box pattern, and the front should be of punched bars so as to be easily removable in one piece. Cages are usually made with a small door called a bolting door, in one end, generally the right hand end, but if they are made in pairs, one with the small door in the right-hand end and the other at the left hand, and then if the opposite ends be made so that one end takes out almost entirely, the removable piece being secured by buttons, any pair may be converted into a flight 36 inches long when required, and restored to single cages in a moment.

The wires of the fronts should be half an inch apart; this is sufficiently close for any British bird, and the view of the interior of the cage is not obscured, as it is with closer wires. The painting of the wires is a matter of choice; some like them of the same colour as the interior of the cage, others enamel them black as the outside.

Every cage for a British Finch should be provided with two seed hoppers, one to contain simply Spanish canary seed or a mixture of canary and summer rape, and the other for a mixture of various seeds, according to the season or the requirements of the birds from time to time. The drinker should be of glass or china, for either of these is much more easily kept clean than metal, besides which, it is sometimes necessary to use drugs, and the action of these on a tin or zinc drinker may entirely pervert their purpose.

The sand-tray may be of wood, but there is much to be said in favour of a metal bottom. It is easily cleaned, and the cleaning when done is thorough. Unpleasant smells in the bird-room need never exist if zinc-bottomed sand trays are used, and with insectivorous or fruit-eating birds they become almost a necessity.

The large insectivorous birds need of course a cage of dimensions to suit their size. A Chough or a Magpie for instance requires a cage not less than 3ft. long, 2ft. high, and 18in. deep. To endeavour to keep birds of this kind in smaller cages is only to court failure, not to speak of the discomfort involved to the birds.

Correspondence.

An All-British Bird Show.

SIR,—I am very pleased to see Mr. Metcalfe still to the fore in the Cage Bird Fancy. He is one of the right men for the job; I will do my best for his welfare, and for the good of the Fancy. I will offer to guarantee full prize-money in two classes, 1 in Mule section and 1 in British section.

R. D. PARLETT.

The Steadying of Yellowhammers.

SIR,—I should like to ask, through the correspondence columns in CAGE BIRDS, if any British Bird exhibitor will kindly tell me how to steady a Yellowhammer, and the best cage to use for that purpose. A short time ago Mrs. Dalton wrote an article on the above bird, but it was minus the information I require. Thanking you in anticipation.

BRITISHER.

Yorkshire Greens for Novices.

SIR,—The rise in the advt. rate will not make any difference to me for this season, as I have sold all the birds I had for sale. I could not have wished for better results from the three adverts I had in CAGE BIRDS. I did not think the Yorkshire Green was in such demand, although it is one of the most beautiful birds in the Fancy, and I am sure one of the most useful. I have had a very successful time with them, and if it be of any use I will give your readers my methods of feeding and breeding. Novices would be well advised when taking up the Fancy to start with the Yorkshire Green, as it does away with the necessity of colour feeding, and lots of failures. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

A. MOCKRIDGE.

[We are sure that the notes kindly promised by Mr. Mockridge would be of interest to our readers, and we shall be glad to have the opportunity of publishing them. EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

Catching Mice in the Bird-room.

An Old, But Effective Method.

SIR,—It seems to surpass the wit of man to entirely shut out these pests from the bird-room. I accidentally found out a very efficient method of thinning their ranks in my aviary. Procure a piece of stout board four or five inches wide. Set this on its edge on the floor with the top edge leaning against the wall, in such a way that there is an inch or so of space behind it. Every time you enter the bird-room make a point of stooping down and forcing the board hard against the wall. I have killed many mice in this way, sometimes two and three at a time. The space behind the board soon becomes a favourite refuge for them, and you will frequently see a mouse, when surprised, make for it rather than for its hole. In fact, they seem to use it at all times as a feeding place, carrying seeds there to be eaten at leisure. The board may be as long as can be conveniently manipulated, regard being had to the fact that pressure must be applied firmly over the whole space without any fumbling. I hope this wrinkle will be of use to fellow bird-keepers, and I shall be very glad to hear through your columns of favourable results.

M. R. T.

Should Britishers be Shown in Uniform Cages?

SIR,—I notice with pleasure that British bird fanciers seem to be waking up to the fact that if something is not done soon exhibiting will be a thing of the past. Personally I don't believe the fancy is declining in the least, but exhibiting undoubtedly is, and probably from the same cause that decided me to keep my birds at home. Unfortunately clique judges are rampant in England, and they do undoubtedly look after the birds of their friends or members of the society to which they themselves belong. I was so disgusted with my experiences of judges that I gave up exhibiting, and only keep a few birds for pleasure. You have only to read the reports of shows to see how often some member of the committee has swept the deck. Cages catch the judge's eye right across the room. The bird does not count, not a bit. Some few years ago I visited a show, and among the winning British was a bird as wild as possible, in winter plumage, and in the prettiest of cages possible; an arrangement of reeds, grass, and imitation frost. The owner had several exhibits, and they were all among the money, though there was not a real exhibition bird among the lot. He then advertised his birds at fancy prices, although the real key to his success was that he was a member of the local committee. I do not say emphatically that there was dirty work at the cross roads, but this kind of thing gives other would-be exhibitors a nasty taste in the mouth. Now, till the British birds,

hybrids, foreign, etc., are put down in the same manner that Canaries are, in uniform show cages, the exhibiting of them will steadily decline. Let us have standard cages, plain drinkers, and the same pattern of food boxes, and, above all, honest and fair judging; then I firmly believe the fancy will have a fillip. It is nearly 20 years since I exhibited, but I would do so again if fancy and distinctive cages were done away with. Judges should be specialists. I remember a well-known Halifax exhibitor who used to show a remarkably good Ring Ousel. I heard a well-known Canary judge say he would have disqualified this bird as being wrong class, as it was pied. He thought in his ignorance that it was a pied Blackbird.

W. G. WOODALL.

A Ring Ousel has a greyish gorget on the throat.—Ed. CAGE BIRDS.

Closed Rings for the Northern Yorkshire C.C.

SIR,—At the general meeting of the above club I was requested to obtain numbered closed rings for those fanciers who desire to use them, and it is necessary that I should know at the commencement of the breeding season how many are required. Every member present at the meeting gave me his order. If anyone who was unable to be present is going to use closed rings, and will let me know how many he requires, I will book his order. The price will be 1s. 1d. per dozen, postage free, any profit made will be given to the club, and go towards special prizes to be given during the coming show season. I may say that in the past I have been disappointed in the closed ring competitions, and this last season, in addition to the cup, I gave three specials, yet only three members competed. The cup still runs, but I think it probable that its conditions may be altered this coming season. Up to the present I have orders for 24 dozen rings for this season, and if this points to a greater interest in the rings I will be pleased to help in the way of specials to the best of my ability.

T. C. CRAWHALL, President N.Y.C.C.

121, St. George's Terrace,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

How the Roller Canaries Went to Ohio.

SIR,—A few weeks ago, a prominent member of the Roller Club, received an application for birds for U.S.A., so he wrote to me, asking if I would kindly tell him how I packed some that I sent in December, 1913. I am sending an account of my method, in case it may be useful to others.

A shipping agent said the carriage would be about 30s., and the company would not insure the birds unless I paid carriage; so I sent the birds carriage forward. A friend showed me an illustration in the "Daily Sketch" for Nov. 24, 1913, entitled "Where it is really winter; Ohio." The snow was 24in. deep, and that is where my hardy little Rollers arrived the following month. A local man made me a double-decked double breeder. I fixed two penny loaf tins at the back of each, and filled them with seed, then put the Roller hens in the upper cage, and the cock bird in the lower one; all could fly about. I put seed hoppers outside each cage, and also sent a large tin of seed with them. I put open drinkers, as well as blue glass-topped ones, so that the birds would not be without water if the stewards should be too busy for a time to attend to them. Then I tacked a piece of blanket over the front of the cage, and over that I fastened a loose piece of American cloth. On the outside of it I wrote "Please raise this if these birds are in a temperature over 60 degrees," and on the inside I fastened a label with "Kindly drop cover, if these birds are in a temperature under 60 degrees." They went by the "Cedric" on Dec. 18, 1913; they were ten days out at sea, and two days on rail; all arrived at their destination, in the pink of condition. All had a bath, then a banquet of fruit and egg-food; then the cock bird began to sing, and the purchaser was delighted with him, and with the hens also; he said they were almost tame. He complimented me on the way I had packed them, and said there was quite a lot of seed in the little loaf tins; he very kindly sent me a memento of our pleasant transaction.

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A Disclaimer from Everton.

Sir,—I notice in this week's CAGE BIRDS a note under "General" signed John Smith, Everton. I beg to state that as far as I know I am the only John Smith, Everton, exhibitor of Canaries, and wish to state that I have no knowledge whatever about the letter written you,

JOHN SMITH.

18, St. Domingo Grove, Everton.

[The letter in reply to which our note was written purported to come from "John Smith, 18, St. Domingo Grove, Everton," the same name and address as the above. The writing, however, is totally different. Enquiries as to the bona-fides of the letter in question were already in hand, and they will doubtless prove that the letter was, as we suspected, a forgery. Our correspondent, the real "John Smith," may have the original letter if he wishes.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

Identity of Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid Challenged.

The Breeder Says He Expects Some More this Season.

Sir,—I would like to thank your correspondents for their kind congratulations and good wishes expressed re my Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids. I am glad to know that nearly all, if not all, are willing to accept my claim for the birds. It will hardly be desirable for me to enter any further into the discussion, but I would like to ask Mr. Robson if he has any ideas of his own as to what a Hybrid between the two birds mentioned should be like. I would also state, in my defence against his suggestion that by accident I might have mixed my Thrush eggs and put one into the Blackbird's nest—1st, that I have no breeding Thrush pair in my possession, nor did I handle a Thrush egg last year; 2nd, if that theory should stand, I could hardly expect to pass it off as an accident, for out of the two nests there were 6 young hatched, 5 of which left the nest, 4 coming through the moult, and they all have similar markings. If there was 1 egg put in, therefore, there must have been 6, and I think if that were the case all must pronounce that there had been a deliberate and premeditated attempt to defraud, not an accident. Regarding the nests, they were typical Blackbird's nests, lined inside with fine grass, and built by the Blackbird alone. I cannot say I ever saw them actually pairing last season, hence my own surprise at finding young in the first nest, but I have noticed during the last week or so evidences of pairing up with the same two birds, and they look quite like breeding again. I shall be very pleased to report any further developments that may take place, and will be glad if any of your correspondents care to call and see the birds in my aviary.

T. H. ANDERSON.

Campbell St., Darvel.

Proposed Federation of Roller Societies.

Sir,—At present I, and many more fanciers, are quite in the dark as to the real object at the back of the above movement, therefore we Roller men in Birmingham will deprecate any hurried decision at the meeting called in Manchester for Feb. 5. Before any drastic interference with present government and song standard is attempted, or the formation of such a body as the suggested Board of Control, meetings of every Roller Club should have been called, and their views organised.

I hope I am wrong, but the Manchester conference appeals to me as an effort to destroy the power and authority of the British Roller Canary Club. The fanciers of Bolton and Manchester will have the chief say. The meeting has been called on their own doorstep, and at a time when the hands of the B.R.C.C. and their loyal supporters are tied, on account of the date of the conference being that of the B.R.C.C. show in London. I do not say this has been intentional, but it is true.

Mr. Kilshaw, in his letter, declines to dwell on the cause of the differences between the P.R.C.C. and the National Club. I suggest that the only differences existing are those caused by the Provincial Club and its supporters, who have refused to accept the B.R.C.C. judging standard, have refused to print the names of their judges over classes in schedule, and have now started an opposition ring against that supplied by the National Club. This is rebellion! Mr. Kilshaw ends by an appeal for unity in the Fancy; but, so far as I can see, there would never have been disunity had it not come from the P.R.C.C. and that club's supporters, chiefly in Manchester and Bolton, who have rebelled against the ruling of the B.R.C.C. I appeal to all clubs to take no steps that will injure the power or prestige of the B.R.C.C. It is, and should be, the ruling

club. If fault is to be found with it, then let us try to improve its working, and its organisation, not set up another. My idea of good sportsmanship is to conform to the ruling of constituted authority. That authority is the B.R.C.C. It is the National Club. Its rings should be the only rings used in the British Fancy; there is no earthly necessity that I can see for any other.

If such a Control Board is formed contrary to the wishes of the B.R.C.C. and its members, I feel quite sure that it will receive no acknowledgement from the M.R.C.C., or the Birmingham Club. I trust it will not either from Leeds, whose fanciers, I feel quite sure, suggested this scheme in good sportsmanship, and good faith. But why has it been taken out of their hands, the meeting convened on the very doorstep of the P.R.C.C., where all those who oppose the B.R.C.C. can easily attend, and where those who loyally support it can not, except at great inconvenience, and expense?

I hope that every Roller club in the country will at once convene a meeting to discuss this crucial point, and that no steps will be taken to set up a new authority in the Fancy—and a new song standard—until the views of the B.R.C.C. members all over England and Scotland have been ascertained.

I have written this letter with no intention of widening any split, or of giving offence to our brethren in the North. I sincerely hope they will not take it as such. But in the face of so drastic a change as they suggest, it seems to me a time when one's views

and fears, should be expressed with the utmost frankness. If my impression as to what lies behind this new move is incorrect, I shall be only too pleased, and happy, to have that impression removed. H. G. HILL.

Sir,—I am pleased to tell you that for the B.R.C.C. Show entries have closed with a total of 240 in the five classes. In view of the correspondence in your columns, re control board for the Roller fancy, a meeting will be held at the Show on Saturday, at 5 p.m.

I am sorry to say I have just heard that Mr. J. H. Willows, who was engaged to judge has suffered through the recent Zeppelin raid, and will be unable to come and judge.

J. W. NORRIS.

Recipe for Cage Paint Desired

Sir,—Will some reader kindly give a recipe how to make a dull black colouring for the outside of cages?

H. CROSS.

Specials at Chester Show.

Sir,—For the information of "Novice, S.B.F.C.," and in reply to his letter in CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 22, I append list of winners of specials he enquires about. Best bird in show: Roberts, No. 6, Class 31. Best 4th prize: Thomas, No. 5, Class 36. Most points novice: Thomas, 13 points. All winners, points, etc., have been in the hands of his club secretary, Mr. Burton, and I feel sure had he made enquiries from him he would have had no cause for complaint.

L. CAVANAGH, Hon. Sec.

Chester C.B. Soc.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Business important; fixing date of open show and selecting judge.—W. Newell.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Station Cafe, 8. Gen. business, and Border lecture probable.—C. Bailey.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 7.30. Table show for British Birds.—E. Johnson.

Barry F. and F.S.—Feb. 12, Headquarters, 8.—H. P. Thomas.

Burnley O.S.—Feb. 8, Star Inn, 7.30. Lecture: How a Novice should commence bird-keeping; by a well-known exhibitor; all welcome.—R. Hines.

Barrow C.B.A.—Feb. 9, 7.30. Table show of Border pairs, final settlement of open show, and important business.—D. McFarlane.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Feb. 8, Joiners' Arms, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers, balance sheet.—J. Kilshaw.

Bowling B.F.A.—Feb. 7, Barley Mow, 7.30. Ordinary business; unsold tickets for knife and fork tea must be brought in.—J. Nicholl.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Y.M.C.A., 7. Pair show arrangements.—W. Crowther.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Feb. 9, Headquarters, 7.30. Border Fancy classification for open show, and novice question. Future meetings second Wed. in the month.—John C. Bell.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Victoria Hotel, 6.30. Annual smoking concert and prize distribution; hearty welcome to old and new fanciers. Please note new Sec.—Harry Fretwell, 23, Mexborough Road, Bolton Woods, Bradford.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Feb. 9, headquarters, 8. Pair show. Judge, W. Swainsland. Schedule has been sent to all members.—W. H. Gibb.

Beamish C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Bird Inn, 6.30. Annual meeting. Election of officers, and other business.—J. H. Elliot.

Choppington, Scotland Gate.—Feb. 5, Social Club, 6.30. Election of officers for 1916. All fanciers invited.—H. Seely.

City and Sub. A.C.B.—Feb. 23, annual pair show; fanciers are asked to make a note of this important fixture.—F. J. Martin.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Alexandra Hotel, Penge. Pair show, open at 8, enter early; committee meeting will be held re printing, etc.—W. D. Fryett.

Clapham C.B.A.—Feb. 4, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, 8. Arrangements for pair and Finch show.—T. J. Hosc.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Druid's Arms, 6.30. Election of officers, balance sheet, dinner, table show Yorks, ck. or hen, do. Norwich; previous winners barred.—G. Hunt.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Church Hall, 7. General meeting; election of officers.—E. Jameson.

East Ham F.S.—Feb. 10, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Approval of committee's proposals of rules for 1916, and other important business; members having adverts for Handbook please let me have them by Feb. 10 latest.—W. A. Harwood.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—Feb. 7, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Annual general meeting, new members enrolled at this meeting, election of judges.—R. S. Spence.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Sec's residence, 8. Programme for the year, arrangements for pair show, and other special business.—J. Alderslade.

Elgin C.B.A.—Feb. 7, Gordon's Temperance Hotel, 8. Members' table show Nor. pair, nov., Nor., Greenf.—A. W. Douglas.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Church House, Church Road, 8. Business important. Balance-sheet; new members.—W. Dawson.

Guiseley, Yeading C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Regent Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—W. Rose.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Feb. 12, 7. Social and prize distribution; members and friends please make an effort to be present.—A. Firth.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 5, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Arranging next season's show classifications and election judges, etc.—J. J. Dunn.

Hatton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Balance-sheet and discussion of rules, and other important business. New members invited.—G. Vipond.

Halifax C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Trafalgar Inn, 7.30. Pic supper and presentation of prizes, and social evening; names for supper close Feb. 8.—A. Sutcliffe.

Ilkington F.A.—Feb. 7, headquarters 6.30. Balance-sheet, secretary's report, election of officers, alteration to rules, etc.—W. A. Bihh.

Keighley C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Pair show and lecture on the pairing of Yorkshires.—C. W. Town.

Leith O.S.—Feb. 12, 3. Table show.—J. A. Muir.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 12, St. Luke's Schools North Street, 5.30. Annual tea, prize distribution and concert.—J. Chambers.

Liverpool B.E.A.—Feb. 10, Oldham Hall 8. Drawing up syllabus for 1916.—T. R. Jones.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Masou's Arms, 7. Admission of new members, fanciers in district invited.—W. B. Smart.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Open discussion; friends invited.—R. Charleson.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Feb. 5, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Lecture on preparing birds for exhibition by Mr. Robson. Fanciers welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Kelvedon Hall.—C. W. Woolley.—(Date and time not stated.—Ed.)

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 7, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Election of president, prize-money from January show, arrangements for table shows, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Feb. 8, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Mr. Williamson will give a paper on Crests and Crestbreds. Fanciers invited.—J. G. Royce.

Openshaw, Corton C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Clubroom, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw 8.20. General business; nomination of new members; subs. due; Balance-sheet, amal. show.—A. W. Newton.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Textile Dining Room, 8. Balance-sheet, election of officers, and general business.—G. Mills.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich 8. Pair show of Canaries; judge, Mr. Skinner. All invited free.—G. H. Maclellan.

Perth City and County C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8.—J. L. Smith.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Mail Coach, Rotherham. Pair show.—W. Wilsbaw.

South-West London C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 7.30. New members to be nominated, election of auditor. Discussion, opened by Mr. Goymer, whether showing improvements breeds of Canaries. Fanciers invited.—W. Lilly.

S.L. Col. F.A.—Feb. 10, 7.30. General meeting and pair show at headquarters, Druid's Head, Church Street, Deptford Broadway.—J. Luckham.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—Feb. 9, "Eagle," Chobham Road, 8. Balance-sheet, alterations of rules programme for 1916.—A. Wasey.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Feb. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Allocation of specials; new members to enrol, followed by a social evening.—J. Glover.

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, 5.30. Electing judges for open show and other important business.—Wm. Dodd.

South-East London F. and F.A.—Feb. 7, headquarters, 432 Old Kent Road, 8. General meeting; Canary washing demonstration by Mr. J. S. Fairman, followed by competition; special prize for best washed bird, presented by Mr. A. J. Clarke.—R. Jackson.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Prize distribution, etc.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven C.B.G.—Feb. 8, Village School Alexandra, 8. Canary pair show; judge, Mr. R. Jeffrey, Glasgow.—A. H. McLean.

Windhill C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Judges and dates for members' shows and ordinary business.—Tynlor and Halliday.

West Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Club-room, 12. Balance-sheet election of officers for year.—R. Hutchinson.

West Stanley F.F. C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Victoria Club, 10.30. Schedule, election of judges, hall for show. Fanciers please attend to push the show forward.—Robt. Hutchinson.

Walton Everton C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Mission Hall, Kilshaw Street. Show report, syllabus for coming season and other important business.—A. G. Hunt.

Wigan C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Legs of Nan Hotel, 8. Election of officers.—E. Ball.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Horse and Groom, 6. Annual general meeting; election of officers; show for breeding pairs. Judge, Mr. T. Bennett.—W. Chapman.

Wakley C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Westmorland Mission Hall, 8. Pairing competition; 2s. added to 5d. entry. Friends invited.—C. Tomlinson.

Walsend, Mid-Tyne Association.—Feb. 9, Station Hotel, 7. Important business and discussion about pair show. New members invited.—G. Greenwell.

WALTON EVERTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Jan. 12, Mission Hall, Kilshaw st., Mr. G. Holmes chair. Decided that one who was a novice on Jan. 1 remains a novice until Dec. 31.—A. G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

PONTYPOOL C.B.S.

Annual meeting, headquarters, Jan. 29. Balance sheet was presented showing a balance in hand of nearly £5, which was considered very satisfactory, the society being only eight months old. All officers were re-elected except the chair and Mr. W. D. Lewis was elected as chairman for 1916. Decided to hold a pair show on Feb. 12, Mr. C. Broome (Blaenavon) to judge. President, Mr. Lovell, promised 10s. 6d. to best pair in show; birds to be at headquarters by 3.30. Mr. W. Lewis promised 2s. 6d. for best pair shown by a member not shown before.—H. H. Vaughan, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.G.

Annual meeting, headquarters, Jan. 29, Mr. Wareing presiding over good attendance, who were all sorry to hear of the serious illness of the Hon. Sec., Mr. Percival, for whom Mr. Smith, of Rochdale, officiated. Officers elected: Hon. Pres., Mr. A. Percival; Pres., Mr. G. Wareing; Vice-Pres., Messrs. A. Foulds, T. Hillson, J. M. Kilshaw, W. Massey, A. Leach; Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. J. T. Smith, 11, Disley Street, Sudden, Rochdale. Three new members elected. Mr. Wareing and Mr. Smith were appointed to represent the P.R.C.C. at the meeting of Roller clubs, Feb. 12, Old Boar's Head, Manchester. Prize money will be paid to winners of young birds' point competition as soon as possible. Members who have not sent in their points kindly do so.—J. T. Smith, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER F.C.C.

List of points gained over patronage shows, 1915. Champion section: J. Nicholson (bronzes), 225; J. Johnston, 212; W. Espie, 88; W. Affleck, 45; S. Smith and Sons, 34; G. Greenwell, 22; C. Farrer, 21; A. Montgomery, 19; W. Smith, 17; G. F. Bates, 9. Silver medal three highest birds: W. Espie, J. Nicholson, J. Johnston, S. Smith and Sons, G. Greenwell. Novice section: G. Heslop (gold medal), 83; A. Affleck, 46; S. Rander, 76; M. Cossar, 12; S. Nicholson, 11; S. Davidson, 11; G. Wilson, 8; J. H. Crutcher, 4. Silver medal three highest birds at each show: S. Rander, G. Heslop, A. Affleck, S. Nicholson. Table shows.—Champion: S. Smith and Sons, 45; J. Johnston, 24; W. Affleck, 13; G. Greenwell, 10. Novice: S. Rander, 43; G. Wilson, 44; M. Cossar, 21; A. Affleck, 18.—C. Farrer, Hon. Sec.

GUISBOROUGH (Priory) C.B.S.

Annual meeting, headquarters. Officers elected as in 1915. Pres., Mr. Chaloner; Vice-Pres., Mr. Chaloner; Chair, Mr. J. G. Cook; Vice-Chair, Mr. R. Mays; treas., Mr. F. Jones; sec., A. W. Knaggs; Mr. J. S. Campbell, assist. sec. There was a splendid turn-up of members, 4 new members were proposed, and others mentioned. The pair show was proposed for Feb. 19; judges, Mr. Marsden, Yorks, and Mr. Barker, Nor. and Brit. The meeting appointed Mr. J. S. Campbell and sec. to call on Mr. F. Jones, who is lying seriously ill in hospital, to carry with them the best wishes of the meeting for his speedy recovery. The society's champion special for most points during the year was won by J. G. Cook, and the novice special by Mr. J. Wesson, who is now in bkabi fighting his country's battles somewhere in the East.—A. Knaggs, sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, Jan. 29, Mr. Farrer presided. Decided to hold annual meeting Feb. 12, for election of officers and balance sheet, the latter showing a balance in hand of over £5, although the year started with a deficiency of over £7 to make up. Auditors appointed, Messrs. Gray and Brown. Decided to hold a pair show also at next meeting, birds to be in room in time for judging to commence at 7 prompt. Mr. W. Reid judge; entrance fee 3d. per cage; entry to be made at the show. The following specials were promised: Mr. J. Riseborough, medal best pair; Mr. J. Peacock, special for runner up, also best muling pair; Mr. Proctor, 2s., best Lizard pair; Mr. Farrer, 2s., best pair not in the tickets, the birds to be voted on by the members independent of the judge's placing; no member to win more than one special. Mr. J. M. Walker having sent in his resignation, it was decided that same be accepted.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End)

Annual meeting, Blue Bell Hotel, Mr. G. W. MacParting chair. New members elected: Messrs. Lucas, Hallerass, J. Walker, G. Groves, and W. Gray. Balance-sheet was presented by the Sec. showing the handsome sum of £30 5s. 2d. standing to the credit of the society, which was considered very satisfactory. Officers elected: Pres., Mr. Myles Beavan; Vice-Pres., Messrs. J. Ford Maling, J. Parrish, Dr. Nevin, G. Armstrong, Colin McCulloch, T. Robson, Jos. Ellis, W. J. Taylor, W. Harvey; Chair, G. W. MacParting; Vice-Chair, J. G. Hutchinson; Auditors, J. Harrison, W. Scott; Committee: J. Morrison, R. Young, C. McKay, W. Harvey, M. Mathewson, J. Roy, E. Colman, G. Wilson, J. Rushton, J. Harrison, W. Scott, A. Ender, R. H. Newton, T. Rander, J. Miller, G. Greenwell, T. Robson, and T. Dougal; Sec. and Treas., J. W. Coutts, 122, Brinkburn Street, Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Still open for new members, 1s. nomination, 2s. 6d. subs.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand).

Meeting and table show held White Swan, Market Place, Mr. Gibbins presiding; over thirty members being present. A discussion took place over the proposed testimonial to be presented to our late worthy Sec., Mr. Freestone, for earnest and zealous services during the past five years. Decided to appoint a committee of Messrs. Hulce, Allen, Herbert, and Whollon to deal with the matter. The quantity and quality of the birds (40) staged was excellent. Mr. C. H. Walton judged Canaries, and Mr. J. H. Chick British. Cl. or Tkd., Unfig.: I, Herbert; 2, vhc, c. Roberts; 3, hc, Pole. Nov.: I, Layton; 2, c, Pearson; 3, Colby; vhc, Cayless; hc, Knight. Greenf.: 1, Kilsby; 2, 3, vhc, Deakin; hc, c, Brooks. Brit. F.M.: 1, Deakin; 2, 3, vhc, Brooks; hc, Deakin; c, Kilsby. Mr. Deakin won silver medal presented by Mr. Chick for best F.M. British. Mr. Chick introduced an interesting discussion on the British, dealing with the feeding, moulting, standing for the show bench, and other points, as far as time permitted, which the members greatly appreciated. The British members did not fail to put forward numerous queries and questions, which Mr. Chick was ever ready to answer. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Chick and to Mr. Walton for judging the Canaries.—C. B. Day and Roberts, Joint Secs.

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PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Meeting, Jan. 18, Oddfellow's Hall, Morley-st. Mr. W. French presided over a fine muster. Decided to hold a series of Table Shows; next meeting night will be for Canaries only, specialist judges appointed for each section, also a good special for each. We hope members will make a bumping entry so as to give new Sec. Dyer a good send-off. Officers elected: Committee, Messrs. Pope, Gill, Garland, Smale, Mitch, Large, Rowe, Fridham, Deakin, Spillman, Brown, Moffitt, Ryder. I am pleased to say our late Sec., Mr. Pope is making good progress towards recovery from his serious illness.—J. E. Rowe, Press Corresp.

MIDDLESBRO AND TEES-SIDE.

Annual general meeting, Crown Hotel, Jan. 8. Balance-sheet was read and passed as very satisfactory. After paying for four medals and running four table shows, the society has a balance of £10 along with three cups, which are being competed for most points during the season. Arrangements were made and stewards elected for Fed. show, Jan. 29, and pair show, Feb. 5. Officers elected: Chairman, J. Carr; Vice, C. W. Watson; Auditors, Dods-worth and Watson; Assist. Sec., T. H. Bibby; Hon. Sec., T. C. Deans. Councillor T. Thompson was invited to stand for president, and Mr. W. Nicholson, Stockton, vice-pres. New members cordially invited.—T. C. Deans, Sec.

BARROW C.B.A.

Meeting, Jan. 12, Gardeners Restaurant, S. Smith presiding over a fair turn-out. Balance sheet showed £11 10s. 11d. in hand after handing over £10 from our annual show for the Mayor's fund for widows and orphans. I wish to thank all Societies for their kind assistance. Election of officers: G. Large, Pres.; S. Smith, Vice-Pres.; D. McFarlane, Sec.; W. Willison, Treas.; S. Woodward and R. Shackley, Trustees; J. Wagstaff, Auditor. Norwich Pairs Show result: 1, 4, 6, J. Neal; 2, 3, 5, Hudson and McFarlane. T. Hale judged and gave every satisfaction. Discussion as to the holding of Open Show adjourned till next meeting, Jan. 26, when also Table Show of Yorkshire pairs. Judge, Mr. J. Wagstaff.—D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 1, Blue Bell Hotel, Mr. R. Garnett chair. Officers for 1916 appointed: President, C. Partington, Esq., M.P.; Vice-Pres., Messrs. G. Hardy and A. Parker; Sec. and Treas., J. A. Taylor; Assist. Sec., J. Halliday; Auditors, R. Garnett and J. Harney; Chairman, W. B. Atkinson; Vice-Chair, R. Garnett and M. Broadley; Delegates, Messrs. M. Broadley, R. Garnett, and P. Mason. Balance-sheet shows £2 2s. in hand, Dec. 31, and £5 subs. to come in for 1915. Annual concert, Jan. 15. The Y.C.C. presented one of our members, R. W. Alderson, with a gold-mounted walking stick in acknowledgment of his 21 years' service as an auditor. Mr. H. H. Towers, president of the Y.C.C., made the presentation. Songs were sung by J. Bower, E. Bloomfield, G. Farnish, G. Sneed. Mr. W. B. Atkinson was chairman and kept the ball rolling.—Taylor and Halliday, Secs.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 13, Mr. Havenhand chair. The principal feature was a table show for matched pairs, which was most successful; 14 pairs of Yorkshires and 11 pairs of Norwich being put down. The fixed prize money arranged for was increased by the addition of extra prizes in each class, and as we have a British table show down for February (Judge, Mr. P. Walsh, if possible), I trust this will be an inducement to our British members to make a good show. The judge invited to officiate, Mr. W. Bingham, was unable to come owing to the illness of his son, which I am sorry to say terminated fatally. I take this opportunity of tendering to Mr. Bingham and his family the deepest sympathy from the members. Mr. Havenhand was elected to judge Yorks., and Mr. Grainger Nor. Yorks.: 1, 3, and extra vhc, Merrills; 2, ex 3, Hutchby; 4, he, Blunt; vhc, c. Exton. Nor.: 1, vhc, ex vhc, Stokes; 2, 3, c. Wasdin; 4, he, Proctor. The balance-sheet, showing a substantial margin, was unanimously approved, and we started the year in promising fashion by making three new members.—E. Johnson, Sec., Bk. 111, Workson Road, Sheffield.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 22, Nelson Temperance Hotel, Mr. W. Wood chair, and a good attendance. Secretary submitted financial statement, with a balance on the right side, and same was adopted. Office-bearers for 1916: Pres., Mr. W. Wood; vice-pres., Messrs. Gunion and Nimmo; sec. and treas., Wm. Hutchison; committee, Messrs. C. Martin, Jno. Pierce, O. Begg, Jas. Watson, Jno. Fulton, A. K. Hunter, Jno. Black, R. Watson, H. Jardine, K. McDonald, T. Cook, W. Briggs, R. Davidson, Mr. Gilbert; auditors, Messrs. Heggie and Barron. The question of new conditions for Yorkshire cup was brought, and it was decided same to be awarded to best young bird in section. Decided that hour of pair show be altered to 4.30, Feb. 5th. Classification: Crest, 1 class; Plainheads, yellow cock and buff hen, buff cock and yellow hen; Green or Cinn. cock and hen; Yorks., yellow cock and buff hen, buff cock and yellow hen; Bord. ditto; Green and Cinn. buff cock or hen, A.V. Hyb. pairs and Muling pairs. Special by W. Hutchison, best matched pair Canaries, 5s., shown by a novice; special 4s., by Mr. R. Davidson, best Muling or Hyb., also numerous other specials. The question of half for annual show was left over for further particulars. Vote of thanks to chair closed the meeting.—W. Hutchison.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, headquarters, Jan. 17. Balance sheet for 1915 carried unanimously. A vote of thanks having been accorded to retiring officials, the election of officers and Committee for ensuing year was proceeded with. S. C. Rhodes, Esq., in the chair. Results: Pres., Mr. S. C. Rhodes; Vice-Pres., Messrs. W. A. Hurry, J.P., J. S. Clarke, J. Robinson, H. M. Breary, J. B. Slade, J.P., P. Smith, G. A. Parker, H. Ovenden, Dr. J. Laird, Simpson, and Canon Thornton-Duesbury; Chair, Mr. J. A. Bartlett; Vice, Mr. F. Wallace; Hon. Treas., Mr. H. Ovenden; Hon. Sec., Mr. Drury Freeman; Ron. Auditors, Messrs. Whilber and Wilkins; Committee, Messrs. Steward, Purday, Colby, Wilkins, G. East, W. East, Marshall and Dalton; Assist. Hon. Sec., Mr. A. W. Farmer; Hon. Sec., Mr. T. Collinge. Decided that members serving the country remain on the books during the war as fully paid up. The Society has held three successful shows during the past year, for which we have the unrestricted use of a magnificent hall, also a suite of rooms for monthly and committee meetings. A new British bird cup has been purchased, and the Society starts a new year with no liabilities, and a cash balance in hand. We have also gained a number of new members recently, and extend a hearty welcome to any fancier who would like to join us: the subscription is only 2 6 per annum.—A. W. Farmer, Assist. Hon. Sec. 13 Thornhill-rd., Leyton N.E.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Show, King's Hall, Stoke, Dec. 27, in aid of the local wounded soldiers' fund. Entries were open to a radius of 10 miles, and although there were not so numerous as was expected, most of the best birds in the district were on view. There was an excellent attendance, over £2 being taken at the door. Messrs. Ousman, Hartley, Bagshaw and Critchlow generously presented birds to be sold for the benefit of the fund. These were put up to auction and realised £3, and as the members and friends sold over 100 tickets of admission to the function, the fund will benefit to the amount of about £8. The Stoke Club defrayed all expenses incurred. Judges, Messrs. W. Bowyer and F. Bate. Nor. Yell.: 1, Leese; 2, Bagshaw; 3, Glover. Buff: 1, Leese; 2, Bagshaw; 3, Glover. vhc, Roberts. Yell. Hen: 1, Yates; 2, Leese; 3, vhc, he, Glover. Buff: 1, Yates; 2, Glover; 3, Roberts. Unflg. Yell.: 1, Leese; 2, Duckers. Buff: 1, Duckers; 2, Leese; 3, Bowers; vhc, Bagshaw; he, Glover. Hen: 1, Duckers; 2, Leese; 3, Bagshaw; vhc, he, Roberts. York. Yell.: 1, Pygott; 2, Walker; 3, Hawley. Buff: 1, 3, Lawton; 2, Hawley; vhc, Salt; he, Pygott. Yell. Hen: 1, Lawton; 2, Walker; 3, Hawley; vhc, Salt. Buff: 1, vhc, Pygott; 2, he, c, Lawton; 3, Hawley. Unflg. Yell.: 1, Duckers; 2, vhc, Hawley; 3, Walker; he, Pygott; c, Salt. Buff: 1, 2, Lawton; 3, Walker; vhc, Hawley. Hens: 1, 3, Lawton; 2, Pygott; vhc, Hawley. Nor. Yell. (Nov.): 1, Cooke; 2, Hartley; 3, Oldham; vhc, he, Fox. Buff: 1, Cooke; 2, Hartley; 3, Oldham; vhc, Duckers; he, Ousman, Fenton; c, Bailey, Shelton. Yell. Hen: 1, Oldham. Buff: 1, Fox; 2, Oldham. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 3, Beckett; 2, Banks and Hesketh; vhc, Duckers. Buff: 1, 3, Beckett; 2, Banks and Hesketh. Hens: 1, Banks and Hesketh; 2, Beckett. Buff: 1, Duckers; 2, Beckett; 3, Banks and Hesketh. Goldf.: 1, Hartley; 2, Davis; 3, Critchlow; vhc, he, Bowers; c, Bate. Linnet: 1, Davis; 2, c, Bate; 3, Critchlow; vhc, Hartley; he, Alcock, Siskin, etc.: 1, Pte. Bowdidge; 2, Hartley; 3, Pitchford. A.O.V. Hardbill: 1, Pte. Bowdidge; 2, Pitchford; 3, Lockett; vhc, Critchlow. Goldf.: 1, Davis; 2, Pygott; 3, Lockett. Linnet: 1, Ousman; 2, 3, Davis; vhc, Pitchford; he, Bowers; c, Critchlow. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Ousman; 2, Pygott. Gift: 1, Ousman; 2, Hartley; 3, Bagshaw. Sell.: 12/6; 1, Pfoolkes.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

The annual members' show, Dec. 11, proved most excellent. The entry was capital, viz., 300, and the quality throughout was superb. The Foresters' Hall, in which the show took place, is ideal, and the staging of exhibits was grand. The schedule was a fine one, with fixed prize money, with cups, specials and medals galore. Mr. T. Dawn, chairman, Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, vice-chair, Dr. Craig, treasurer, Messrs. R. Colton and E. C. Job, secs., and Mr. Fletcher, show manager, had everything in excellent order. Yorkshires were good, Norwich nice, Crest and C.B. the best we have ever seen at a members' show, British excellent, Foreign grand. The following are the special winners, viz.: Yorks. cup, W. H. Spencer; Nor. cup, A. H. Waters; Crest cup, J. Evans; Brit. cup, P. Walsh; For. cup, L. G. A. Kuypers. Most entries: Ch. Yorks., W. H. Spencer; Ch. Nor., A. H. Waters; Crest, G. Moore and J. Evans (equal); Brit., P. Walsh; Nov. Brit., J. Beech; For., R. Colton; York., A. Biggin; Nor., H. C. Maynard. Most points Ch. Yorks., W. H. Spencer; Ch. Nor., A. H. Waters; Crest, J. W. Farrow and J. Evans (equal); Brit., P. Walsh; Nov. Brit., J. Beech; For., R. Colton; Yorks., A. Biggin; Nor., A. Gifford. Best birds: Ch. Yorks., Dr. Craig; Nov. York., E. Towlson; Ch. Nor., A. H. Waters; Nor., J. Hartley; Crest, J. W. Farrow; Brit., P. Walsh; Nov. Brit., J. Beech; For., R. Colton. Most points throughout show, W. H. Spencer; 2nd ditto, P. Walsh. Stewards who worked well were Messrs. T. Tow, A. H. Waters, and G. Moore. Mr. J. C. Barnes judged, and his placings were well received. Old birds—Yorks. Yell. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Dr. Craig; 2, Biggin; 3, Cadman; he, Spencer. Buff (4): 1, 3, Dr. Craig; 3, Spencer; vhc, Dawn; he, Gregory; c, Cook. Nor. Yell. (3): 1, Waters; 2, Stafford; 3, Maynard. Buff (3): 1, 3, Waters; 2, Bagnall. Mkd. (3): 1, spl, Waters; 2, Bagnall; 3, Stafford. Yell. Hen (3): 1, Hartley; 2, Waters; 3, Stafford. Buff (6): 1, Waters; 2, Hartley; 3, Gifford; vhc, Bagnall; he, Stafford; No. 1, wrong class, yell. Crest (16), fine class, many quite capable of winning in keen competition: 1, spl, 2, 3, Farrow, a really choice team of exquisite quality and of great character; vhc, Evans; he, Dawn; c, Moore. C.B. (11): 1, Farrow; 2, Hodgson; 3, Richardson; vhc, Dawn; he, Menott; c, Evans. Young Birds—Yell. York (10): 1, 2, 3, Spencer, lovely trio; vhc, c, Gregory; he, Furness. Buff (8): 1, 3, Spencer; 2, he, Ridal; vhc, Cadman; c, Furness. Yell. Hen (9): 1, he, Spencer; 2, Gregory; 3, Furness; vhc, c, Ridal. Buff (15): 1, 2, 3, Ridal, a bevy of beauties; vhc, Gregory; he, c, Spencer. Mkd. (7): 1, spl, he, Ridal, gem of a cinn. mkd. yell., very promising; 2, vhc, c, Spencer; 3, Furness. Yell. Nor. (4): 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Bagnall. Buff (3): 1, 2, Waters; 3, Tow. Yell. Hen (4): 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Bagnall. Mkd. (4): 1, 3, Bagnall; 2, Waters; vhc, Tow. Crest (7): 1, 2, c, Moore; 3, he, Evans; vhc, Farrow. C.B. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Evans; 3, he, c, Moore. BRIT. GOLDF. 4s. (5): 1, Woodall; 2, Colton; 3, vhc, Walsh; he, Dawn; c, Beech. Linnet (6): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Woodall; vhc, he, Beech. Greenie (7): 1, Walsh; 2, Beech; 3, Woodall. Redpoll, etc. (6): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Beech. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, he, Walsh; 3, Beech; vhc, ditto. Insect. (4): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Beech. Lar. (5): 1, spl, Walsh, gem of a Waxwing; 2, Walsh; 3, vhc, Beech. Nov. Goldf. (5): 1, Lindley; 2, Humphreys; 3, Kuypers; vhc, Roberts; he, Beech. Linnet (10): 1, Roberts; 2, c, Lindley; 3, he, Kuypers; vhc, Hartley. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Beech; 2, Beech; 3, Roberts; vhc, no name; he, Lindley; c, Snape. For., Avads, &c. (8): 1, 2, 3, Kuypers; vhc, he, Dawn, Parrots, etc. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Colton, former a most magnificent Crimson Wing, pressed hard by a very rare Golden Shoulder, if in perfect feather would have won. 3rd an exquisite Barraband, a team which claimed great credit to owner; vhc, Kuypers. A.O. Spec. (7): 1, Kuypers, lovely Par. Whydah; 2, 3, vhc, Colton; he, Dawn. Nov. Yell. York (4): 1, Toulson; 2, 3, Biggin; vhc, Cook. Buff (5): 1, spl, Toulson; 2, 3, Biggin; vhc, Humphreys; he, Cook. Yell. Hen (5): 1, 2, Biggin; 3, Toulson; vhc, he, Humphreys. Buff (3): 1, Toulson; 2, Biggin; 3, Humphreys. Mkd. (5): 1, he, Biggin; 2, 3, vhc, Humphreys. Nor. Buff (5): 1, Gifford; 2, no name; 3, Roberts; vhc, Hartley; he, Maynard. Var. (7): 1, 2, Gifford; 3, Smith; vhc, Roberts. Hen (7): 1, spl, 3, Hartley; 2, Smith; vhc, he, Maynard. Any Var. (7): 1, Maynard; 2, Smith; 3, Hartley; vhc, Roberts; he, Hartley; c, Maynard. Mules (3): 1, Humphreys; 2, Hartley; 3, Roberts. Gift (12): 1, Dr. Craig; 2, Spencer; 3, Richardson; vhc, Ridal; he, Biggin; c, Tow.

GUISELEY YEADON C.B.S.

Last old bird show, Dec. 27. Entries not quite so large as previously. Mr. P. Mason, Shipley, judged 115 birds and gave entire satisfaction. A. Brown won spl. for hottest fed bird; J. H. Andrews spls. for best unflg. cock and best hen; W. Wheatley and Son won spl. for 2nd best unflg. cock. Class 1 (12): 1, 2, Brown; 3, Andrews; vhc, c, Wheatley and Son; he, Scott. Class 2 (8): 1, Brown; 2, Hardaker; 3, Andrews; vhc, Scott; he, Wheatley and Son; c, Fawcett. Class 3 (7): 1, Dibb; 2, vhc, Andrews; 3, Waterworth; he, Brown; c, Dibb. Class 4 (15): 1, Andrews; 2, Dibb; 3, Ives; vhc, Webster; he, Wheatley and Son; c, Brown. Class 5 (19): 1, Andrews; 2, vhc, c, Wheatley and Son; 3, he, Dibb. Class 6 (10): 1, Brown; 2, Dibb; 3, Andrews; vhc, Wheatley and Son; he, Ives; c, Hardaker. Class 7 (8): 1, Andrews; 2, Dibb; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Wheatley and Son; he, Long; c, Brown. Class 8 (8): 1, Brown; 2, vhc, Long; 3, Ives; he, Dibb; c, Scott. Class 9 (6): 1, Fawcett; 2, vhc, Andrews; 3, he, c, Long. Class 10 (8): 1, Brown; 2, 3, Long; vhc, Webster; he, c, Wheatley and Son. Class 11 (6): 1, 2, 3, he, Long; vhc, Bunting and Son; c, Scott. Class 12 (8): 1, Wheatley and Son; 2, Hardaker; 3, Long; vhc, Crowther; he, Bunting and Son. J. H. Andrews won the Belgium cup, also society's gold medal; W. Long, gold medal, rovs. Points for 1915: Champ., Andrews, 89; Dibb, 73; Brown, 69; Fawcett, 50; Hardaker, 40; Ives, 21; Novices, Long, 72; Wheatley and Son, 60; Scott, 40; Bunting and Son, 22; Webster, 18. Mr. H. Dibb won 2nd prize, and A. Brown 3rd in champ.; Wheatley and Son 2nd, and M. Scott 3rd in novice.

IRVINE C.B.S.

Annual Show, in the King's Arms Hotel Hall, Dec. 4. The show was a great success. The exhibits were of a high standard, and brought fanciers from far and near to see them. The surplus proceeds will, as last year, be handed over to the Red Cross Society. Mr. Patterson, Chirside, was judge, and his awards gave great satisfaction. The duties of Sec. were ably discharged by Mr. J. Alexander. Most points in Bord. Section: W. S. Clark. For most points in Nor., H. Aitken. Brit., T. Haining. Other special medal prize-winners were J. Nairn, G. Raeside, H. M. Coll, H. Aitken and J. Gemmell. J. Nairn won the B.F.C.C. medal. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Clark; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, Kroezen. Hen: 1, Nairn; 2, Kroezen; 3, Alexander. Buff Ck.: 1, Kilpatrick; 2, Kroezen; 3, Nairn. Yell. Tkd. Ck.: 1, Nairn; 2, Sprott; 3, Kroezen. Buff: 1, Kroezen; 2, Rubie; 3, Raeside. Hen: 1, Raeside; 2, Clark; 3, Paterson. Yell. Var. Ck.: 1, Nairn; 2, Clark; 3, Rubie. Buff: 1, Clark; 2, Murray; 3, Sprott. Hen: 1, Nairn; 2, Clark; 3, Sprott. Yell. Gr. Ck.: 1, Kilpatrick; 2, Murray; 3, M'Coll. Hen: 1, Clark; 2, M'Kean; 3, Murray. Buff Gr. Ck.: 1, M'Coll; 2, Rubie; 3, Murray. Hen: 1, Clark; 2, Kroezen; 3, Kilpatrick. Buff Cin. Hen: 1, M'Coll; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, M'Coll. Ck.: 1, 2, M'Coll; 3, Savage. Nov. Ck.: 1, M'Kean; 2, 3, Raeside. Hen: 1, Savage; 2, J. Duncan; 3, Wilson. Nor. Ck.: 1, Aitken; 2, M'Kean; 3, Aitken. Hen: 1, 3, Aitken; 2, M'Kean. Unflg.: 1, 2, Raeside; 3, Aitken. Linnet: 1, Haining; 2, 3, M'Kean. Greenf.: 1, Raeside; 2, Wilson; 3, Black. Bullf. or Goldf.: 1, Wilson; 2, Wilson; 3, Millar. Finch: 1, Wilson; 2, Wilson; 3, Black. Redpoll: 1, Haining; 2, Wilson; 3, M'Kean. Mule: 1, Gemmell; 2, M'Kean; 3, Savage. Scotch Fancy Ck.: 1, Burgess; 2, Reid; 3, Pearson. Hen: 1, Reid; 2, Pearson; 3, Burgess.—J. Alexander, Sec.

BARROW C.B.S.

Annual Show, Nov. 27, in aid of the widows and orphans of our heroes, in Dalton Road Schools: 369 entries. Show was opened by his Worship the Mayor, assisted by the Mayoress and Colonel and Mrs. Nelson, commander of the Military Forces here. Quality was above the average, Yorks. being a keen lot, with some notable winners. Henderson and Crosby's unflighted cock won special best bird. The Borders were a hot lot, and Norwich higher than ever before here. British were far above the average. York., Yell. Cl. or Tkd. Ck. (9): 1, 2, 3, he, Henderson and Crosby; vhc, S. Woodward; c, G. Large. Buff (8): 1, 2, 3, Woodward; vhc, J. Currie; he, c, Henderson and Crosby. Buff Hen (4): 1, 2, Henderson and Crosby; 3, vhc, Miss Winder. Yell. Ck. Unflg. (7): 1, 3, e, Henderson and Crosby, leader won spl. best Yorks. and spl. best bird; 2, he, Large; vhc, Miss Winder. Hen (7): 1, 2, vhc, Henderson and Crosby; 3, he, Large; c, Morgan. Buff Ck. (11): 1, vhc, c, 2, Currie; 3, Harrison; vhc, Miss Winder; c, Morgan. Yell. or Buff, Var. Ck. (11): 1, Woodward, a well braced bird, stood out well; 2, Large; 3, c, Harrison; vhc, he, Miss Winder. Hen (4): 1, 2, G. Large; 3, J. Currie; vhc, Miss Winder. Ck. (9): 1, 2, Currie, leader a beauty, full of quality; 3, c, Large; vhc, he, S. Harrison. Bord., Yell. Cl. or Tkd. Ck. (13): 1, 2, Shackley, leader a beauty, like wax, full of style; 3, Saul and Hale; vhc, Willison; he, Mossop; c, Large. Hens (10): 1, 2, 3, Shackley; vhc, Trantor; he, c, Large. Buff Ck. (19): 1, 2, Large; 3, Saul and Hale; vhc, he, Shackley; he, Hudson and McFarlane. Hen (11): 1, Willison; 2, Shackley; 3, —; vhc, Armstrong; he, Trantor; c, Saul and Hale. Yell. Var. Hen (8): 1, Large, full of style, well balanced; 2, Saul and Hale; 3, Mossop; vhc, Trantor; he, c, Willison. Buff Var. Ck. (10): 1, Large, smart and well balanced, moved well; 2, Shackley; 3, Saul and Hale; vhc, Armstrong; he, Roberts; c, Willison. Hen (12): 1, Shackley, nice quality and style, well staged; 2, he, Willison; 3, Trantor; vhc, Mossop; c, Gill. Green, Self or Foul Ck. or Hen (7): 1, Shackley; 2, Smith; 3, Mossop; vhc, Willison; he, c, Gill. Cinn. (9): 1, 3, Mossop; 2, Roberts; vhc, Willison; he, c, Trantor. Nor. Yell. Cl. or Tkd. Ck. (9): 1, Wagstaff, full of colour, staged well; 2, vhc, Neal; 3, he, Hudson and McFarlane. Hen (9): 1, W. Johnson, cl., a beauty, full of qual. and size, good head and neck; 2, he, c, Neal; 3, Hudson and McFarlane; vhc, Parks. Buff. Cl. Ck. (7): 1, vhc, he, J. Neal; 2, Hodgson Bros.; c, J. Johnson. Hen (10): 1, vhc, Hudson and McFarlane, leader grizzly cap, good head and neck, well braced wings and tail, good substance; 2, he, Hodgson Bros.; 3, Johnson; c, J. Neal. Yell. Cl. or Tkd. Hen. Unflg. (1): 1, vhc, Hudson and McFarlane; 2, Neal; 3, Plumb. Ck. (11): 1, Wagstaff, good quality, nice head and neck; 2, Hudson and McFarlane; 3, Johnson; vhc, c, Neal; he, Hodgson Bros. Hen (8): 1, vhc, Hudson and McFarlane, leader cl., full of qual., good head and neck, short flights and tail; 2, Wagstaff; 3, Hodgson Bros.; he, Neal; c, Johnson. Yell. or Buff Var. Ck. (7): 1, 3, Hodgson Bros.; 2, c, Hudson and McFarlane; he, Parks. Hen (5): 1, Hodgson Bros.; 2, vhc, Neal; 3, Hudson and McFarlane. Yell. or Buff Var. Hen (10): 1, he, Johnson, eye and wing mark, a good one, stands well, plenty of substance, good head and neck; 2, 3, Hudson and McFarlane; vhc, Neal; he, Johnson; c, Wagstaff. Cinn., Yell. Self or Foul Ck. or Hen (8): 1, 2, 3, he, J. Wagstaff, a nice team, little to

choose in leaders, good ones; vhc, c, Plumb. Buff (8): 1, 2, 3, Wagstaff, another nice team, leader a fine one, nice qual. and subs.; vhc, he, c, Plumb. Yell. or Buff, Self or Foul, Unflg. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wagstaff; he, c, Plumb. Scotch Fancy, A.V. Ck. (4): 1, 2, 3, Willison. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Willison. Mule or Hybrid (7): 1, W. Johnson, Goldie-Bullie, showing the parentage well, in good cond.; 2, 3, Wagstaff; vhc, Morello and Son. Linnet, F.M. (15): 1, vhc, he, c, Miss Winder, leader full of substance, nice carriage, good col.; 2, Johnson; 3, Saul and Hale. H.M. (15): 1, Johnson, excels in size and col., a well known winner; 2, vhc, Morello and Son; 3, he, Miss Winder; c, Shackley, Redpoll or Twite; 1, Johnson; 2, Morello and Son; vhc, Shackley; he, Miss Winder; c, Armstrong. Goldf. or Bullf. (9): 1, Neal; 2, vhc, Morello and Son; 3, he, Miss Winder; c, Shackley. A.V. Hardbill: 1, 2, 3, c, Morello and Son; vhc, he, Tyson. Selling Class, 21/-: 1, vhc, Large; 2, Willison; 3, Wagstaff; he, Hudson and McFarlane; c, Miss Winder. 12/6: 1, Miss Winder; 2, Wagstaff; 3, Hudson and McFarlane. Gift Class: 1, S. Woodward; 2, 3, Sewell; vhc, Wagstaff.—D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual show, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Nov. 23. Mr. J. Robson judged. Entries were slightly below previous years, but quality was good. "News of the World" Challenge Shield for best in show was won by Mr. W. D. Hall with a very fine buff Yorkshire. The silver young bird bowl for best in show was won by Mr. A. J. Clarke, also with a buff Yorks. Other prize winners—Champ.: W. Shillman, F. Cole, J. Hodder, F. J. Martin, J. S. Fairman, D. Reeks, A. G. Cant; Nov.: E. Hopcroft, W. H. Gardner, W. Gilbert, J. W. Taylor, H. R. Dracup, W. Hodson, H. R. Page, H. Clemence. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. G. Cant for the able manner in which he carried out his duties, also to Mr. F. Cole, an indefatigable worker for the society. The stewards were Messrs. D. Reeks (Hon. Sec.), and H. R. Page. A good number of visitors attended, including some of the leading Norwich men of London.

Class 1, CHAMP. NORWICH: 1, Spillman; 2, Martin; 3, Cole; 4, Hodder. Class 2: 1, Martin; 2, Hodder; 3, Cole. Class 3: 1, Cole; 2, Spillman; 3, Hodder. Class 4: 1, Martin; 2, Cole. Class 5: 1, Martin; 2, Hodder; 3, Cole. Class 6: 1, Cole. Class 7: 1, Spillman; 2, Martin; 3, Hodder; 4, Cole. Class 8: 1, Martin; 2, Cole; 3, Hodder; 4, Spillman. CHAMP. YORKS. Class 9: 1, 2, Clarke; 3, Fairman; 4, vhc, Cant; he, Reeks; c, Hall. Class 10: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Clarke; 4, Fairman; vhc, Cant. Class 11: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Cant. Class 12: 1, Fairman; 2, 4, Clarke; 3, Hall. Class 13: 1, Clarke; 2, Fairman; 3, Hall; 4, Cant. Class 14: 1, Clarke; 2, Hall. Class 15: 1, Clarke; 2, Cant; 3, 4, Hall. Class 16: 1, Clarke; 2, Fairman; 3, Hall; 4, Reeks. NOV. NOR.: 1, Hopcroft; 2, Gardner. Class 24: 1, Dracup; 2, Gilbert; 3, Taylor. Class 25: 1, Gardner; 2, 3, Hodson; 4, Clemence; vhc, Gilbert. Class 26: 1, Hodson; 2, 3, Page; 4, vhc, Gilbert. Class 27: 1, Dracup; 2, Clemence; 3, Gilbert. Class 28: 1, Hodson; 2, 4, vhc, Dracup; 3, Hopcroft. Class 29: 1, Gardner; 2, Clemence; 3, Dracup. Class 30: 1, 3, Hopcroft; 2, Hodson; 4, Taylor. NOV. YORKS. Class 32: 1, Taylor; 2, Page. Class 34: 1, 2, 3, Gilbert. Class 35: 1, 2, Gilbert. Class 37: 1, 2, Gilbert. Class 38: 1, Page; 2, Taylor. CR. or C. Class 39: 1, Taylor. Class 48, BRIT.: 1, Clarke; 2, Cole. SELL. Class 52: 1, 2, Cole. Class 53: 1, Reeks; 2, Hopcroft.

BANGOR C.B.S.

Sixth Annual Show, Dec. 3, 4. Good Templars Hall, a very fine building, well lighted, free from draughts and with plenty of room for visitors, and a much bigger entry. Birds were tastefully staged on decorated staging. The entry was rather disappointing considering the grand classification, but another fixture was being held near at hand, and entries suffered. The management were a very capable lot of fanciers who did their utmost for the success of the Show. The secretary, Mr. Sam Shannon, is a "brave boy" and had all arrangements in good order, he was strongly supported by Pres. H. Brennan, Treas. D. E. Alexander; Committee, D. Carleton, F. Clawson, G. Absalom, D. Beattie, J. McConaghie, and Wm. Teasey, who all worked hard. Norwich were a capital lot, many of the Belfast winners appearing, and adding to their laurels. Mules, Hybrids, and British came up well, and contained some very nice exhibits; entry totalled about 200; gold medal best cock bird went to J. Lavery, with his Light Greenfinch mule; special best hen, G. Foreman, with a grand unflg. yell. hen. Mr. W. Connelly, Glasgow, judged and appeared to give general satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY, Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Lavery. Hen: 1, 2, Lavery. Buff Ck., A.V.: 1, Lavery. Hen: 1, Lavery. Nor. Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Boyd; 2, Carleton; 3, Boyd. Buff: 1, 3, Boyd; 2, McLarnon. Yell. Hen: 1, Boyd; 2, McLarnon. Buff: 1, McLarnon; 2, Teasey; 3, Stewart; 4, J. Lavery. Var. Ck.: 1, 2, J. Lavery; 3, Boyd. Buff: 1, J. Lavery; 2, Carleton. Unflg. Yell. Ck.: 1, J. Lavery; 2, Boyd; 3, 5, Foreman; 4, Browne. Buff: 1, Browne; 2, Teasey; 3, Stewart; 4, 7, Boyd; 5, Alexander; 6, Carleton. Yell. Hen: 1, sp, Foreman; 2, Browne; 3, Carleton; 4, Alexander. Buff: 1, 2, Stewart; 3, Lavery; 4, Browne; 5, Foreman; 6, Boyd; 7, Teasey. Nov. Nor. Ck., Yell.: 1, Murphy; 2, no name; 3, Clawson. Buff: 1, Clawson; 2, no name; 3, Murphy. Hen, Yell.: 1, McConaghie; 2, Clawson. Buff: 1, no name; 2, Murphy; 3, Clawson; 4, McConaghie. Yorks., Cl. Yell. Ck.: 1, Hurd; 2, Fleming, jun.; 3, Malcolm; 4, 5, Beattie. Hen: 1, Fleming, jun.; 2, Hurd. Varieg. Hen: 1, Malcolm; 2, Beattie. Cl. Buff Ck.: 1, Hurd; 2, Fleming, jun.; 3, Malcolm; 4, Beattie. Hen: 1, Fleming, jun.; 2, Hurd; 3, Malcolm; 4, 5, Beattie. Nov. Yorks., Yell. Hen: 1, Jenkins; 2, Duff. Buff: 1, Jenkins; 2, Duff. Yorks., Sell.: 1, 2, Beggan. Nor. Sell.: 1, Boyd; 2, Teasey. Song Birds, Sell.: 1, Teasey; 2, 3, Beggan; 4, Stewart. Light Mule: 1, sp, J. Lavery; 2, 3, Teasey. Dark: 1, Alexander; 2, McLarnon. Flyb.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Alexander. Goldf.: 1, McAtter; 2, Jos. Lavery. Linnet: 1, 2, J. Lavery; 3, McAtter. Siskin, Etc.: 1, 2, Alexander. A.O. Brit.: 1, McAtter; 2, 3, J. Lavery. For.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Mrs. M. E. Jones. Local Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Carleton; 4, Clawson; 5, 6, 7, Alexander. Hen: 1, Clawson; 2, McConaghie; 3, Alexander; 4, Clawson; 5, Carleton; 6, Alexander. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, Beattie. Hen: 1, Clawson. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 3, 5, Carleton; 2, Alexander; 4, Shannon. Goldf.: 1, 3, 4, Alexander; 2, Carleton. Linnet: 1, Alexander; 2, Robertson. Siskin, Etc.: 1, 4, 5, Alexander; 2, Carleton; 3, Robertson. Bullf.: 1, Carleton.

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

'Annual Show, Good Templars' Hall, Ingram-st., Jan. 22. Pres., Mr. P. Pettigrew; Vice-Pres., Mr. G. Bannerman; Treas., Mr. W. Munro; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. H. Adam; and Committee, Messrs. Liddell, Dick, Findlay, Cross and Cassells, make up a hard-working body of fanciers, who, with J. H. A. as steering master had all things well in hand. The hall is good for light and comfort. Entries came up very well, about 470 (200 more than last year). Quality was of a high order; one member alone, a novice, turned out no fewer than 85 birds, many of them a real credit. The judges—Messrs. G. Arnott, Sinclairtown, Nor.; Hislop, Stirling, Bord.; Fyfe, Forfar, the remainder—gave general satisfaction. The show was well patronised.

YOUNG BIDS, CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR. CK.
(3): 1, cup, Dick, good size, nice col., wing mld., good sub., neat full head, neck, neatly braced wings, trifle lumpy on front; 2, O'Hagan, shaded smaller, typical, neat, cobby build, scarcely so full at top end; 3, 6, 7, Findlay, non-fed, neck mld., neat, typical, well balanced; 4, Brown; 5, Fitzpatrick. BUFF (2): 1, O'Hagan, good size, rare feather and qual., nice build, neat, well braced, in rare order; 2, 3, 4, 7, Finlay, fine team, 2 cheek mld., trifle smaller, neat type, grand qual. feather, neat car. and style, slightly patchy col.; 3, similar size, rare type, very stylish, well braced, fails head only; 5, Whitehead; 6, Millen. VAR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Liddell, head and wings mld., lovely col.,

good qual. and type; neat top end, good front, inclined to cross at times; 2, Fitzpatrick, grand col. and qual., fails subs., rare order; 3, 4, Findlay, 3 nice green, fair size, good col. and type; 5, O'Hagan. **BUFF** (7): 1, Liddell, heavily var., fine size and feather, good head, neck, nice carr., could do with more sub., well staged; 2, spl., O'Hagan, stylish, grand qual., runs well up on leader; 3, 4, Findlay, 3 shade smaller, neat body and wings, good qual. feather, fails at top end; 5, Cross; 6, Reid; 7, Liddell. **CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN** (5): 1, Dick, good size, nice body sub., chubby (neatly filled); 2, 5, Findlay, 2 fair size, rare type and qual.; 3, Liddell, good size and col., fine qual. feather, typical, wild; 4, Millen. **BUFF** (7): 1, 6, 7, Findlay, nat. col., lovely qual. feather, fine type, sweet build, cobby, well braced, neat through, staged perfectly; 2, Dick, well up in size and qual. of feather, fails in type and cond.; 3, Hamilton, smaller but neat, good feather, fine cond., close up; 4, spl., 5, Cross. **VAR. YELL.** (3): 1, 2, Findlay, leader heavily mdk. rat. col., rare qual., typical, well braced; 2, cinn. mdk., good size, nice cond.; 3, Hamilton. **BUFF** **VAR.** (7): 1, 5, 7, Findlay, 1 topper, full of qual., nice size, grand feather, cobby body, clean cut, well braced, good head, full neck, well balanced, perfect order; 2, spl., 6, Hamilton, 2 up in size, nice style, well braced, fails feather; 3, McGowan, wing mdk., good size, nice qual., bit narrow across front; 4, Brown. **NON-FED CK.** (3): 1, 3, Findlay, cap mdk., nice size, rare qual., neat thick set, fine carr. and style, shade rough at thighs; 2, Hamilton, yell., good size, col. and qual. **HEN** (5): 1, Banner, mean, good size buff, neat, cobby, stylish, well braced; 2, Liddell, shade smaller, more cobby in build, rare type, fine qual., well staged, we liked; 3, 5, Findlay; 4, Dick Short. **BORD. CL. OR TKD. CK.** (8): 1, spl., 2, spl. cup hest Bord., Barrie, 1 buff, fine type, well drawn, clean cut, shapely, smooth as glass, in the pink; 2, sweet, even col., grand qual. yell., jaunty build, perfect wings, well shown, we fancied; 3, 5, Hamilton, 3 good typical yell., shapely, well braced, fails feather; 4, Adam; 7, Findlay. **VAR. CK.** (6): 1, Gillies, rare qual. buff, fine top end, neat, jaunty build, well filled, neatly braced wings, close tail, trifle nervous; 2, 3, 4, Findlay, nice type, good qual. and style, rather open in feather; 3, yell., lovely even col., rich qual., well filled; 5, 6, Hamilton. **CL. OR TKD. HEN** (12): 1, 3, Adam, fine cl. huffs, 1 neat, shapely, jaunty, fine head, neck, clean cut, stylish, well folded wing, and tail, in rare order; 3, fine type, rich qual. feather, in rare fettle, runs well up for 2nd place; 2, 3, Findlay, griz. neck yell., neat and shapely, fine col., well braced wings, close tail, staged in good style; 4, 7, Gillies; 5, Barrie. **VAR. HEN** (11): 1, 4, 5, 7, Findlay, light mdk. buff, grand type and qual., fine jaunty build, neat and stylish, we fancied a trifle cock-like, rare cond.; 2, Barrie, yell., nice size, shapely body, well drawn, clean cut, neat, good qual. feather, fails at top end; 3, Gillies, buff, shapely body, nicely rounded, well drawn, right texture feather, just fails at entrance. **GREEN OR CINN.** (11): 1, 2, 4, 5, Adam, 1 nice cinn., fine devel. col., well pencilled, nice size and shapely and typical, well filled body, neat carr., good top end, steady, well staged; 2, yell. green, rare col., well pencilled, fine type, very shapely, cleaner cut away behind, our choice; 3, Gillies, very good buff cinn., neat, typical, finely built, well filled, bit unsteady; 6, Findlay; 7, Barrie. **YORKS.** **PK. (7)**: 1, 2, 5, Steel, neck, wing mdk., buff, fine "C" col. and shape, typical, nice pose, just inclined to open at front; 2, nat. col. buff, fine type and qual., well drawn, fails length; 3, 4, 6, Robb, 3 nice length, good col. and style, but rough in feather and rather unsteady; 7, Dunwoodie. **HEN** (5): 1, Steel, grizzle cap yell., grand type and qual., neat and shapely, clean cut, well drawn. **AI carr.**, well staged; 2, 5, Robb, 2 cl. yell., wants bracing; 3, Whitlaw, heavy varieg., good style, neat and typical, well rounded, value for step up; 7, Dunwoodie. **A.O.V.** (9): 1, cup, 7, Findlay, grand heavy varieg. buff C.B., fine size, rare body feather, grand qual., capital skull, well lashed, broad carriage, nice rise, top cond.; 2, 5, Adam, 2 fine Gold Lizard, grand col., lovely spangling, beautifully posed, little beauty, in the pink; 3, 4, Brown, capital C.B., heavy varieg., buff, nice size, rare qual. feather, grand skull, fine dome shape, broad cut at entrance, finely cushioned, steady, well shown; 7, Dick. **NOV. CAN.** (10): 1, 2, Reid, heavy varieg. buff Nov., fine size, good chubby body, fine subs., good head, neck, well braced, creditably staged; 2, similar in size and markings, shorter, more cobby, neat carr. and style, fails col. only; 3, Robb, clear yell. Yorks., nice qual. and type, well drawn, happy, in nice cond.; 4, 6, 7, Millen, 5, Dempster. **MULE OR HYB.** (6): 1, 3, Mallon, 5, Goldf. buff, good size, nice feather, good hind of col., will improve with another moult; 3, good jouque oddie Can., nice feather, well staged, steady; 2, Hamilton, fine jouque Greine, good size, rare carr. and type, will make up well; 4, Pettigrew, 6, Adam.

OLD BIRDS. CL. DR. TRD. YELL. NOR. CK.
61: 1, 3, 5, Fudlay, fine size, level col., sweet
head and neck, good subs., neat, well braced,
lylch. out to win; 3, wing mkd., nat. col., grand
type, lovely qual. feather, stvlch., perfect carr.,
hard up for 2nd; 2, Dick, nice size, warm even col.,
fine subs.; 4, Hamilton; 6, O'Hagan. BUTT (10):
1, Fudlay, nice size and col., finely marked, neat,
slightly built, good order; 2, 7, Hamilton, quite
up in size and cond., grand type and feather, full
trifle at entrance; 3, Fitzpatrick, shade smaller.

dark col., good qual., fine build; 4, O'Hagan; 5, Dick; 6, Dunwoodie. VAR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, Findlay; fine green, nice size, rich, deep col., top qual., fine type, neat, shapely body, close, well carried wings and tail, in pink; 3, broken green, lovely col. and qual., smaller, rather flat on front; 2, Dick, well up in size and qual., fine wings, neat tail, wants girth and cobiness of leader; 4, Findlay; 5, Chalmers; 6, O'Hagan. BUFF (8): 1, 4, spl. Findlay, heavily mkd., good size, warm col., grand head, neck, short, cobby body, well braced, in rare trim; 2, Hamilton, head and wings mkd., good col., nice qual. feather, smaller, rather lucky; 3, Dick, grand size and subs., rich silky feather, neatly built, smart, just inclined to cross at times; 6, Cross; 6, Fitzpatrick. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (5): 1, O'Hagan, nice size, good col., cobby, neat, rather cordy in feather, could be better staged; 2, spl., Dick, trifle smaller, sweet cobby build, fine qual., stylish; 3, 4, Findlay; 5, Hamilton. BUFF (7): 1, Dick, fine size, grand col., lovely texture of feather, grand wings and tail, finely balanced; 2, Whitelaw, good size, rare type, top qual., shapely, clean cut, fails head only; 3, O'Hagan, fine size, level col., good feather, well braced; 4, Hamilton; 5, Dunwoodie; 6, 7, Findlay. VAR. YELL. (6): 1, Dick, heavily mkd., plenty size and subs., well balanced, fine carr., well staged; 2, Chambers, shade smaller, neat, typical, fine qual. feather, level col. and subs., only wanted; 3, Findlay, nat. col., fine col., nice qual. feather, good cap, wants front; BUFF (8): 1, 2, Findlay, leader head, wing mkd., fine size, lovely qual., well balanced, neatly built, typical through, grand carr. and style; 2, cinn. mark, smaller build, fair type and qual., rather unsteady; 3, McGowan, eyes and wing mkd., fine size and subs., good head, thick set neck, shapely body, closely folded wings, tail must have pressed hard; 4, no name; 5, C. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, Hamilton, dark cap, lovely qual., neat, clean cut, well braced, in top order; 2, 4, 6, Findlay; 2, smaller built grizzle cap, neat type, wants subs., we thought shade lucky; 3, Whitelaw, heavily varieg., in nice order, neat and typical, could do with trifle more weight, still good; 5, Liddell; 7, Dick, HEN (7): 1, 6, Fitzpatrick, leader, short, cobby, good col., yell. var., nice subs., fine feather, seemed a shade soft; 2, Dick, small varieg., buff, in nice order; 3, 7, Findlay, 3 fine cl. yell., lovely cond., fine stamp, shapely, well balanced throughout, could have gone up a peg; 4, Chalmers; 5, Whitelaw; 6, Fitzpatrick. CL. OR TKD. BORD. CK. (8): 1, Barrie, fine buff, sweet jaunty type, close feather, silky qual., neat top, well braced, showing a little thigh; 2, Gillies, fine qual., good head and neck, clean, shapely, typical and close feathered, only fault inclines to twist wing; 3, 4, Findlay, 3 neat, well balanced, fine weight for stock bird, just wee shade rough in feather; 5, Hamilton; 6, Dempster; 7, McGury. VAR. (4): 1, Gillies, yell., nice weight, lovely col., rare qual. feather, could be closer in tail; 2, 4, Findlay, 2 buff, nice qual. feather, neatly folded wings, tail, rather cobby in build, well staged; 4, wings and eyes mkd. yell., nice col., fails cond. and steadiness; 3, Hamilton, green, with light tail, nice type, fine feather, rich col. and qual., but unsteady. CL. OR TKD. HEN (8): 1, Gillies, lovely type, rare qual., neat, shapely, well drawn wants trifle more rise in head; 2, spl., Barrie, good all over, runs well up on leader, fails staging; 3, 4, Hamilton, 3 good typical body, nice feather, well braced, steady; 5, 6, 7, Findlay. VAR. (3): 1, Gillies, yell., rare type, A1 qual., clean cut, well rounded, nicely drawn, might be better at top end; 2, 3, Findlay, 2 buff, nice carr. and qual. GREEN OR CINN. (13): 1, 2, Gillies, fine yell. cinn., in top order, nice type, rare feather, rich grand col., nicely pencilled, typical body, well drawn and clean cut, finely balanced; 2, very good buff green, fine col. and pencilling, nice type, rare qual., makes good fight for top; 3, 4, 7, Adam, yell. gr., fine type, grand grassy col., nice round head, neat neck, shapely body, well braced, fails in closeness of feather; 5, Chalmers; 6, Hamilton. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, 5, Robb., cap mkd. yell., fine col. and qual., well drawn, shapely, stylish, neat, in top cond.; 2, Whitelaw, buff, rare length, sleek and slim, topper for qual., fine carr., just inclined to lift at front; 3, Fitzpatrick, nat. col. yell., fair col., beaten in condition and staging; 4, Millen; 6, Dunwoodie. HEN (4): 1, 3, Robb., cl. buff, nice length, good type and qual., nice cond.; 2, Fitzpatrick, yell., could be better staged. A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, 5, Brown, nice, varieg., Dark Crest, good subs., evenly radiated, nicely drooping headgear, nice feather and cond.; 2, even wing D.C., good size, nice body, close feather, fails top; 3, Dick, yell. cinn. Nor., nice size, good col. and type, neatly braced wings, well staged; 4, Adam, buff C.B.; 6, McGowan; 7, Findlay. NOV. (5): 1, Fitzpatrick, wing mkd. yell. Nor., nice size and qual., shapely, neat, well staged; 2, Millen, cl. yell. York., nice order, neatly braced, fair length and feather; 3, 4, 5, we could not find. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, 4, 5, 6, Pettigrew, leader, lightly mkd., Goldie mule, good size, fine col., perfect feather, steady, well chosen; 4, dark buff Goldie-Greenie, nice size, perfect feather, good col. and qual., steady and A1 cond.; 2, spl. Findlay, fine little Redpoll-Greenie, perfect feather, steady, rather sombre in color; 3, Trotter, light mkd. Goldie Mule, nice size, good feather, fails in col.; 7, Liddell. DARK GOLDF. OR LINNET MULE (7): 1, Hamilton, fine jonque Goldie, good size, rare col., perfect feather, steady, well put down; 2, 7, Reid, 2 good dark Linnet, nice size, rich col., perfect feather, well pencilled, rare order; 3, Findlay, dark Goldie, nice col., good feather, showing the ears well; 4, Pettigrew; 5, Jack; 6, Hamilton. A.O.V. DARK (7): 1, Liddell, rare jonque Greenie, grand size, top col., feather like glass, in rare order; 2, Chalmers, good jonque Pinkie, fine size, rare col. and markings, in the pink; 3, 4, spl., 5, Jack, 3 nice jonque Greenie, good cond., wants more size; 6, Hamilton; 7, Pettigrew. GOLDF. (17): 1, Trotter, fine broad square face, grand col., fine whites, rich staining, good wings and moons, rare feather, steady, well shown; 2, 4, Pettigrew, smaller, real British, good body col., fails size of blaze; 3, Mallon, quite the equal of 2, fails only in steadiness; 5, Lochrane; 6, Findlay; 7, Reid. H.M. LINNET (10): 1, Hamilton, topper, fine size, steady, grand col. and markings, perfect feather, well staged; 2, Lochrane, quite up in size, very steady, nice type, not just so close in feather; 3, Trotter, nice size, rare feather, fine grand col., well pencilled, just failing at throat, nicely staged; 4, Brown, good size, col. and pencilling, just fails in steadiness; 5, 7, Pettigrew; 6, Cassells. BULL CK. (9): 1, Bup best Brit. Jack, nice size, grand col., broad, expansive, neat fitting, jet black cap, rare slaty black, well cut wing bars, pure whites, very steady, in the pink; 2, Trotter, more subs., hard up in cond., not quite the depth of col., close rare indeed; 3, 6, Adam; 3, trifle smaller, fine col., pure markings, well defined, steady, nice; 4, Brown; 5, Mallon; 7, Munro. RISKIN (6): 1, Trotter, fine size and markings, grand col. and cond.; 2, Mallon, shade smaller, good col., fine cap and high line, fine, good cond.; 3, Brown, small, neat, steady, good markings, fine col., well put down; 4, Adam; 5, Trotter, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 6, Brown, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 7, Trotter, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 8, Brown, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 9, Trotter, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 10, Brown, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 11, Trotter, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 12, Brown, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 13, Trotter, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 14, Brown, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 15, Trotter, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 16, Brown, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 17, Trotter, fine size, good markings, grand col. and cond.; 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Jack; 6, Pettigrew; 7, Brown. LESSER REDPOLL (10): 1, Mallon, fine size, grand cap, neat bib, nicely pencilled, rare col., perfect feather, steady as a rock; 2, Dick, smaller, grand feather, good col., falls tanning, not quite so steady; 3, Trotter, steady, rare order, falls in col.; 4, spl., Hamilton, better col., well pencilled, might have gone up; 5, Reid; 6, Liddell; 7, Dick. TWITE (9): 1, Dick, fine size, rich ground col., well pencilled, fine wings, neat full head, shapely body, well staged; 2, Hamilton, up in size and body col., falls pencilling on thighs and steadiness; 3, 4, 5, 6, Pettigrew; 7, good cond. of feather, falls depth col. and pencilling; 7, Brown. GREENF., H.M. (10): 1, Dick, grand sized, warm, level col., perfect feather, well staged, steady; 2, Brown, hard up, very little between; 3, 5, Jack, shade smaller, rare col., capital cond., well shown; 4, Mallon; 6, Pettigrew; 7, Findlay. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, Jack, fine size, col., markings steady, top cond.; 2, Trotter, quite up in size, falls depth col. and steadiness; 3, 4, Hamilton, 3, smaller, fine depth col., well defined markings, unsteady; 5, 7, Brown; 6, Dunwoodie. BRAMBLEF. (6): 1, 3, Pettigrew, leader nice size, fine depth of col., well spangled, steady, perfect feather; 3, tight up, rich col., well spangled, rather, unsteady; 2, Trotter, close up for size, not quite the depth of col., well spangled, falls steadiness; 4, Jack; 5, Dick; 6, Bannerman. BUNTING (9): 1, Jack, Yellowhammer, fine size, nice body col., steady, rare feather, head lines could be cleaner cut; 2, Brown, good Corn, richly mkd., nice ground col., steady, perfect bloom; 3, Trotter, Yellowhammer, more distinct in head markings, very steady, perfect in feather, lacks only in subs; 5, 6, Brown; 7, Cochrane. LINNET, F.M. (10): 1, Cochrane, fine nutty col., beautifully pencilled, fine size, perfectly steady, in the pink; 2, Mallon, up in size and cond., fine ground col., well pencilled flanks and front, beaten just at throat; 3, Chalmers, beauty for col. and pencilling, very steady, falls size only; 4, Robb; 5, Adam; 6, Hamilton; 7, Brown. BULLF. HEN (10): 1, Jack, topper, fine size, rare col., proper shade, steady, in top order; 2, Pettigrew, fine size, nice col., steady, well mkd., trifle rough in feather; 3, McCowan, well staged, presses hard up, falls only in closeness feather; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Mallon; 7, Crawford. HENS (10): 1, Hamilton, fine Bramble, grand col., well spangled, steady, perfect order; 2, Brown, grand Siskin, fine size and col., grandly pencilled, perfectly steady, in the pink; 3, Trotter, good Greenie, fine size, perfect feather, very steady; 4, Brown; 5, Dick; 6, Jack; 7, Chalmers. MEALY POLL (4): 1, Jack, nicely tanned, steady, well pencilled; 2, Dick, large pure col., distinct markings, steady, in the pink; 3, Trotter; 4, Adam. GREENF., F.M. (9): 1, 2, Hamilton, grand size, top col., bit unsteady; 2, well up for size and feather, well staged, falls col. only; 3, Trotter, staged in masterly fashion, falls in subs. only; 4, Cochrane; 5, Reid; 6, Dick; 7, Bannerman. SMALL BRIT. (7): All Pettigrew, fine team of Wagtails. LARGE (5): 1, 2, 4, 5, Pettigrew, grand Thrush, fine size, col. and markings, steady, in the pink; 2, grand Starling, good size, beautifully spangled; 4, fine Jay; 3, Chalmers, Thrush, fine size, steady, well marked, falls cond. only. SELL (5): 1, Brown; 2, 3, 4, Dinwoodie; 5, Fitzpatrick.

A New Venture.

Thirty-fourth annual show, Music Hall, Dec. 29, with a fine display. The Inverness fanciers have launched a new venture, and confined themselves to cage birds only, and the show proved a great success. Again Mr. T. W. Grant, Maryhill, had forwarded his two beautiful aviaries for exhibition, and these proved a great attraction. The fine display of Scotch Fancies brought back the old days to a few of the veterans. The yellow cock belonging to Mr. Robert Gibb (the Father of the fancy in Inverness), won the cup presented by Mr. Todd and this now becomes his own property, this being his second win. The cup confined to members in northern counties was won by J. Hutchison with a yellow cock of good type. Cup, best Border (members), also medal, J. Connochie, with a sweet yellow, staged to perfection. The Crest and C.B. classes contained some birds of the first water, which in themselves proved an attraction. The Norwich, as in former years were well up. Some nice wee gems were put forward; this variety has now taken a strong hold in Inverness. Mr. Bruce, a novice, had two such exhibits which will take a bit of stopping. British classes were very poorly patronised for the capital of the Highlands. Yorks were also back, the war showing effect in this class. Mr. Junor, a big supporter of this variety, has joined the colours. Great credit is due to Mr. Connochie, secretary, for his able handling of the work. He was ably assisted by Mr. Gibb, hon. vice-pres., and Mr. McNaughton, Chief Constable, and the committee, composed of Messrs. Chisholm, Falconer, Todd, Fraser (Anderson Brothers), Dorward, Harcombe, Smith, McGillivray and Mr. W. Simpson judged, and his awards were well received.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (7): 1, cup, 5, Gibb, yell., grand size, and subs., nice shoulders and pos., free mover; 2, 4, Smith, nice head and neck, good length and qual., pressed hard; 3, Todd, fine length of side, well filled in back, a bit nervous; 6, Clyne, HEN (6): 1, Smith, grand drive, splendid action, snaky head, greatly admired; 2, 5, Clyne, bf. varg., well up in size, fine body and action, would do with better droop; 3, 6, Gibb, hl., rare size and qual., presses hard; 4, Todd. YORKS (3): 1, 3, Wilkinson, grand heads and wing carr., full of qual., pos. A1; 2, Clyne, soft, with long journey, hut all there for qual. YORKS, 1915 (4): 1, 2, Wilkinson, leader saddle back, col. fed, rich col., very typical and steady, shows to perfection; 2nd non-fed, level col., beaten in col. only: 3, Clyne; 4, McGregor. BOLD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, cup and medal, Connachie, neat and typical, fine qual. of feather, good head and neck, a popular win; 2, Gentleman, tight boxy feather, nice body, a good second; 3, Smith, another good Border, presses hard; 4, Harcombe, 5, Blackie; 6, Chisholm. HEN (7): 1, Smith, sweet shape, nice feather, jaunty carr., neat head and wings; 2, 5, 6, Gentleman, lovely feather, nice shape and qual., faultless cond., presses hard; 3, Harcombe, fine col., splendid wing carr., piped tail; 4, Connachie. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Chisholm, wing mkd., lovely feather and col., grand shape and round, neat close fitting wings; 2, 6, Connachie, nice head, carr., and feather, grand wings and tail, presses hard; 3, Harcombe, another nice exhibit, lovely carr. and pos., well shown; 4, Smith; 5, Falconer. HEN (8): 1, 2, Connachie, fine rounded head and body, capital qual., nice type, wings; 2, Smith, sweet shape, excellent cond., well put down; 3rd presses hard, our choice for second; 4, Blackie; 5, Chisholm; 6, Harcombe. VAR. (8): 1, Bruce, wing mkd., real two gem, clean as gold, sweet shape, feathered to

perfection; 2, Blackie, cinn. inkd., light as wax good col., rare Irim, well staged; 3, J. Gentleman wing and eye inkd., neat head, close fitting wings nice carr., presses hard; 4, 5, Connoclie, 6, Smith, GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, Bruce, typical Bord. lovely head and wing carr., very shapely; 2, P. Gentleman, another Guid Bord., not much between them, a toss up bere; 3, J. Gentleman, fine shape and feather, loses to-day; 4, Chdholm; 5, Maier, J. Fraser. BRED 1915 (7): 1, Blackie, yell., very typical, clean cut, well drawn, faultless order; 2, 5, Connoclie, even inkd. buff, very taking, lovely wing carr., nice neck, fine cond.; 3, P. Gentleman green, nice col. and build, fine feather, presses hard; 4, Falconer; 6, Harcombe. CREST (10): 1, Craigen, varg., fine size and subs., A1 cond., nicely groomed top piece, staged to perfection; 2, 4, 6, Todd green, well laid top piece, fine viny feather, in lovely order; 3, Smith, grand body, great wealth of feather and subs.; 5, McGregor, a nice bird might have gone up, but was washing during judging. C.B. (8): 1, Todd, monster, massive body and subs., plenty feather, nice skull, well lashed; 2, Smith, yell., lovely head properties, fine length of feather; 3, Craigen, green, looking soft when taking notes; 4, lovely buff varg., great size and subs., plenty feather and skull; 5, 6, McNaughton. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 3, 4, Craigen leader yell., col. fed., grand head and chest, rich level col., chubby, very taking; 3rd, non-fed., another good one, but lacks the size and subs. of winners; 2, Hutchison, grand size and shape, bonny head, A1 wing carr., and showing well; 5, Bain; 6, McDonald, might have taken a step up. BUFF (7): 1, Hutchison, cup winner, topper for size and type and qual., perfect wings, lovely carr., popular win; 2, 4, Craigen, good type and qual., splendid finish; 3, Hutchison, good size and shape, fine style, presses hard; 5, McGregor; 6, McDonald. A.O. COL. (7): 1, 3, Craigen, green, col. fed., good feather, shapely, nice head, grand wing carr., in splendid trim; 3, Cinn., splendid Nor. type and A1 qual.; 2, Bain Bros., green, short and cobby, fine round head, nice full chest, lacks subs. of winner; 4, Fraser; 5, Bain Bros.; 6, Do. BRED 1915 (5): 1, 3, Craigen, leader varg., good head, fine neck and breast, nice tail carr.; 3rd, nice bold head, fine type and qual., lacks finish to winners; 2, Hutchison, capital size and shape, bonny, typical head and wing carr.; 4, McDonald; 5, Todd. MULE OR HYBRID (7): 1, Duncan, Linnet Mule, Highland Leader in the pink, needs no comment; 2, Smith, Goldie Mule, perfect feather and cond.; 3, Young, varg. Goldie, in A1 order, would improve with a little col. feed; 4, 6, McNaughton, Redpoll-Cinn., might have taken a big jump up; hard lines. SELL., 10s.: 1, Duncan; 2, Smith; 3, Smith; 5, Smith; 5, Clyne; 6, McGregor. GOLDF. (8): 1, McNaughton, rich face and cond., beautifully buttoned, nice blaze; 2, 4, Harcombe, close up for col. and cond., presses hard; 3, Todd, well up in col., nice full face, nicely tanned; 5, Gentkman, one of the best in class. BULLF. (6): 1, Harcombe, fine, bold-headed bird, splendid cond. and col., easy win; 2, Craigen, splendid cap and wings, A1 order; 3, Dunbar, nice size, col., and subs., presses hard; 4, Kells; 5, Gentleman, full size for a Britisher; 6, Fraser. SISKIN (4): 1, Harcombe, nice cap and flank markings, full of life, wins; 2, Connoclie, nice bib and cap, our choice; 3, McNaughton; 4, Fraser. LINNET OR TWITE (1): 1, Duncan, beautiful Twite, lovely markings and cond. REDPOLL (3): 1, P. Gentleman, lovely size and markings; 2, Smith, nice size, lacks the subs. of winner; 3, Fraser, beaten in cond. only. GREENF. (5): 1, 2, J. Gentleman, well shown, fine size, type, col., and cond.; 3, Cameron, not the size, but a good one; 4, P. Gentleman; 5, Harcombe. A.O.V. (4): 1, Gentleman, Chaffinch, gem of the first water, beautifully staged, A1 cond.; 2, Kells, Bramble, shade small; 3, Cameron, Yellowhammer; 4, Kells. SELL.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Cameron. FOR. (1): 1, McKenzie, King Amazon Parrot, came in for a lot of attention.

WEST STANLEY (Empire) F., F., & C.

Members' show, Nov. 20-21, in the Club. Entries numbered 297. The committee worked very hard under the chairman and vice-chairman, who had everything in good order. The stewards were M. Hall, G. Lane, W. Gowland, T. Nicholson, and they did their work well. Mr. R. Bewicke judged and gave every satisfaction. Nor. Ck.: 1, spl. Bates; 2, Peart; 3, Sanderson; 4, Gowland. Hen: 1, spl. Bates; 2, Harwood; 3, 4, Gowland. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, Hutchinson; 3, 4, Gowland. Hen: 1, 3, Gowland; 2, 4, W. Gowland. Bord. Ck.: 1, spl. 2, Bates; 3, Roxbrough; 4, Lowerson. Hen: 1, 4, Bates; 2, Lowerson; 3, Roxbrough. A.V. Nat. Col. Ck.: 1, Hutchinson; 2, Henderson; 3, Gowland. Hen: 1, spl. Hunter; 2, S. Ommerson; 3, Henderson; 4, Peart. Bred 1915 Ck.: 1, spl. Sanderson; 2, Hunter; 3, Sanderson; 4, Nicholson. Hen: 1, spl. Roxbrough; 2, Bates; 3, Sanderson; 4, Peart. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hutchinson. Linnet: 1, Ross; 2, Nicholson; 3, Armin; 4, Ross. Mulc or Hyb.: 1, spl. Peart; 2, Mosley; 3, Gowland; 4, Matt Hall. Goldf.: 1, spl. best Brit., Purvis; 2, Armin; 3, Ross; 4, Hall. Greenf.: 1, spl. Hutchinson; 2, Harwood; 3, Howe; 4, Armin. Redpoll: 1, Sanderson; 2, Henderson; 3, Hall; 4, Emmerson. A.O. Hardbill: 1, sp., Harwood; 2, Armin. For.: 1, 2, Peart.—R. Hutchinson, Sec.

REDRUTH F.A.

Seventh Annual Show, Market Hall, Nov. 27. Entries came up well, especially in Nor., where competition was very keen. The silver cup for best old bird fell to a lovely buff hen, Martin, very typical from head to tail, a real model. The cup for best nonfigt was won by Mr. Keen's yell., the Hayle and Camborne winner, a gem all over. The A.O.V. cup went to a Goldy with grand blaze and hars, in lovely bloom, and the novice special went to the winning nonfed yell. The Society has a good Sec. and working committee of fanciers. Mr. F. Collins (Camborne) judged. Yell. Hen (9): 1, spl., 3, Keen; 2, r, vhc, Sherman; hc, Kemp; c, Hocken. Buff (13): 1, cup, 2, Martin; 3, r, Kemp; vhc, Ware; hc, Sherman; c, Hocken. Nor., Nat. Cl. (8): 1, 3, Trevorrow; 2, 3, Kemp; r, vhc, c, Sherman; hc, Martin. A.O.V.: 1, 2, r, hc, Sherman; Woolcock; vhc, Sherman. Goldf. or Bullf. (6): 1, 2, c, Sherman; 3, r, Bfans; vhc, Smith. A.O.V. Brit. (11): 1, cup, 2, Sherman; 3, c, Smith; r, Bfans; vhc, hc, Ware. For. Large (2): 1, Trestrail; 2, Woolcock. Small (3): 1, 3, Trestrail; 2, Woolcock. Sell., 15s. (8): 1, Ware; 2, Trevorrow; 3, Hocken. Tell., 10s. (6): 1, Kemp; 2, Sherman; 3, Hocken. Cl. Yell. (10): 1, spl., 2, Kemp; 3, Martin; r, Ware; vhc, Keen; hc, Trevorrow; c, Sherman. Buff (9): 1, spl., 2, Kemp; 3, Ware; r, c, Sherman; vhc, Partridge; hc, Martin. Yell. Tkd. (9): 1, spl., Kemp; 2, Martin; 3, Hocking; r, Sherman; vhc, hc, Keen; c, Ware. Buff (7): 1, spl., Kemp; 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, Sherman; c, Partridge. Yell. Nonfig. (9): 1, cup, vhc, Keen; 2, Kemp; 3, hc, c, Sherman; r, Trevorrow. Buff (10): 1, hc, Sherman; 2, Partridge; 3, Kelley; r, Kemp; vhc, Keen.

(Many Show Reports unavoidably held over.)

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- (8)—All who desire letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Fund (London).
- (9)—All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Postcards are not admissible.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

EFFECT OF WASHING (M.E.N.S.).—(1) I think there was probably nothing wrong with the bird when you hand-washed it, beyond, perhaps, a little exhaustion, which may have resulted from the operation being rather a slow one. All birds do not take to washing alike, and whilst some are scarcely affected at all, others appear very much so for a short time. But when it passes off in a while, and the bird seems none the worse, there is nothing to worry about. Judging from the appearance and odour of the sample you enclosed, it appears to me to contain a certain amount of potash, and possibly this may have affected the bird, but I cannot say definitely that it would. Anyway, if you use a good quality of toilet soap, or white Windsor, there should be not the least risk of harming the bird by hand-washing. Still, you can avoid it now by offering the bird a daily bath for a week or two in each pint of which you have stirred a small teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash. It will not be quite a nosegay, but it will prove effective, and save handling the bird. (2) Only time can tell whether the feathers will be reproduced on the neck. You may try the liquid advised in first part of reply to "Crest" in our last issue.

W. G. T.—Replied to by post.

WHEEZY ROLLER (J. C. X.).—If the bird is kept in a position where it is exposed to the heat and fumes of burning gas when the jet is lit, that is quite sufficient to account for the symptoms, and also for the fact that it seems worse when the gas is lit. See that it is kept in a bright and healthy place, but not where it will be exposed to such influences as these, nor to cold direct draughts, or sudden and extreme changes of heat and cold. Every second day for a fortnight, in addition to its usual diet of seeds, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed; and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and add to the drinking water four drops each of oxymel of squills, Ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia and sweet spirit of nitre. Unless all the symptoms quickly disappear in response to this treatment and the bird quite recovers, you should not attempt to breed with her this season, and I rather doubt the wisdom of using her again at all as a stock bird.

PECULIAR FITS (Belmiro).—(1) The peculiar behaviour of the bird is merely due to excessive nervousness—a kind of "stage fright"—which needs gentle treatment and judicious management rather than medicinal treatment. Try and gain its confidence by regular attention and consistently gentle and methodical treatment, in order to wear it of its nervousness by the knowledge that no harm is meant it. Offer a scrap of some tempting green food each time you attend to its cage, or put on the bath and carefully avoid any alarming movements near it, and do not place any uncommon objects in its sight which may alarm it. Now that the weather is getting more mild, hang on the bath for half-an-hour or so every day, and each time drop into it a few grains of hemp or a tiny scrap of greenstuff, and it will soon get over its nervousness at the sight of the bath. (2) These fits were doubtless the victims of some of the recent violent weather changes, or were exposed to draught or some similar exciting cause. The best thing you can do now is to see that all such causes are guarded against as far as possible, and treat the birds the same as advised to "J.C.X." in this issue for a fortnight or so. Keep them in a fairly comfortable temperature, but you need not overheat them.

GAPING AND PANTING (Reta).—Your description is rather suggestive of the birds being victims of gapeworm, but it does not go far enough to enable one to say that this is so. It would be interesting to know whether there are any poultry about affected with this trouble. If there is, you should be careful not to use any water for drinking or bathing until it has been boiled and stood until cold again. Also avoid giving the birds any green food or tit-bit gathered from any place to which the poultry have access. You may adopt these precautions in any case. Then try the following treatment for two or three weeks and report result, repeating full particulars. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, and broken groats. A small cube of hard common salt stuck in the wires for the birds to peck at occasionally will also be beneficial. In the water add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give instead four

drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another week. Then report result. If the Bullfinch is kept separately you should write a query about this bird on a separate sheet for our Mr. Norman.

SMALL INSECTS (F.W.B.).—Although you say the insects are a light colour, I think they will be the red mite, the "small fry" of this pest having a light appearance at this season. Only drastic measures will be likely to eradicate them now they have so good a footing as they seem to have in this case. Place the birds in a temporary cage or cages, and whilst there you may offer a bath daily, in which you have added a little essence of guaiac. Then dissolve an ounce of camphor in half-a-pint of methylated spirit. Thoroughly clean out the infested cages, place on a sheet of paper and rake out all dust from any joint or crevice, with a pin if necessary, going all over the cage thoroughly, and at once burn paper, on which you will doubtless find plenty of "game." Now get a small paint brush and saturate cage all over, inside and out, with the camphor liquid, working it well into the joints and crevices. Place aside to dry, and treat seed box in the same way. Seed boxes may then be well baked and the water glasses well scalded to finish them off. Give the mail or hook on which the cages have hung a good dressing with the liquid. Next day repeat the dressing of the cages, and the wall with the liquid, and again repeat it the day following. Then you may re-paint or distemper the insides, and re-stain and varnish the outsides, and when quite dry the birds may be returned to them. Keep a sharp eye on them for a few weeks afterwards, and touch the ends of perches, joints of doors, etc., twice each week with the fluid, whether any mites are seen or not. Give the birds a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar daily for a week, and add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water to help them to throw off the effect of the worrying attack.

BALD ON ABDOMEN (Novice, H.R.W.).—You ought to have said in what way the bald patch was noticeable, or whether it has always been noticeable. The fact is, every Canary has a bald patch in that position, as feathers never grow on the centre of breast and abdomen, those on the sides and flanks spreading over and covering these parts. If the bareness has always been pronounced it is probable that it is due to the bird being rather deficient in feather, possibly from being the progeny of birds too much double-yellow bred. In that case there is no reason why you should not breed with the bird, but you should be careful to select as mate for it a bird that is rather too densely feathered, and with nice broad and long plumage of fine quality.

AN AVIARY (A. B. C.).—(1) You say you have nine Canaries and an aviary about six inches square, which I interpret as meaning six feet square. If this surmise is correct the number of birds to stock it will be about correct. (2) The best kind of nest box depends upon the style of the aviary, which you give no particulars about. But the ordinary type of nest-box is quite applicable to practically every kind of aviary, and with the exercise of a little judgment may be quite securely fixed in any suitable position. After these old-fashioned type wooden nest boxes would be about the best thing. As you give no height of your aviary, I cannot say what would be the best height to fix them nearer than that somewhere about two-thirds of the distance between the floor and top of aviary would be near the mark. One or two boxes should not be placed conspicuously higher than the rest, or they will lead to frequent quarrels for possession. At least ten or twelve boxes should be fixed up for seven hens. (3) No, you should certainly not fix them in a dark corner, nor yet the most bright and fully exposed. Choose a position just a little secluded, and sheltered from full exposure to all that is going on outside the aviary, but by no means a dismal, dark corner. (4) I am afraid I cannot add to what I have already said about distinguishing sex. It is experience you want, then the ability to see the subtle differences will come. If you catch the birds now that they are coming into fresh condition and blow up the feathers on the abdomen, you will find the vent of the cock is more prominent and pointed than that of the hen, which is flatter and more in line with the abdomen. This may help you to distinguish them just at this season. Temper is not a prerequisite of either sex. A bird that is quarrelsome at the seed box is just as likely to be a cock as a hen, or vice versa.

CONCERNING ROLLERS (Confederate).—(1) It is getting full late now to buy new stock for the coming season, and you cannot get it over too soon now. (2) The name you mention is that of a very well-known breeder and trainer of Rollers for singing contests. To the best of our knowledge and belief he is good English. (3) When other places are available it is not advisable to keep the birds in the same room as the young cocks undergoing training. Still, many breeders have to do so for want of other accommodation. (4) No, all Rollers that emanate from Leeds do not necessarily have the same variety of song tours, which I take it is what you mean by this question. (5) The presence of an Amazon and Grey parrots will not affect the training of the young Roller cocks. (6) You would find a special chapter on the Roller in House's "Manual," 1s. 2d. post free; and there is a little handbook by Retlich which you may find in the list of one of our large dealers.

MANNER OF BREEDING (L. Scott).—(1) It will be quite correct to mate the Canaries and keep them in one part of the room separated from the Budgerigars by a wire partition. It will not affect the breeding of either the Canaries or the Budgerigars in the least. (2) One cock will be quite sufficient to run with the three hens, but I cannot advise you to mate the young cock with his mother and sisters. The former would be just tolerable at a pinch, but the latter is the closest possible in-breeding, which should never be resorted to merely for the sake of making up a pair of birds. The best way out of the difficulty would be for you to dispose of the young cock you have and get an unrelated bird in his place. There would be no danger whatever of the hens quarrelling with him because he was a stranger.

A SEED MIXTURE (Gwilym).—No, your seed mixture is not an ideal one. It contains far too much niger, and too little rape, in addition to other defects. As staple diet you should use a simple mixture of canary and rape only at most; three parts by measure of the former to one part of the latter. Then make a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and give a little of this separately two or three times a week, according to circumstances. This will quite suffice for a seed diet in all ordinary circumstances.

FEEDING ROLLERS (Beginner).—(1) As a staple seed diet give a mixture of two parts canary, by measure, to one part mild, nutty summer rape.

and for the rest feed and treat as you would a Yorkshire. You will find all details as to suitable tit-bits and variants in the Nutshell which has been sent you. (2) It will not do you any harm to hear the singing of the Yorkshires through the wall in an adjoining room. The worst that could happen would be that, provided the song reached him very distinctly, he might pick up some of the undesirable notes from it. But, coming through a wall, it is not at all likely that this would happen. The muffled sound of the Yorkshires singing, instead of stopping the Roller singing, would more likely incite him to greater effort.

ABOUT A SWELLING (W. G. T.).—Your second letter clears up the doubtful point. The part indicated is what is termed the vent. Finish the course of treatment already sent you and then report result, repeating particulars, and also the course of treatment given, and, if anything further is necessary, I shall be pleased to advise you again.

NOT BATHING, ETC. (B. T. Cardiff).—(1) The only way to try to induce him to bathe properly is to watch for him starting to bathe his head in the drinker, then remove it and hang on the bath for an hour or so. After a time he will probably begin again to use it properly. There is no remedy for the grimy "tide-water-mark" save hand-washing the bird. (2) He should moult again in the ordinary course about next July. (3) It is obvious that the best remedy for this is to just throw something on the slippery table when the bird is let out—a sheet of paper, a towel (smooth, not Turkish), or even a handkerchief, or anything of the kind which may occur to you and be handy on which the bird could hop about comfortably without slipping. You need not worry about the lost tail. It will commence to grow at once, and will be well forward in a month from the time it was lost. (4) The mixed seed sold in packets is useful for occasional changes of diet, and as a tit-bit, but a plainer mixture of canary and rape only is on the whole best for general use. "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, and House's "Manual," 1s. 2d. post free, both from our manager, will suit you very well. The former treats the subject generally, the latter deals with the separate varieties of Canaries. (5) The terms Mule and Hybrid are synonymous. No earthly reason why one is called Mule and another Hybrid, except that the custom of the fancy is to term the bird which has a Canary for one of its parents a Mule, and the rest Hybrids.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

KEEPING MEALWORMS (Novice, E.H.).—All you need do with the few mealworms you have is to put them in a tin with a handful of meal, making a few small holes in the lid for ventilation purposes. (2) It is not a custom to give many mealworms to Finches, but if they will eat them they are considered to be beneficial. One daily would do, and I would advise you to kill the worm and squeeze out the body, as the skin is somewhat indigestible. Full particulars on the breeding and keeping of mealworms are given in our Nutshell No. 26, which our Manager would send you for 2d., post free.

MIXED BREEDING (E. Hight).—You could allow all your birds to fly loose in the room, providing you put up plenty of nest boxes for breeding purposes, but I would advise you to take out one of the hen Bullfinches, as two of these birds seldom agree during the spring and summer months. All the cocks you mention would do nicely, unless you would like to try the spare Bullie in a breeding cage with one of them. Even if you did this it would still leave enough cock birds in the room. What- ever you do, I would advise you to leave in the cock Goldie. With your collection you would stand a reasonable chance of breeding both Canaries and Mules, and possibly a Hybrid or two. The pair of Yorkshires in the cage would not interfere with the others, providing you have them in position some time before breeding commences.

BREEDING GOLDFINCH AND CANARY MULES (Dolly).—It is much too early for your hen Canary to think of nesting. I fear you are feeding her too highly, and possibly keeping her in a warm room. I would advise you to feed her as plainly as you possibly can, and do not let her have anything in the way of nesting materials to play with, as it only encourages forwardness. As a rule, hen Canaries are ready for nesting some time before the Finch is, and breeders who keep many usually take a brood of young Canaries from the hen before they run in the Goldfinch. The Goldfinch is ready for pairing when he sings stoutly, sways himself from side to side, and when his beak is quite clear or nearly so. When they are both ready you can put them together, giving a nest box and nesting materials. When the hen has built a good nest, remove the Finch at roosting time, or he will possibly damage the egg if the hen lays early in the morning. After removing the egg let him remain with her again during the day. When she has laid three you can take him away entirely, and give her back the eggs, when she will doubtless add to the number and commence to incubate.

TRYING FOR HYBRIDS (Canary-Goldfinch).—You do not give me the dimensions of your cage, but, anyway, you would not be safe in leaving them together. I would advise you to use the 3-compartment cage for the Goldie and the Sih. hens. Let them fly together for another month, then place a hen in each compartment and the Goldie in the centre, running him with each hen as she comes into condition. (2) Your chance of the pair of Bullfinches nesting is not very rosy. I should feel more inclined to try the Bullie hen with either one of your other Goldfinches or with a cock Canary. This, of course, in another cage. (3) If your Goldies are cocks they should be singing or twittering now a little. As regards their treatment, why not procure our Nutshell booklet No. 1? It gives all directions about proper feeding, which is all they require just now. Later on they should have dandelion leaves and the seedling heads.

TREATMENT OF THRUSH (Bad Appetite).—It is too early yet for you to put your Thrush outside permanently, for although the weather is very mild just now, we are almost certain to get a return of wintry weather next month. If it becomes fairly settled in March you could put him outside then, choosing a mild day for his first venture. (2) The month of March is quite early enough for breeding with a hen Canary, and, as a rule, the Goldfinch is not ready before then. If the Goldie is in song do not force him on too much. Let him come on gradually.

SAMPLE OF SEED (H. Deakin).—The large seeds sent are not hardheads, but the seeds of burdock. The other is not a particularly choice sample at

though it contains a few seeds that are useful; but I would advise you to buy some wild seed mixture put up in packet form by some well-known firm. It may cost you a few pence more, but will be the cheaper in the end, as all of it will be eaten.

SISKIN-CANARY CROSS (H. R. Carron).—It is best, if you can, to use a double breeding cage for Mule breeding, as it is so convenient to shut the Finch off and yet leave him near the hen. This is particularly useful when she is expected to lay, as the Finch frequently damages the egg before the fancier is able to remove it. If you can train the Siskin to run into a small cage from the single breeders you could manage with one then, hanging him close to it. (2) It is early yet to try to get your bird into condition. If you give him a little hemp occasionally and green food, such as dandelion, he should come along in time for pairing up. (3) When he is in full song he will be quite ready. (4) March is quite early enough for Mule breeding, and then both should be quite fit; if not, put it off until they are. You will save time in the long run.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AMAZON PARROTS ("Confederate").—(1) It is a Blue-fronted Amazon. (2) Also a Blue-front, probably a younger bird than No. 1. (3) As a rule the rough horny character of the leg scaling is the best indication of age. In many aged birds the outer surface of the mandibles becomes rough and worn. (4) I will not go so far as to state that a Blue-front is as good a talker as a Grey. However, there are Blue-fronts which equal Greys, but as a rule their talent is not so easily or quickly acquired. With every species, Greys included. (5) The presence of Roller Canaries is not likely to interfere to any serious extent, but the Amazons are quite likely to mimic any sounds they hear. (6) I think so, but I must confess that I have not read "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit." Our Manager would send you a copy, post free for 7d. (7) Of course, one has to purchase when consignments arrive, and in these times arrivals are by no means frequent, but undoubtedly there is a better chance for them between mid-spring and early autumn. (8) All have the power of mimicking, but many of them show but little inclination to use it. So far as my experience goes the Blue-front is the most teachable of all the Amazons.

FOOD FOR RED-CRESTED CARDINAL (Belmiro).—A mixture of canary and white millet seed in equal parts, and only a little sunflower and hemp mixed with it. Any kind of ripe fruit it will eat. I am inclined to mistrust watercress on account of the impure (foul) water it is often grown in, and prefer to give all kinds of garden weeds to pick over when such are in season, falling back upon frame lettuce during the winter months. But from the lettuce leaves the fleshy centre stem should be cut out before supplying to the birds. They should be given an occasional insect, mealworm, spider, smooth caterpillar, beetle, etc., with a roomy cage and supplies of grit, and water for drinking and bathing, it should thrive with you.

SULPHUR-CREST WITH LOOSENESS (E.A.B.N.).—Continue the cornflour, milk and laudanum mixture till the looseness ceases. I am afraid our food supplies are not so good as they were in pre-war times. Whatever the price, give only the best. I saw not long ago one lot of Parrot mixture containing sunflower seed which was quite mouldy. Such would upset the internals of any bird. So in these times examine your mixture, and if it is not what it should be, though the best you can get, clean it well yourself before supplying to the bird. Such things as arrowroot biscuits will be excellent for it, and it can have them freely. Offer it water as well as the milk mixture. Well colour the water with chemical food. Cuttlebone will help it if it will eat this freely. The cage-tray should be frequently cleansed, and you must use something absorbent thereon—sawdust or peat moss litter, the latter for preference—and as soon as it becomes at all sodden the tray should be cleansed at once. It will be well to add a pinch of Parrot grit to the daily supply of seed mixture while you cannot put it in cage tray. I would advise adding half a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion to the daily supply of milk mixture. Of course, the use of the latter will only be continued during the bird's indisposition. Nevertheless, it should not be suddenly stopped. Gradually decrease the quantity and lengthen interval between supplies before finally ending it off altogether.

LEG WEAKNESS IN GREY PARROT (A. McNeil).—If it has been having bread and milk as a regular part of its dieting, that is all wrong and most probably is the cause of its present unsatisfactory state, at the same time it will not do to stop it at present; give the usual quantity, but stir half a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion into the daily supply, and continue this till its strength is normal again, when it should be gradually weaned therefrom. Give it fluid magnesia and water in equal parts for one day as drinking water, and then follow on with the chemical food. If it will take it, arrowroot biscuit will be good for it. While the watery looseness remains mix one teaspoonful of cornflour into the daily supply of milk-son. The condition of the bowels is rather important, they should move quite freely, but without watery-looseness, and proper regulation should be secured, at all times, by a mild laxative (fluid magnesia) when necessary. It will be well to keep this bird as warm as possible till it is fit again, but the temperature must be fairly even. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging within its reach. If any of the symptoms become more acute you must write again at once, otherwise report progress in about three weeks. You would be well advised to get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2d., post free, from our manager, and as your bird is fairly fit again, gradually get it on to the "bill of fare" and general treatment advised therein.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

About Linnets (Constant Reader, J.J.).—Sorry, but it would require a very long article to answer fully your three questions. You will find all the information in our Nutshell on the Linnet, which our Manager would send you post free for 2d.

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WANTED, Canaries, Mules, both sexes, Finches, Siskins, Redpolls, breeding and show cages; highest spot cash given; birds bought or exchanged: Bedford, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (230)

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WANTED, weekly supply of Linnets, Larks, etc., for cash, also birds of any description taken in exchange for cages or loose fronts; state offers and wants: Leigh, 4, Kirkdale-rd., Liverpool. (238)

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EXCHANGE lovely cock Chaffinch, singing, for show cages; sell 10/-: Gess, 24, Lydden-rd., Wandsworth, London. (220)

EXCHANGE yellow var. Norwich hen, good birds, for cock Goldfinch, or sell 6/-: Trail, 83, High-st., Fraserburgh. (233)

EXCHANGE nice Norwich hen for cock Goldie or 4 cock Linnets; must be steady and singing: Sharp (see Norwich). (237)

EXHIBITION P.M. "Goldies, two extra specials; sell or exchange for field glasses: Gibbon, 142, High-st., Stourbridge. (226)

EXCHANGE two Greenfinches, one Linnet Mules, as bred, for cock Goldfinches or Siskin: West, 101, High-st., Fraserburgh. (233)

EXCHANGE two Linnet Mules and Canary hens for hen Greenfinch or cock Linnet: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool. (234)

EXCHANGE cock Chaffinch and show cage for large hen Bullfinch; yours first: Wm. Potts, 59, Firthside-st., Fraserburgh. (233)

TWO cock Goldfinches, 2 cock Linnets, 3 British show cages; lot 15/-: Strachan, 207, St. Andrew's-rd., Pollokshields. (239)

HAVING still two Goldfinches left, at 5/- each, or exchange Linnet Mule, or anything useful: Hurry, River-lane, Cambridge. (233)

EXCHANGE clap nets, 10 yards, complete for two h.m. cock Goldfinches, mules, sell 12/-: Lewis, 55, Letitia-st., Middlesbrough. (237)

EXCHANGE good cock Bullfinch, lovely plumage, for cock Linnet on song; yours first: A. L. Baldock, Calais-rd., Burton, Staffs. (223)

WELSH Goldfinch, also Goldfinch Mule, full song, exchange cycle tyres, 28 x 1 1/2; offers: Rogers, Oswall House, Caerwys, Flintshire. (233)

TWO good Goldfinch cocks and Brown Linnet cock, for muling; exchange pen pure Bantams (approval): Allison, Aslaton, Longstratton. (228)

COCK Woodlark, singing, and specially made cage, 10/6, or exchange good Roller, Norwich hens, anything; offers: 31, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (235)

PAIR Borders, cock, 1st, 25/-; collection birds' eggs (£2 worth), £1; wanted, British, Foreign: Morrison, 7, Stone-lane, Millfield, Peterborough. (228)

COCK Linnets, 5/- doz., full song 1/6 each; Linnet, Lark, and jump cages, 6/- doz.; exchange Canaries; offers: J. Cutler, 25 High-st., Walsall. (228)

WINNING Siskin and Twaite wanted; will give in exchange first-class white Pom. bitch; approval: Walker, Thistle Green, Stockton-on-Tees. (238)

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THREE large, well-marked Linnets, pick of large cat, 2s. each, 6s. lot; deposit; exchange 2 clear hens, any breed; offers: 133, King-st., Alfreton, Derbyshire. (226)

FOR sale, six cocks, Bullfinches, caged since September, lovely specimens; exchange Canaries, or sell 15/- the lot: J. E. Jones, Vyrnwy House, Llanant-fraid, Mont. (233)

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, beauty, 12/6; another, 8/6; pair Siskins, prize winner 12/6; all proved mules; Hawfinch cock, tail rough, 10/-; all moults and cheap: J. Scott, 39, Westminster-st., Gateshead. (228)

SISKIN cock, H.M., do. Goldfinch, exchange either for 1915 or unlighted hen Canary, Norwich or Yorkshire, yellow, yellow variegated, or yellow cinnamon; yours first: Johnson, Chef, Noon's Hotel, High Holborn, W.C. (228)

EXCHANGE or sell 2 pairs of fine yellow Siskins, also one pair of Goldies, 5/6 per pair; poultry wire netting required, double width required; yours first, or approval both ways: H. Hosler, 21, Box Mill, Halesstead, Essex. (229)

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE 2 buff cocks, 1915 breed, or sell 10/- each: Breeze, 42, George-st., King's Lynn. (229)

LARGE buff Norwich cock, grand stock bird, sell £1, or exchange Norwich hen: Rawlings, 284, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (232)

EXCHANGE two splendid large cock Goldies for two 1915 Norwich hens; sell 7/-: Beales, Kelling Heath, Holt, Norfolk. (229)

GREEN Border cock, 1915, 6/6; exchange Roller cock or hens, wire netting, mealworms, doll's house.—31, Wilcox-rd., S.W. (235)

CHAMPION crests, £1 to £10 pairs, approval, exchange Norwich, Yorkshires, or Mules: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (119)

TWO Crested cock, two hens, one Crested cock one h.m. Goldfinch, 35/-; or useful exchange: W. H. Wood, Joiner, Ormesby, S.O., Yorks. (236)

WANTED, yellow Yorkshire hens in exchange for gent's silver watch, good timekeeper, value 17/6; approval: A. Bridgwater, Warwick. (228)

WILL exchange three large Norwich hens for two cock Goldfinch or Linnet Mules; mutual approval: G. Brown, 44, Watterloo-rd., Norwich. (157)

WILL exchange high class Canaries for scrap copper, solder, pewter, block tin, brass, zinc, lead, tools, etc.: Steele, 80 Ordsall-lane, Salford. (228)

SALE or exchange two pairs of Yorkshires, in breeding condition, 10/- pair; one Mule cock, 7/6; exchange anything: Hann, Redburn-row, Fenchouses. (237)

EXCHANGE anything, or sell 24/-, six Roller hens, Randall's, Humphries', Dr. Read's strain, 1915 rung, healthy: Bennion, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (233)

YORKSHIRES: 2 pairs for sale, Dykes and Ogden Bros' strain; or exchange good Norwich cinnamons; approval: Bisset, 15, Commerce-st., Fraserburgh. (233)

PAIR Canaries, Welsh cock Goldfinch, pink-eyed hen, brown cock Linnet, champion, 12/6; exchange pair Yorkshire: Jones, 72, Bethesda-st., Amlwch. (221)

BUFF variegated cock, yellow hen, Yorkshires, 15/-; exchange yellow green Norwich hen, good size, type, quality; mutual approval: Longden, Dale-av., Long Eaton. (230)

ROLLERS (Randall's strain guaranteed) wanted; exchange pedigree Great Dane bitch, 1 year 10 months; what offers: A. J. S., Ponsall Farm, Hertford. (239)

TWO lovely cock Linnets and hen Bullfinch, twice moults, for good stock bird, Border, Yorkshire or Roller cock Canary or sell 7/-: Wm. Taylor, 307, Bolton-rd., Walsden. (223)

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire hens, a clear buff and a clear yellow, for a clear buff Yorkshire cock; approval both ways: R. Leighton, 18, Scotia-pl., St. Ninians, Stirling. (225)

EXCHANGE large U.S.A. oil stove, suitable for bird room or bedroom, for good pair of Borders; approval both ways; yours first: Ley, 17, Waungoch, Nantymoel, Glam. (228)

BORDERS, few good buff cocks left, 8/6 up; H.M. Goldfinches, 10/6 up; also Chaffinch, 7/6; fit to win; stamp reply: Morgan Thomas, Jessamine, Wern-rd., Skewer, Neath. (221)

FOUR Norwich hens, good bred (1915), sell 3/- and 4/- each, or exchange laying pullets, or offers; approval, both ways: Roden, 20, Chapel-st., St. George's, Wellington, Salop. (233)

EXCHANGE silver English lever watch, with silver chain and coin, for pair Canaries; any variety; songsters; cold room birds; or sell, £1: Grounds, Brownslow, Norbreck, Blackpool. (221)

EXCHANGE two good Norwich cocks, one clear yellow, one almost clear buff, 25/-; wanted Crest cock, Crested hen, with size, good head feather: Taylor, 33, Prospect-terrace, Aberdeen. (231)

SELECTED pen O.E.S. Bantams, two compartment basket, good as new; two large Spangles, pullets, all dark, healthy; exchange for Canaries, Borders or Rollers; approval: Davies, 79, Ogwy-st., Nantymoel. (236)

WANTED, good yellow Yorkshire cock unlighted, exchange two yellow Yorkshire hens, unlighted, from winners; sell 20/-: Collins, 3, Crownwell-rd., Holloway, GOOD cock Goldie and hen Canary; exchange for unlighted Norwich or Roller cock; what useful offers; true pair green parrots, would breed, but room wanted: Evans, 39, Easton-st., High Wycombe. (230)

HEALTHY good pair Black Red Modern Game Bantams; will sacrifice for 25/-, or would exchange for some good Norwich Canaries on mutual approval: G. Messer, Jun., 6, Tyrconol-terr., Morris-ton. (230)

WHAT offers in cock Canaries, singing, Rollers preferred, for the following: gent's cycle value £3 10s., lady's £4, girl's 25s., large American trunk, value £2: George Barritt, 63, Syndall-st., Ardwick, Manchester. (239)

MUST Clear: Two buff Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; two yellows, 3/6 each; one pair, 12/6; two buff Norwich hens, 3/6 and 5/-; one cock Bullfinch, 1/6; take 50/- lot; wanted, clothing, 26in. chest; exchanges considered: Sims, Gillingham, Dorset. (232)

BLACK and white English doe, with black and white and tortoise and white youngsters, 8 weeks; black and white English doe with two tortoise and white youngsters, 8 weeks, well marked youngster, 11t win, 50/- lot; exchange either lot or all for Border Fancies, Mules, offers other varieties: Whitford, Hairdresser, Nantymoel. (228)

Mainly Foreign.

BUDGERIGARS, pair, sale 6s., or exchange for 1 Yorkshire and Norwich hens:—Mussett, 2, North-rd., Brentwood. (228)

AUSTRALIAN Parrot, splendid condition, 13/-; Roller cock singing, 8/-; exchange either for small Foreign: 102, Keighley-rd., Skipton. (237)

WANT hen Cuban Finch in exchange for hen Olive Finch; Bullock's Hangnest, splendid condition, 30/-; Low, 14, Royal-terrace E., Kingstown. (232)

WHAT offers for fine Green Amazon Parrot, good mimic, says several words, fine condition, nearly new cage; exchange for pair good Rollers and cash: H. Cook (Tailor), 45, Waller-st., Luton. (229)

WHAT offers in cash, British Canaries, show and breeding cages, for a splendid Rose-breasted Cockatoo, very tame, comes out of cage, mimics, commencing to talk, 25/-, or offer: Gess, 24, Lydden-rd., Wandsworth, London. (220)

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Miscellaneous.

PARROT cage, large, good condition, 8/-; exchange: Gussy, 587, High-rd., Tottenham. (238)

EXCHANGE a set of boxing gloves for cock Goldie or air rifle: S. Hornsby, 40, Cherwell-st., Oxford. (230)

HAND-MADE double trap cage and hen Bullfinch call-bird, 4/6: G. Walker, Hotham, East Yorks. (238)

TWO house-moulded cock Linnets; exchange bicycle saddle: Moss, 141, Thorpe-rd., Melton Mowbray. (234)

WHAT offers in Canaries for eight-day clock, 24in. long; sell 25/-: 216, Fairview-terr., Mina-rd., Bristol. WILL exchange strong sea rod for good cock Norwich, or sell 10/-: Upton, 30, St. Helen's-rd., Brighton. (235)

EXCHANGE gallon white enamel, value £1, for good Rollers: Thomas, 39, Lefroy-rd., Shepherd's Bush. (234)

JOINER'S tools and cutlery, new goods, for Canaries; letters only: Day, 67, Hodgson-st., Sheffield. (231)

EXCHANGE clap nets, 12 yards long, catcher's full kit, for any birds you offer: Hartles, 25, Brighton-st., Seacombe. (234)

OFFERS for good all-black curly Retriever dog, faithful to children: 6, Lambert-terrace, Aberdare, S. Wales. (231)

GENT'S brown suit, tailor made, never worn; exchange Canaries; approval: Knight, Windmill-st., Peterhead. (233)

FOUR Linnets and cages, also hanging cage, suit Canary, and hen Canary; offers: Harris, 19, Coxes-lane, Oldhill. (237)

EXCHANGE for British and cages, four saddle-made fishing-reel cases, or offers: Collins, 44, Essex-st., Reading. (228)

THREE H.M. cock Linnets, sell 4/- each; exchange for Norwich Canaries: Nock, Overend-rd., Cradley Heath, Staffs. (239)

GUITAR and case, value £1; what offers in Yorkshire stock cocks, large birds: Mack, 102, Peuwth-rd., Earsfield. (229)

WILL exchange pair boy's black shoes, size 13, worth 8/6, for 2 cock Siskins: Coe, 71, Moore-st., Northampton. (238)

DOG brindle Mastiff, 70lb., ideal head, 50/-; exchange Greyhound, anything: Roberts, 7, Rhodes-st., Castleford. (225)

ONE aviary cage, sell 7/6, or exchange for good yellow Border hen: J. Maclean, Reid-ter., Flemington, Motherwell. (233)

EXCHANGE magic lantern (8 x 8 x 5) and 60 slides for Yorkshire Canaries or chickens: Kilham, 11, Darwin-rd., Sheffield. (236)

SELL 3 dozen nest pans and wires, 2/3 dozen; also other cage sundries: Dunham, Mount Pleasant, Clapham, Bedford. (192)

EXCHANGE 6 large breeders, 21 x 18 x 11, for good size buff Norwich cock, or sell 30/-; bird first: Cobb, Chippenhams. (225)

SMART Whippet dog pup, 7 months, Shirley Whippet strain, 25/-, or exchange birds: Young, 61, Althorp-rd., Luton. (228)

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EXCHANGE pair good opera glasses for house-moulded British cock, Goldfinch or Siskin preferred: Skitt, 13, Ranly-rd., Coventry. (228)

SELL or exchange 100 or 200 "Cage Birds" papers, also 100 "Cage Bird Life"; all clean; offers: McKinnell, Mill-st., Dalbeattie. (238)

WANTED, Rollers or York-shires for full series, 43 parts, Harmsworth's Self-educator; cost 25/-; new: Scott, Aimey-st., Eiland. (228)

EXCHANGE large clean wire cage, floral bottom, 16 inches by 15 by 12, anything useful; sell 7/6; Classy 9, Pavement, Teddington. (237)

TEN pints garden peas, four pints runner beans; exchange for two York-shire hens: Lawrence, Jun., Robinsbridge-rd., Coggeshall, Essex. (229)

THREE spring net traps, perfect, 6s.; exchange Norwich hen, fishing tackle; offers: Samms, 153, Girlington-rd., Bradford, Yorkshire. (228)

HAMILTON Rifle, perfect order, 12/6; Lancaster's 1/2-plate enlarger, £1; exchange Canaries or British: Hargreaves, 19, Spring-st., Ripponden. (232)

PEDIGREE Irish Terrier bitch, 10 months, splendid specimen; will exchange for pullets or cock Canaries; value £2: 47, Camberwell New-rd., S.E. (230)

EXCHANGE high-class pedigree Pom. bitch for good Norwich or Yorks, cinn. Borders for Yorks: Blackburn, 8, Granville-ter., Darlington. (232)

EXCHANGE good 12ft. river rod (brass ferrules), with reel and bag, for clear buff Yorks, cock: 11, Turner, Airedale View, Rodley, Leeds. (225)

A GOOD reliable cock Roller wanted, in exchange for a new pair of Sandow's 5-spring dumbbells; bird first: R. Beattie, Lano End, Buckley. (233)

PAIR splendid marked young Dutch rabbits, Palace strain, exchange singing Mule or Canary; offers: Weatherill, Burbank-st., West Hartlepool. (238)

SMALL Pom. bitch, 2 years, exchange for pair good Norwich Plainheads; particulars; approval: Jas. Watt, Calf Cottage, Pittenweem, Fife. (238)

THREE double breeding cages invalid bath chair, in good condition, anything useful for house, sell 25/-: Balch, 23, Holker-st., Keighley, Yorkshire. (234)

EXCHANGE a dark brindie Cairn Terrier bitch, 18 months' old, for 3 Norwich or York-shires, 2 hens and a cock: D. McDougall, 12, High-st., Oban. (221)

WANTED, good hanging cage; will exchange trap cage, two self-acting spring net traps, also cock Bullie: P. Smith, Upper Wanborough, Swindon. (238)

SELL or exchange cocks, variegated Norwich, 7/6; A. M. Goldfinch, 7/6; also Greenfinch, 5/-; few cages, 5/-; offers: Stan, 33, Clifden-rd., Clapton, N.E. (238)

BULL-Fox Terrier dog: 18 months, broken ferrets, fond children, clean house, good house dog; offers exchange; sell 10/-: Worrell, Church-st., Annfield Plain. (234)

WOUNDED man's bicycle for sale, 45/-; or exchange good bred Canaries; approval both ways: Brown, c.o. Mills, 96, Junction-rd., Northampton, Stamp reply. (230)

BAGATELLE board solid mahogany, 7ft. long, 2ft. wide, ivory balls, practically new, bargain £2; or exchange, no birds: Bliss, 782, Stratford-rd., Birmingham. (236)

OFFERS Canaries, Foreigners, for grandfather clock, stuffing, trapping books, muling Goldfinch, pistol, overcoat: Westrope, North-st., Bumpstead Haverhill. (236)

WHAT offers? 1d. and 1d. Slot Machines, Poin Clowns, three Pickwicks, one Allwin, one Crescent, in working order; deposit system: 80, Edge-lane, Liverpool. (236)

PEDIGREE Fox Terrier pups, 2 dogs, 4 bitches, 6 weeks, parents tackle anything; dogs 7/6, bitches 5/-; exchange Rollers: Aston, Mealecheap-st., Worcester. (238)

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, bed chair; exchange smooth Terriers, dog puppy by Etton Bristles, bitch by Ch. Greenbank Selection: Hillman, Hairdresser, Pontypool. (200)

PAIR working men's new boots, size 8, value 12/-; exchange unfitted clear buff Norwich hen; yours first: Westcott, 10, Ashley-terr., Birkenhead-rd., Gloucester. (236)

1-PLATE "Tudor" hand or stand camera, tripod, accessories, cost 35/-, sell 20/-; exchange Yorkshire or Norwich: Birkett, Broughton Cross, Cockermouth, Cumberland. (233)

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 8/6; Norwich hen, 4/-; exhibition cock Bullfinch, 5/-; exchange Pathé records or anything: Wilson, 168, Halliwell-lane, Cheadam-hill, Manchester. (234)

TWO small sable Pom puppies, 6 weeks' old, 10/- each, or offers; exchange, Norwich hens preferred; stamp for particulars: R. Dixon, 26, Gilpin-st., Houghton-le-Spring. (234)

DAYLIGHT enlarger (Griffin's), 1/2-plate to 15 x 12, equal new, listed 70/-; sell cheap or exchange Canaries; what offers? no rubbish: Stevens, Waverley Chambers, Harrogate. (234)

PIGEON or bird shooting trap, collapsible, all iron, perfect order, cost 25/-, price 10/-; or exchange for deep soft singing Roller cock: Pennal, Tottel-ridge, High Wycombe. (234)

PAIR clap nets, 10 yds., 6/-; pair rink roller ball-bearings skates, 7/6; watches, 3/6, upwards; exchange Canaries, Siskins, Goldfinches, proved Mules: Teale, Downs-rd., Dunstable. (233)

ALL white bull terrier bitch, 40lbs. weight, good house dog, demon ratter, loves children, would suit jeweller, £1; exchange cage birds to 25/-: Jack Griffiths, 7, Garden-st., Swansea. (239)

EXCHANGE cinematograph films, dramas, comics, topical budgets, as shown by ourselves, for anything in Canaries: W. Hill, Stanstead Picture Palace, Warsdale-rd., Forest Hill. (215)

EXCHANGE grand blue serge morning-coat, also pair of riding breeches, for good Norwich or Crested Canaries, or anything useful; offers to: Round, 23, Windsor-rd., Maidstone, Newport, Mon. (228)

EXCHANGE "Plumbing and Sanitation," complete work, 2 volumes, by Davies and Dye, condition new; cost 57/-; accept 35/-; exchange entertained: Irving, 61, Cecil-av., Enfield, London. (226)

WANTED bitch in exchange for large Norwich, 26in. frame, must be good machine; also Norwich-Roller cross, all oldroom bred, 1915 birds, or offers: J. Bulson, Hilberton, Trowbridge, Wilts. (238)

IRISH Terrier-Whippet cross dog, 18 months, brindie, very sharp house dog, partly broken to rabbits, 8/6; or exchange Yorkshire cock to value: G. Outton, Trede Hayes, Rayleigh, Essex. (220)

EXCHANGE nine-compartment cage, with seed drawers attached, mahogany, cost 35s., for birds, or sell £1; also 8-drawer seed cabinet, solid oak, sell £1, or exchange: Jopson, Newton Heath, Manchester. (238)

NOTICE, we want Canaries, British birds, Parrots, poultry, rabbits, anything in exchange for cutlery and plate, jewellery, boots, clothing, gramophone records, etc.; write: Smith Bros., 49, Pear-st., Sheffield. (236)

RAGLAN overcoat, chest 46in., length 44in.; twice H.M. cock Goldfinch and two Yorkshire hens; exchange the lot for two pairs of Yorks or Norwich; would separate: Pendleton, 13, Flaxman-st., Liverpool. (231)

POWERFUL gramophone and two dozen records from picture palace, too loud for house, £4 10s.; brown suit, fit man 5ft. 6in., as new, too dark for trade, 25/-; exchange anything: Hutton, Baker, Hol-beach. (236)

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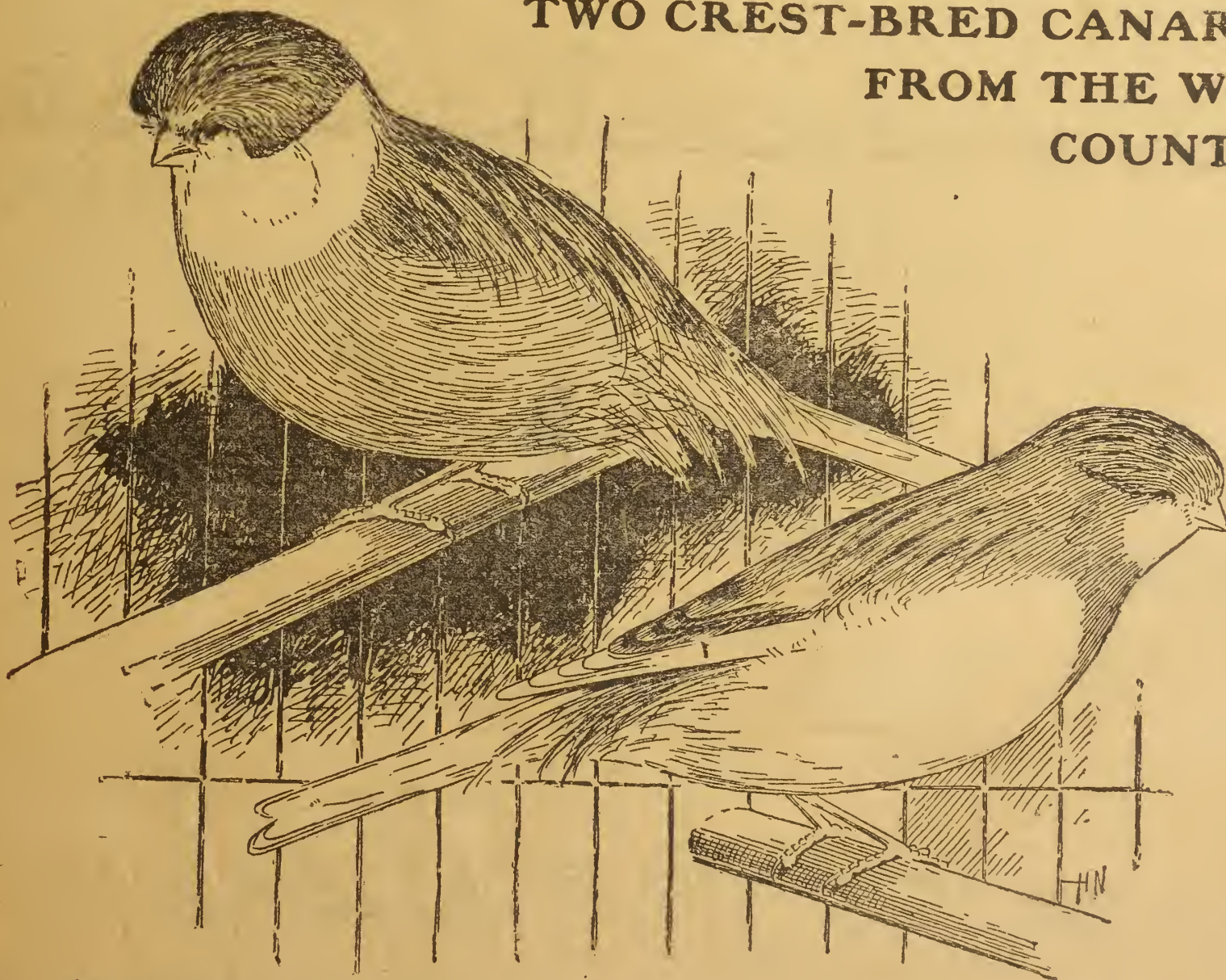
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FOR the duration of war am compelled to dispose of entire stock of Borders, show cages, cases, etc.; same have been selected from principal breeders and winners of to-day; most of them have arranged in pairs, and will sell from 7/6 to 50/- pair; splendid opportunity to get there; seen any evening: Allan Thomson, Croft-place, Larkhall. (255)

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WANTED, good Crests, best price given: J. Howard and Sons. See other Wanted advertisement.

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FEW Crests and Crest-bred cocks to part with, reasonable price; state wants; approval: Pettit, 143, Mossle-avenue, Wood Green, N. (228)

PRIZE bred Crest and Crestbreds cocks from 12/6; pairs from 25/-; healthy; approval: Robson, 28, Camden-grove, Peckham, London. (209)

TWO large light variegated Crestbreds cocks, 15/-, 17/6; exchange Crested hens to value; approval: Fortnum, Delrow, Watford, Herts. (245)

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PRIZE-BRED Green Crested hen, 1915, 30/-; also variegated C.B. hen, 1914, 25/-; A. J. Smith's Direct approval with pleasure: A. George, 368, Hitchin-rd., Luton, Beds. (247)

FOR sale, 1915 yellow variegated Crested cock, second at Blaydon, 30/-; 1915 yellow grey Crested cock, 20/-; approval; stamp: Geo. Dobson, 103, James-st., Blaydon-on-Tyne. (253)

BARGAINS, room wanted, grand unfluffed Crest-bred hen 12/6, Crested hen 10/-, Crested cock, 3rd Norwich Alliance, 15/-; approval, deposit: Garner, 32, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (243)

MASSIVE variegated Crest 1914 cock, first cross Copy, 65/-; Greens, same cross, 15/6, 20/6, 30/6 each; 1915 birds, lightly marked 1914 dark Crest cock, from two Crests, 25/6; Colledge, Kilburn, Derby. (250)

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TWELVE unfluffed yellow cocks, 7/6 each; stamp: Broxup, Hairdresser, Colne-rd., Burnley. (255)

BUFF cock, 2 yellow hens, 1914 birds, 15/-: W., 43, St. George's-rd., Regents Park, London. (232)

BUFF cock, 1915, one yellow 1914, 7/6 each: P. L. Howell, 21, Queen's-rd., Brentwood, Essex. (113)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, colour fed and natural, for cash: Wicks, 60, Rose-lane, Norwich. (239)

NORWICH Canaries, 6 hens, 1915 cold room, healthy, 2/6 each; Moore, 51, Rodling-rd., Hounston, N.E. (246)

BEARDALL AND WALKER can spare two good stock pairs, 50/- each; approval: 121, New Houghton. (251)

WANTED, a few cock Canaries for cash; state lowest price: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (218)

THREE large buff variegated cock 20/- each, cash or deposit; approval: The Moon, 71, Kirk-st., Peterhead. (244)

GOOD buff cocks from 15/-; grand pairs from 30/-; approval: Robson, 28, Camden Grove, Peckham, London. (209)

A FEW good Norwich for sale, single or pairs, from 12/6 to pair: W. Harris, 120 Smeinton-rd., Nottingham. (250)

A FEW splendid Norwich for sale, cocks and hens; approval: Peter Glass, The Square, Fochabers, Scotland. (232)

NORWICH cocks from 6/- to 10/- each; hens, 3/- to 5/- each: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red Lane, Coventry. (245)

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NORWICH for sale, few pairs, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, good birds; stamp: Hampton, Darn-acre-rd., Brechin. (249)

GRAND pair Norwich, wonderful size yellow marked cock and buff hen, yellow marked hen, 5/-: R. Pin-nell, Warminster. (252)

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BARGAIN. Three Norwich cocks, 2 at 10/- each, 1 at 7/6; money returned if not satisfied: Gray, 60, Goodramgate, York. (248)

1914 BUFF cock, winner North London Novice cup, 16s., another good size 12/6: Trevallion, 76, Tower Gardens-rd., Tottenham. (246)

SIX good Norwich hens, 3 buff and 3 yellows, 4/- each; approval: cash or deposit: Sharp, Police Station, Brinklow, Rugby. (245)

TWO good Norwich hens, yellow, buff, unfluffed, 4/- each; large buff cock 8/- (15/- 40/-): Cotton, Market-pl., Northallerton. (249)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, also Yorkshires (must be healthy); state lowest price to: Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wishaw, Scotland. (255)

TWO buff cocks, 7/6 each; unfluffed yellow, 15/-; unfluffed buff, 20/-; or exchange yellow hens: Lingard, 66, Berry-st., Burnley. (253)

FEW typical buff hens, unfluffed, good feeding strain, 6/6, 7/6; approval; deposit: C. Appleton, 30, Northumberland-st., Norwich. (253)

CHAMPION Norwich, large, typical birds; cocks, 10/6; hens, 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (248)

MRS. BANKS, 51, Ballhouse-st., Perth, has a few Norwich Plainheads for sale, prize and prize-bred; cold room; in perfect health. (224)

LARGE variegated Norwich cock, good stock bird, 7/6; large buff and variegated hens, from 4/6: Hun-nick, Breeder, March, Cambs. (248)

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CLEAR Buff cock 3rd Darlington, members, vhc Bradiori, open, 15/-, or two new double breeders: Jeffries, Hartforth, Richmond, Yorks. (252)

THREE good pairs Norwich, 8/6 pair, or exchange small foreigners; also 6 good cocks, grand singers, 6/- each: Anning, Port-st., Barnstaple. (252)

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PRIZE-BRED Norwich and Yorkshires, cocks from 8/6, hens from 3/-; approval: Grindley, 11, North-avenue, Letchworth Garden City, Herts. (247)

HANFORD'S noted Norwich and Yorkshires, splendid collection, for sale; state requirements before ordering elsewhere to: Hanford, Derby. (250)

JNO. ALLEN having selected breeding stock has typical pairs, year old, and unfluffed; cheap to clear; approval: 4, Bonall-st., Leicester. (231)

LARGE stock coloured Norwich from winners, cocks from 6/6, hens 4/6; inspection invited: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinekey. (215)

CLINKING typical yellow variegated Norwich cock, 12/6; ditto buff hen, 10/-; exchange one for clear yellow cock: Wallace, Daldersee-ave., Falkirk. (257)

BARGAINS. Grand pair Norwich 1914, yellow cock, buff hen, clear, splendid stock, 15/-; no dealers: Faulkner, 24, Walker-st., Burton-on-Trent. (237)

ONE ticked yellow Norwich hen, one clear yellow hen, 7/6; two green Norwich hens, 6/-; deposit: Mark Bennett, Broughton, Astley, Leicester. (250)

UNFLUFFED yellow Norwich cock, small, exchange clear hens: Cinnamon Yorks, 15/-; offers: lady's boots: Brooker, 15, Frome-terr., Dorchester. (258)

WING-marked yellow cock, unfluffed, buff hen, 15/- pair; unfluffed buff cock, yellow hen, 15/- pair; colour-fed: E. Blaney, 19, Oliver-st., Mexbro'. (254)

BUFF variegated hen, winner three firsts, two seconds, one big yellow cock, one unfluffed buff hen: Roberts, 31, Greenhill-rd., Rutherglen. (253)

TYPICAL thick-set buff Norwich hen, unfluffed, real gem for shape and style; 7/6; worth treble: A. Hawkes, Senr., 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (256)

WANTED large typical, clean, healthy, colour-fed and natural Norwich Plainheads; best price given; prompt cash: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (250)

WANTED good Norwich, Yorkshires and Crests, also good songsters; good price; write: Thos. McCrevel, 16, Langlands Road, Govan, Glasgow. (213)

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Is all that need be said by me, for they can be seen. That is some of the finest models of the Norwich Canary ever seen in this country, or any other, many having great size. Full particulars of any bird can be sent on receipt of stamped envelope. I also append a few prices, as follows:—Pairs, judiciously matched by me personally to produce very best results, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- upwards. Useful birds. Cocks, 8/6; Pairs, 10/6 and 12/6.

HENS! HENS!! HENS!!!

NORWICH, extra large marked buffs and clears, cocks and hens, also a few clear yellow cocks and hens, bred from 1st prize winners and best blood in the fancy; cocks, 12/6; hens, 7/6; Anderson, 355, High-st., Chatham. (238)

NORWICH for sale, three unlighted clear buff cocks, 10/- each; clear unlighted buff hen, 7/6; yellow cock, 10/-; var. buff hen, good stock bird, 15/-; approval anywhere: H. Bennett, Elm Villa, Cashel Green, Stroud, Glos. (233)

CHAMPION Norwich for sale, mostly winners, cocks and hens, winners at Glasgow, look lively show report, last week's issue; inspection invited; seen any time 3 p.m.: H. Aitken, 19, Seagate, Pine, Ayrshire, Scotland. (256)

THIRTY Norwich Plainheads for sale, bred from winners at the leading shows in the North; prices reasonable; inspection invited; no better blood in the fancy: John Hagen, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland. (224)

WHY pay high prices? One yellow marked cock, 15/-, grand stock bird; clear yellow, 15/-, cheap at 25/-; a few variegated hens, yellow and buff, 4/6 each; own breeding; cold room; approval; cash or deposit: Whent, Butcher, Shoebury, Essex. (246)

TWO large young, well-bred buff Norwich cocks, breeding condition, 8/6 each; one extra large buff cock, can win, short body thick head, neck, right, 10/-, cheap at guinea; am too old at 76 to attend birds: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (247)

GRAND yellow and buff Norwich cocks, 10/6, 12/6; yellow and buff hens, 8/6, 10/6; 1915 birds, cold room bred; all colour fed; bred from the late J. Harper's winners; cash or deposit: Mrs. Harper, 14, Napier-ter., Walsoken, Wisbech. Same address for 30 years. (248)

CHAMPION Norwich (see reports of winnings), unlighted marked buff cock, 30/-; clear yellow ditto, 25/-; heavily marked buff cock, 25/-; 1914 variegated buff cock, 30/-; all good birds for stock; approval; stamped reply; cash or deposit: T. Wren, 57, Noreys-av., Oxford. (248)

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads, good headed and big birds, few good yellow cocks at 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; good big buff cocks at 8/-, 10/-, 12/6; good buff hens, 6/-, 7/6 each; one yellow marked hen, 7/6; six days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (257)

MR. ARTHUR WICKS, Norwich, offers real, typical, correct-sized Norwich cocks, both yellow and buff, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 30/- each; hens, 5/6, 3/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 21/- each; pairs specially matched to breed winners, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- pair, approval; state wants. (255)

PURE Norwich, two massive flighted yellow stock cocks, 12/-, 15/- each; large buff cock, 10/-; unlighted yellow and buff, show condition, 25/-, 20/- each; medium size yellow and buff, 15/-, 10/- each; colour-fed, full song; on approval: T. Smithers, Builders, Hadlow, Tonbridge. (258)

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in the fancy, three yellow variegated cocks, 10/- each; also buff cocks, clear or marked, from 10/- to 20/-; two clear yellow cocks, 20/- each; also unlighted, three yellow hens, 10/- each; also buff hens, from 5/- to 10/-; grand quality; approval. (248)

F. J. WICKHAM, winner outright Chatham cup, 1911, 1912, and 1913, has some grand Norwich hens for sale; two extra large var. buffs, 1914 bred, 4/- each, bred from best strain in fancy; I purchased var. cock from Mr. Crawshaw at big figure, bred from same parents as his great winner; approval: Boatswain and Call, Rainham-rd., Chatham. (248)

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SELLING out for duration of war, 1914 clear buff cock, 1st and special as unlighted, 2nd 1915, only times shown, immense size, good type and quality, 50/-; matched to nice yellow hen 70/-; another clear buff cock (Davies) 25/-, matched to yellow hen 42/-; several more pairs from 12/6; nice buff marked hen, rare type and substance, good breeder, 20/-; another little loose in feather, paired to nice yellow cock, sure to breed some good (sister to first and special buff cock), 17/6; about 30 in all; offers for lot, seen any time: Bielby, Tailor, Holbeck, Leeds. (248)

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one of the best stock yellow cocks living, massive bone, head, neck, type; 50/-: 111, Heysham-rd., Southport. (249)

STRAIGHT AWAY YOU MAY HAVE

large unlighted clear yellow cock, broad head, thick short neck, clear fin feather, make a good stock bird, 25/-; buff unlighted clear buff cock and extra well shaped medium sized heavily marked yellow hen, 2/6 pair; home shaped medium sized unlighted buff cock, full of quality, and a large clear unlighted yellow hen, 2/6 pair; yellow cock, good head and neck, and a very big, clear unlighted hen, possessing extra good head and thick neck, 30/- pair; clear 1915 bred yellow cock, 10/6; another 1916; good large clear unlighted buff cock, 17/6; above are own breeding, and each in fine condition; approval for cash or deposit: W. Hudson, 117A, Giltbest, Haver, Yorks. (258)

JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH
A few nice buff buff; cocks from 12/6; hens from 7/6; state wants; inspection invited; approval; cash or deposit: 154, George-st., Leeds. (251)

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

has still a large stock of Norwich cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; week's approval; deposit: 101, Trinity-st., Norwich. (254)

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Grand yellow cock, buff hen to match, will breed winners, 20/-; unlighted buff cock, can win at local shows, 2/-; marked buff cock, big winner, grand stock bird, 4/-; light buff hen, 15/-; approval; cash or deposit: Fox, Green Avon-rd., Long Eaton, Nottingham. (246)

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9/- PER PAIR

Will give 9/- per pair for large coloured Norwich; I am also open to purchase any number (large or small) of Yorkshires, Borders, Crests, or Rollers; will give highest prices, and will deposit cash; send particulars of what you have for disposal, and price to

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TWO high class Roller cocks, Randall's strain, 8/6 each; singing beautifully: Fox, 53, Middle-st., Yeovil. **SPLENDID** singing Roller cocks, 6/6 each: Seymour, 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. **FOUR** Roller cocks, in full song; four Roller hens, Rhodes strain: J. Johnson, 21, Market-st., Bilston, Staffs. (256)

WANTED, Rollers, cocks and hens, any quantity, for cash; see other wants: Roche Bros., 400 Edgware-rd., W. (255)

GRAND day and gaslight songsters, 10/6 each; tea days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (248)

WANTED, Rollers, cocks and hens, cock must be full song; state prices: Macrystal, 16, Langlands-rd., Govan. (254)

SEVERAL well-bred Roller hen Canaries, accept 2/6 each to clear: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (247)

GENUINE Two extra deep glucke cocks, B.R.C.C. rung, 12/6 and 15/- each, or exchange: Johnson, Bruvick-ter., Stackedale, Bacup. (246)

F. COTTAM, Shoemaker, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, can spare two 1915 cocks, full song, Randall-Willows strain; 10/-, 7/6; approval. (253)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Rollers, offers cocks at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- (157)

ROLLER hens, my own breeding, greens and variegated, 2/6 each; exchange fowls or pullets: Ellis, 13, Lismore Circus, Hampstead. (228)

DEEP yellow buff and variegated Rollers, Yorkshire cross, lovely sweet songsters, 7/6, hens from 4/-: Hunnicks, Breeder, March, Cambs. (248)

WILLOWS' champion Rollers, 2 pairs, at 25/-, 2 pairs at 30/-, 2 pairs at 35/- the pair; approval willingly: Willows, Draper, Wednesday. (251)

J. DIMMOCK, Bred from all my cup winners, B.R.C.C. rung, from 15/- upwards; cages 6d. each; hens 5/- each; 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath. (196)

RHODES' Rollers still winning; extra first and second commended International, he, c, Birmingham; Champion Classes. See Breeders' Card above. (254)

DEEP glucke and waterglucke Rollers, Randalls and Willows strains, cocks 15/-, hens 4/-; approval; cash or deposit: W. Lay, 59, Byron-st., Northampton. (220)

WATER Glucke Rollers, B54984, 23 points Birmingham, 24 Leeds, 25/-; other cocks, 20/-; hens, 4/6; approval: Parker, 12, Friston-st., Ladywood, Birmingham. (248)

FEW high-class Rollers hens for sale, 1915 cold-room bred, 3, 3/6 each; approval willingly; cash or deposit: Scott, 1, Cornbarner-rd., Hagshaw, Morecambe. (185)

COLE'S champion Gluck winning Rollers; cocks, 15/- upwards; hens, 5/-, or 7/6 couple; or exchange couple hens with winning breeder: Cole, Sunninghill-ter., Llandely. (250)

EXTRA marked cock Rollers, bred last season from Waterglucke bird (Randall's), very sweet song, varied notes, price 10/6; one hen, 2/-: Willey, Seaforth, Malvern. (206)

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BEST quality rape, 32/- and 36/- per cwt.; samples sent; also few hens, same strain as any winners of 11 cups, 23 medals, 7 diplomas, and specials galore: Ives, 85, Legsbay-av., Grimsby. (248)

FEW high class 1915 Roller hens for disposal, cold-room bred, in excellent condition, very reliable strain, 3/- and 3/6 each; cash or deposit; approval: J. Scott, Higher Heysham, Morecambe. (250)

ROLLERS, Wanted, good pair 1915 healthy birds; exchange 1st class Bussey's silver pocket cornet and leather case, cost 47/8; genuine offers only: C. W. Macara, 447, New City-rd., Glasgow. (253)

FREE cage, carriage paid, 7 beautiful Seifert hens, untried, ready to nest, one sings beautifully; believed cock; 28/- the lot, or would separate: Miss Jackson, Well Cottage, Scotton, near Knaresborough, Yorkshire. (252)

PURE Seifert Rollers, cocks, 10/6, 12/6; hens same strain from 3/6; approval; also good specimen Lums, Goldfinches, etc.; cages and cage fronts; prices on application: Barker, 139, Sand Pit-rd., Birmingham. (249)

GLUCKE and water glucke Rollers, bred from winners of over 40 prizes; 1915 ring cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-; 1914 and 1915 ring hens, 5/6, 7/6; 7 days' approval: J. C. Banks, 49, St. Hubert's-rd., Great Harwood, nr. Blackburn. (250)

R. STEWART'S champion strain, Glucke Rollers, winners of cups and medals, etc., bred from Birmingham selected strain; cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 7/6; B.R.C.C. rung; approval willingly: 18, Gauce-st., Paisley, Renfrewshire. (250)

GLUCKE and Water Glucke Schoolmaster, 15/-; hens in the pink of condition, 4/- each; cold room bred; seven days' approval, my risk, carriage paid both ways if not satisfactory; cash or deposit "Cage Birds", Coleclough, Eric House, Stone-rd., London, Staffs. (247)

GLUCKE and water glucke Rollers, same blood as my winners 5th and special London, 5th and special Leeds, 1st and special Bacup, he and two vics and special Birmingham, one scored 21 points Birmingham, 25/-; others from 15/-, hens 5/- and 7/6; cold room bred: Howard Ryder, Clothier, Stourbridge. (247)

BIRDS, champion Rollers, same strain as my first inter show, London, first, fourth, and he Birmingham last month, champion young bird classes, winner of several cups, medals, etc., all winners bred by myself, not bought to win; cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; no hens: W. G. Bird, Brook-st., Bilston. (249)

BASS, Glucke, and Water Roll strain. I have a few 1915 cocks left, two from London show, 22 points, 35/- each; others related 20/- and 25/-; also 1913 good tried, imported hens, 10/6; 1915 B.R.C.C., at 7/6; all same strain, limited number only: Henry Gutierrez, 90, Norfolk-rd., Seven Kings, London. (244)

A. HARPER'S last 6 birds (brothers to winners) of his champion Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, presumed winner of young bird champion point competition, also winner of Midland challenge cup, and a dozen other prizes: two 15/-, two 20/-, and 25/- each; exchange anything: 2, Cooper-st., Bilston, Staffs. (249)

ROLLERS! Randall's Strain
The finest blood in the fancy; cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens to match, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; on approval: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston. (250)

Scotch Fancies.
BUFF cock, young, 50/-; buff pied cock, young, 40/-; approval: Henderson, Battenberg-ter., Tayport. **SCOTCH** Fancies for sale; cocks, all colours, young, well bred; prices reasonable: Vernal, 234, Allison-st., Crosshill, Glasgow. (231)

SCOTCH Fancy cocks and hens for sale, bred from winners, cheap to clear; approval: John Hanney, 236, Annbank, by Ayr. (231)

YOUNG buff cock and hen, 15/- each; young buff pied cock and hen, 15/- each; off grand stock, to clear: Pringle, 64, Cambridge Drive, Kelvinside, Glasgow. (254)

COCKS 1915 bred, all related to my prize winners, Newcastle, Gateshead, Edinburgh; cold room, with fine heads and good reach, full of Belgium; will be sold at less than half price to clear; 10/- on approval any way: Little, 140, Raby-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (255)

Yorkshires.
BREEDERS' CARDS.
MESSRS. AMBLERS, champion Yorkshire Breeders, winners of highest honours possible for over 30 years; many championships Crystal Palace, including championship last Palace show. As we are not exhibiting have some of the best Yorkshires living for disposal, show or stock birds, wonderful length, teeming with quality, bred direct from our championship winners; pairs matched to breed winners, 15/- to 60/-; single birds proportionate; these are not dealers' Yorkshires, but the highest possible breeding; approval: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire. (64)

BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20-guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.U. 30-guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.: 46, South View-ter., Sandy Lane, Bradford. (248)

E. CHESHIRE, Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich; inspection cordially invited: 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (248)

L. DYKES, the present-day champion (see show reports), breeder and exhibitor of the finest Yorkshires that have ever graced the show bench. Some grand birds for sale for show, or stock birds to breed them; prices reasonable; state wants; satisfaction assured; reliable aviaries: 16, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (196)

ODDEN BROS., Breeders, Exhibitors, and Exporters of the best the world has produced: Thornton, Bradford. (248)

HENS, 2/6 and 3/- each; also cages, cheap: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N. (255)

SLIM, stylish, pairs from 25/-; approval: Robson, 28, Camden Grove, Peckham, London. (209)

YORKSHIRES, 10/6, 12/6 pair; Norwich, 10/6 pair; hens 4/-: Spaul, Stivichale, Coventry. (258)

CANARIES, large 1915 Yorkshire cocks, singing, 4/- and 5/- each: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (258)

G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, has some grand upstanding birds, all 1915 bred, 7/6 each; approval. (249)

YORKSHIRES, cocks 6/6, hens 3/6 and 4/6; inspection invited: Robertshaw, Hammond-st., Halifax. (256)

FOR sale, pedigree Pekingese bitch, £3, or exchange real high class Yorkshires: F. Eeles, Hambleton, Bucks. (246)

GOOD York. cocks, buff and yellow, 9/-; hens, 6/- each: Cobley, 69, High-lane, Chorlton-c-Hardy, Manchester. (249)

THREE pairs good 1915 Yorkshires, cold room bred, 10/6 pair to clear: A. Mitchell, 269, Malpas-rd., Brockley, S.E. (244)

EXCEPTIONALLY sweet singing Yorkshire cocks 8/-, hens 3/- to 5/-; healthy; apply: 12, Lancaster-ter., Merthyr. (243)

HIGH-class Yorkshire Canaries for sale, single or pairs, cocks 7/6 and up, hens 3/- and up: Simons, 16, Albemarle St. (254)

SEVERAL grand clear and variegated yellow cocks from 10/- each, a few Cinnamon marked yellow hens: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (246)

TWO grand buff Yorkshire hens, 5/- each, yellow cock, ticked buff hen, nice pair, 12/6: Cotton, Market-pl., Northallerton. (249)

ENLIGHTENED, colour-fed Norwich hens, 3/-; cocks 6/6; Goldfinch Mule, champion songster, 7/6: Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley. (256)

GOOD sound yellow ticked cock, direct from Ernest Radley, splendid position and quality, 25/-: Mitchell, Stocks Bank, Miffield. (255)

BEGLIANS, suitable for Yorkshire crossing; a few yellow and buff cocks, cheap; approval: A. Baker, Richmond-st., Barnstaple. (259)

LONG, leggy, upstanding birds, over 7 inches long; cocks from 15/- to 60/-; hens reasonable: Richards, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. (258)

SMART stylish cocks, guaranteed bred from my own show birds, from 12/6; approval: Hirst, 17, Ramshot-st., Acricington. (255)

DEEP yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6; yellow and buff hens 4/6, 5/6, reliable birds: Ham-dick, Breeder, March, Cambs. (245)

FEW yellow Yorkshire cocks, 11 each; 2 yellow hens, 12/6 each; wanted, crested hen; approval: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (255)



YORKSHIRES, ETC.

Exhibition, stock birds, or specially selected songsters for cash or easy payments. Fine, typical, yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks, on full song, and seven inches long, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand properly matched pairs to breed winners, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair, in clears, ticked, and green marked. Extra smart length hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6. All cold-room bred and kept, and all clean and in tight feather. Colour-fed or natural colour. Exhibition cocks and hens at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, in Yorkshires and Norwich. These are worth double and can soon win their cost. Specially selected songsters, that will sing by day or gaslight, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Traveling cages 3d. extra. Seven days' approval. (251)

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford. (251)

GENUINE bargains. Two unlighted yellow Yorkshires, 10/- each; approval willingly: Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Bally, Doncaster. (251)

WANTED, Yorkshires and Norwich, any quantity, cocks and hens, for prompt cash; see other wants: Roche Bros., 400, Edgware-rd., W. (255)

NEARLY cleared out, few good buff cocks and unlighted hens, cheap to clear, also good Norwich: Black, 3, Westbourne-ter., Hove. (247)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for cash, same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (249)

YORKSHIRES, typical pairs, reasonable, or exchange good Norwich, call Saturday or Sunday: James, 44, Aylmer-rd., Shepherd's Bush. (249)

P. JOHNSTON, 123, Fernie Park-rd., Stroud Green, London, N., offers some choice Yorkshires, mostly 1915; straight typical hens, very reasonable; stamp reply. (193)

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 5 first, 3 last year, 2 this, buff Belgian cock, big winner, 41 each; offers: Holliday, "Rockholm," Vincent-ave., Shirley, Southampton. (247)

H. NEIGHBOUR has a few good Yorkshires for sale, bred from winner, see Show Reports, Clapham, L.P.O.S., Watford, L.C.B.A.: 12, Arthur-rd., Halloway, N. (252)

J. SHEARD, winner of silver cup, can spare few grand, long, upstanding cocks, at 10/6; hens, 6/-; pairs, 15/-; approval: 2, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorkshire. (256)

EXHIBITION Yorkshires, colour-fed, long, typical birds; cocks from 8/6; hens from 4/-; approval; cash or deposit: Editor: Johnson, Breeder, 55, George-st., Leeds. (251)

YORKSHIRES, bred from my winners in open competition, cocks 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; winners also for sale: Thomas, 5, Barkham-rd., Wokingham. (244)

SIX healthy Yorkshires, with 3-compartment Crystal Palace aviary, 41; also grand buff cock with show cage, 10/-; approval, deposit: H. Lucking, Dunmow, Essex. (247)

MUST clear for Rollers, last pair Yorkshires, Ogden Bros. strain, first 17/6 gets them; long, leggy birds, fins, long; bargain: Robertshaw, Tailor, Cullingworth, Bradford. (244)

PEDIGREE Yorkshires, unlighted buff cocks, lengthy, stylish birds, highest type, 5/6, 7/6; exceptional opportunity; must clear: Clarke, West Hagley, Stourbridge. (246)

A. W. FARMER has plenty more besides those advertised last week; what offers for the Leyton cup winner, a grand clear yellow, win anywhere: 78, Thornhill-rd., Leyton. (246)

LETTIS, 2a, Lismore-circus, Gospel Oak, N.W., has high class buff Yorkshire cock, 15/6; hens, 3/6; Crisp's strain; good cage-moulded Linnet; seen Saturday afternoon, Sunday. (251)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, grand typical hens, yellow or buff, 4/- upwards; few grand matched pairs cheap; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Coln-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (254)

1,000 PAIRS YORKSHIRES.

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair. I have some splendid specimens of Yorkshires at above prices; every bird is in perfect health and condition; cocks in full song, hens in perfect feather and full of life. My rooms contain over 2,000 Yorkshires at the present time, and I invite you to come and make your own selection. If that is not possible I will send one or more pairs to any address in the kingdom on 10 days' approval at my sole risk, on receipt of cash or deposit with editor. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to everyone. Single birds as follows: Cocks, in full song, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; hens, ready for pairing, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 to 20/- each. Travelling cages 3d. extra; see my advt. on page 76. The above can be supplied in yellows or buffs, clear, ticked or marked, also self greens.

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GRAND pair Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, grand lengthy birds, 17/6; exhibition Greenie and Canary hen, 7/6; Linnet, grand singer, 3/6; approval, or part exchange Goldfinches: Yeandle, 41, Kinley-terr., Swansea. (258)

YORKSHIRES bred from my winning strain, lovely typical birds, unfledged cocks from 10/6 upwards, hens from 6/-, pairs from 15/6; approval, deposit, or seen by appointment: Miss Wright, 65, Duppas Hill-lane, Croxson, Surrey. (258)

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H. J. CHITTENDEN has for disposal 10 pairs of Yorkshires, mostly unfledged buff cocks, that can win in members' shows; cheap to clear, 25/-, buff cock and yellow hen; a few yellow cocks and buff hens same price, also a few good single hens; approval: 53, Carlisle-st., Manningham. (257)

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H. J. CHITTENDEN invites you, if in Bradford, to call and inspect his stock of Yorkshires any time by appointment, having to reduce his stock of well-known winning Yorkshires that have produced so many winners consistently for years; if not able to call will send on approval; yellow or buff cocks, clear or marked, green or cinnamon, fit to win, at 15/-, 20/-, to 60/- each; hens, 10/-, 12/-, 20/- to 50/-; these are really good birds, and must be sold; note the address: 53, Carlisle-st., Manningham. (255)

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each, worth 30/- each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (248)

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G. SNEAD'S Yorkshires still prove to the Fancy their fine quality and high standard by winning in the highest and keenest of competitions; every bird his own breeding; having selected my breeding stock I have a grand selection for sale from 15/- a pair upwards; odd birds proportionately; satisfaction guaranteed; seven days' approval; cash or deposit; address: 133, Archcliffe-terrace, Horton Grange-rd., Bradford. (208)

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500 in stock, Norwich or Yorkshires, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; hens to match, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each: Handford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

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Owing to ill-health,

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Various Canaries.

GOOD Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries for sale, from 3/-: G., 28, Rosemount-rd., Acton. (253)

LIZARD Canaries, golden cocks, 6/6; grand, worth treble: Davies, Pawnbroker, Great Bridge. (253)

TEN hen Canaries, 2/6 each, two for 4/6; lot 21/-: Miss Hedges, 12, High-st., Wallingford, Berks. (254)

GOOD healthy Canaries, buff hen from 2/-, buff cocks from 5/6: Gash, 36a, Regency-st., Westminster. (252)

BARGAINS: Grand lot Canaries, cocks 2/6, cock and hen 5/6; package, 5d.; approval: McKean, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (212)

1914 cock, B.R.C.C. ring, 12/6; two Yorkshire hens, 6/-; buff cock, 10/6; buff Norfolk cock, 7/6; hen, 4/6: Seaney, 24, Padham-rd., Burnley. (256)

HANDSOME hanging cage and singing cock Canary, bargain, 10/6, worth 20/-; exchange: Miss Joyce, 9, Rosamond-place, Oxford-rd., Manchester. (256)

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WANTED, Mules; full song essential; prompt cash: Wicks, 60, Rose-lane, Norwich. (239)

FOR sale, cinnamon Starling, best living, can win anywhere, good colour; what offer in cash: R. Pinell, Warrminster. (252)

FEW genuine light muling hens, good size, healthy 10/-, 12/6 each; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (190)

GRAND, twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, father 12 mules last year, and clear yellow Border hen, rung, 12/6: Butt, Westbury, Wilts. (251)

WANTED any quantity cock Goldfinches, 2/- per dozen; also any variety cock Mules; state price: Krenmer, 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

LARGE yellow or buff Norfolk hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each, or will exchange for cock Mules; approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (187)

THREE variegated Greenfinch Mules, 7/6 each, parents of same, 10/6; genuine bargain; also cages: Miss Morris, 129, Richmond-rd., Ilford. (246)

EXCHANGE house-moulted Brambling and Chaffinch cocks, for large muling hen Canaries, light or dark: Trevor, 84, Bulwer-rd., Edmonton. (252)

MULES, Canary Greenfinch mules, 1915 cocks 5/- each, hens 2/-; Canary reared Greenfinch, 1914, cock 4/-, hen 2/-; approval, deposit: Chaplow, High Heskett, Southwaite, Carlisle. (252)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; cock Goldfinch, 7/6; Linnet, 7/6; Redpoll, 4/6; all breeders; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (248)

LOOK, four 2-year old clean moulted call bird Linnets, been used all season for catching, full song, make grand mule breeders, 4/-, or exchange fowls: Chris. Hatton, 31, Richmond-st., Brighton. (252)

GRAND cock Greenfinch, perfectly steady, mated with hen Roller Canary, sure mulers; sacrifice, 5/6 the pair; also cock Redpoll, mated to Roller hen Canary, 5/-; sacrifice: Davenport, Hay Mills, Birmingham. (255)

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MULE breeders, warranted all genuine healthy cocks, six Greenfinches, four Chaffinches, one non-starter Goldfinch, two house-moulted Bramblings, one self Cinnamon Norwich (Brown's direct); exchange for Norwich hens or sell lot or separate; approval, stamp reply: James H. Davies, Healdth, Llanfyllfach, Morriston. (250)

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WANTED every variety of Parrots, Parakeets, and Cockatoos, best price given: J. Howard and Sons. See other wanted advertisement.

FINE cock Jay, hand-reared, beginning to talk, 5/-: B. Holtwood, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury. (247)

TAMESP Amazon Parrot living, 4 years, talker, 60/-; cash; approval: Levy, 614, Fulham-rd. (251)

SPLENDID talking African Grey, 43 10/-; exchange birds, etc.: Day's Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (255)

WANTED, Budgets and every kind foreign birds: Miss Roscy, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

PARROTS cages, round and square, from 5/- each: Jones, Cranbourne-st., Brighton. (230)

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TALKING Parrot and cage, ideal pet, healthy condition, 20/-: Mrs. F. Carry, 266, Dudley Port.

BARGAIN: Grand Amazon Parrot, plain speaker, 40/-; approval: McKean, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas. (212)

NICE tame Waxwing, feed from hand, 12/-, with cage; will catch currants: Andrews, Cumberland-st., Woodbridge. (258)

PINK and Grey Parrot, with cage, 15/-; good talker: Richards, 2, Avonmore-terr., Green-lane, Seven Kings, Essex. (254)

GRAND pair Cockatiels, outside aviary, breeding condition, best offer near 11: B. Dabbs, Colleshill, Warwickshire. (256)

GREEN Budgetigara 5/- pair, adult yellow cock 3/3, hand-reared cock Goldfinch 3/6: Hood, East-Harling, Norfolk. (252)

WANTED, pair Cordon Bleus, pair Orange-cheeked Waxbills: Barna-chone, "Glenroy," Brambledown-rd., Sandstead, Surrey. (258)

PAIRS, Madagascars, 15/-; Cockatiels, 17/6; Budgetigara, 6/-; Yellow, 5/-; outdoor aviary: C. F. Crow, Bank, Grimsby. (241)

WILL exchange prize Red Rosella cock for breeding hen, outside aviary, or sell 30/-: Fraser, Shuttle-st., Kibberran, Renfrewshire. (249)

AUSTRALIAN Crimson Finch, has bred, 40/-; Diamond Finch, 25/-, both cocks, perfect: E. Sprawson, 68, Southwood-lane, Highgate, N. (250)

AMAZON Parrot, excellent talker, whistles and mimie, accept 50/-, with cage; exchange birds: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (255)

SOUTH African Grey Parrot, very tame, talks, whistles, mimies, 2 years in England, 45/-; approval: Harry Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester. (257)

ACCLIMATISED Ringneck Parakeet, talks, whistles, large cage, 21/-; cock Lizard Canary, splendid songster, 7/6; exchange: Charles Read, Bingley. (109)

GRAND Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, young, chattering freely, says a few words, full plumage, with new cage, 35/-; a bargain: 85, Corporation-rd., Worthington. (246)

BRAUTIFUL Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, acclimatised, talks, dances, sings, accept 60/-, cheap at 45/-; approval, deposit: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (247)

WANTED, one hen Firefinch, orange-cheeked, St. Helena, Zebra Waxbills, Avadavites, Cordon Bleus and Nun Mannikins, pairs: J. Macculloch, 6, Palace Court, London. (246)

COCK Redrump Parakeet, in good condition, 25/-; Hawkins, "Belvedere," Streetly-la., Sutton Coldfield.

SPLENDID lot cock Budgetigara for sale, 2/6 each, or exchange hens: Poyner, Garendon-rd., Shepshed.

TWO Amazon Parrots, healthy, young, splendid plumage, acclimatised; sacrifice 25/- each, including cage; owner called up active service; suit lady: H. Andrews, 3990, 2/4 Norfolk Regiment, Imperial, North-parade, Yarmouth. (256)

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RING Parakeet in full colour 45/-, pair Blue-winged Parakeets 42/-, scaly-breasted Lorikeets 50/- each, pair Mealy Rosellas 45/-, odd hen 45/-, hen Gang Gang Cockatoo, very tame, 41/-; Yellow-bellied Parakeets 40/- each; hen Pennant, in full colour, 45/-; R. Colton, 9, Birkendale-rd., Sheffield. (245)

COCKS, double-banded Sand Grouse, 25/-; Painted Quail, 15/-; Diamond Dove, 12/-; Emerald-spotted Dove, 25/-; Lesser Saffron Finch, 15/-; Orange-headed Ground Thrush, 60/-; would buy hen; pair Bullfinches, breeders, 10/-; hens: Ring Ousel, has nested, 10/-; Knops Conure, 60/-: Dr. Amisler, Eton. (245)

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, good whistler, as yet, 1 year, acclimatised, 44 15/-, small white Cockatoo, yellow crested, says "Be quiet," "Hullo," tame 30/-; Indian Parakeet, fine whistler, long tail, 25/-; Rose-breasted Parrot, tame, 21/-; Blue and Yellow Macaw, beauty, good talker, 44; Moore, 11, Lupina-st., Pimlico, London. (246)

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ADVERTISEMENTS

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEEDS.

Open contest for Linnets and Canaries, Alexandra Hotel. 1, 2, shared Ridyard and Shaw; 3, Thompson. Judge, J. Johnson. (No date given, and report unsigned.—Ed.)

Leeds quality Linnet Singing Club, grand contest, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, 16 birds faced the judges, A. Lorrimer and F. Turner; 1, J. Lorrimer; 2, Dearlove; 3, Boyd.—F. Turner, Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club open quality singing contest, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane: 20 birds sang. 1, 4, J. Chippindale; 2, E. Chippindale; 3, B. Dearlove. Judges, A. Lorrimer, N. Solomon, F. Turner.—F. Turner, Sec.

Quality singing, old bird house, Skinners' Arms, Buntingthorpe. We had a fine contest. Friends coming from outside to hear some beautiful singing. 27 birds competed; prizes: 1, Blackburn; 2, Sellers; 3, Green; 4, Laycock. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton, G. Conner.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-rd. Open contest for quality Linnet singing Feb. 5; 22 birds sang. 1, Longfield; 2, T. Ward; 3, Sissons; 4, T. Johnson; consolation prize, J. Chippindale. Judges, Jennings and Naylor. Roller contest Feb. 5; 10 birds sang. 1, Thompson; 2, T. Johnson; 3, Ridyard; consolation prize, Lacy. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor. Also Feb. 6, Linnet contest; 21 sang. 1, T. Johnson; 2, S. Sissons; 4, Chippindale; consolation prize, Stead. Judges, Crane and Naylor. Roller contest Feb. 6; 10 birds sang. 1, Thompson; 2, Ridyard; 3, Atkinson; consolation prize, Lacy. Judges, Crane and Naylor. Open contest for Linnets Saturday next, Feb. 12; extra special prizes, three medals. First pair of birds to be hung at 3 prompt.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.—(Advt.)

BARNESLEY.

Linnet contest Feb. 6, under a moderate company, when some very close singing was heard: 3 minutes' time. 1, Sills, 2min. 42sec.; 2, Jones, 2.38; 3, Coles, 2.36; 4, Moore, 2.28; 5, Love, 2.22; 6, Holmes, 2.21. Coe wins Jones' special 2s. 6d. nearest min.; Boler, landlord's special nearest 30sec.; Thompson, Davis' special lowest singer.—J. Hardman, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Haresfair, Jan. 29, 39 birds entered 5 minutes' time: 1, Scottson; 2, Beard; 3, Pugh. Open Linnet contest, Jan. 30, 30 entered 3 min. time: 1, Piper; 2, Scottson; 3, Pugh. Linnet contest Club sing. Feb. 5, 28 entered 3 mins. time: 1, Scottson; 2, Piper; 3, Blackhear. Open sing. Feb. 6, 23 competed, 3 min. time: 1, Beard; 2, Piper; 3, Scottson. General meeting, Feb. 13; all members are requested to attend.—S. Pugh, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, George and Dragon, Feb. 5, 56 birds entered in a 4 minutes' sing and some very good time was done: 1, Milner; 2, Nelson; 3, Morley. Feb. 6, 46 entered, and again sang well: 1, Wainwright; 2, Brindley; 3, Nelson. Jan. 29, 54 entered: 1, Potter; 2, Morley; 3, Nelson. Jan. 30, 34 entered: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, Morley. On and after Feb. 20 checks will be drawn at 12.45 in all open sings. No birds will be entered after checks are drawn. For the quarter ending Jan. 30, 1,312 birds have been entered.—W. Dobson, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club open contest Feb. 5 for time and quality: 41 birds entered for 5 minutes singing. 1, 3, Fairhurst, 166, 133; 2, Donnelly, 151; 4, Statham, 129. Quality: 1, Statham; 2, Tatham; 3, Poole; 4, Whittle. Judges, Gibbons and T. Statham; timers, W. Meadows, R. Disley; minutes, Bradley. Next open contest Working Men's Club, Pendlebury, Feb. 19. In a 15 minutes' match between Murphy's Canary and Farshaw's Goldfinch Mule Murphy won easily with over 300 seconds.—J. Yates, Assist.-Sec. (Please do not write on both sides of the paper.—Ed.)

STANLEY (Victoria Club) F.F. &c. Annual meeting Feb. 6, Mr. J. Armitage chair. Election of officers: Chair, J. Armitage; sec. and treas., R. Hutchinson. Decided to keep our old show date, Dec. 2 and 3.—R. Hutchinson.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B. Meeting Feb. 5, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. Mr. Harrison presided over a fair attendance. Proposed that a silver cup be purchased as a challenge cup. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Etherson were elected members. Mr. Robson, in a lecture on Preparing Birds for Exhibition, touched on all varieties, and answered an abundance of questions. Vote of thanks to Mr. Robson and the chair brought a pleasant evening to a close.—W. Gilbert.

BRADFORD EAST O.S. Annual general meeting headquarters, Feb. 1. Officers elected: Pres., Mr. E. Suddards; vice-pres., Messrs. L. Briggs, N. Cruise, C. Cogwell, W. Laycock, G. R. Rushworth, J. Farrar, S. Midgley, J. Taylor, J. Northrop, O. Priestley, W. Stables, G. White, C. E. Walker; treas., Mr. G. White; sec., Mr. J. Spencer; assist.-sec., Mr. G

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All matter intended for publication must be written or typed on one side of paper only, and must reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday if insertion in the next issue is desired.

Twitterings.

Mr. J. C. Heaton writes that he has removed to Minshall New Road, Crewe.

Mr. G. Vipond, sec., Hetton-le-hole C.B.S., has removed from Fairy Street, Hetton-le-hole, to 13, Lady Street, Hetton Downs.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S. has fixed Nov. 10 and 11 for its next open show. Other secs. kindly note, to avoid clashing.

Mr. J. Isherwood, 3, Peterson-road, Wakefield, asks us to state that he has been re-elected secretary to the Wakefield O.S.

The date of the annual open show of Sacristan P.P.R. and C.B.S. has been fixed for Oct. 7. Judge, Mr. T. Dixon, Bedlington.

Messrs. Day and Roberts, hon. secs., write that the annual open show of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. is fixed for Nov. 4 and 6. Other secs. please note.

The balance-sheet of the City of Cork C.B.S. shows that the small balance of 8s. 10d. brought forward from 1914 has been increased to the very satisfactory total of £10 1s. 10d.

At the recent Red Cross Show at Larkhall, an umbrella was left in the secretary's room. The owner can have the same by applying to Mr. D. Thomson, 1, Croft Place, Larkhall.

Mr. J. Luckham writes that the South London Col. and F.A. has removed its headquarters from the Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham, to the Druid's Head, Broadway, Deptford, S.E.

Mr. Carl has for sale a Grey Parrot, tame, healthy, and acclimatised. Talks a little. Price and particulars on application to EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The balance sheet of the Newcastle C.B.S. shows that the balance of £2 3s. 8d. brought forward has been increased to £5 4s. 8d., and, besides a reserve fund of £7 7s. 2d., there are assets valued at £12 9s. after allowing for depreciation.

At a meeting held Jan. 19, writes Mr. W. T. Mattinson, hon. sec., it was decided to change name of our society to Great Harwood C.B.S. instead of Great Harwood and Dis. It is our intention to hold an open show next season, providing things are satisfactory.

Owing to the sudden death of our late Sec., writes Mr. J. T. Smith, hon. sec. Provincial Roller C.C., the prize money in our young birds point competition, and medals won at various shows, will be delayed, but as soon as I get the necessary papers respecting these I will forward same to winners.

The drawing of my winning yellow Norwich on the front page of CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. T. Sears, does your artist credit. He has won for me 9 firsts and 4 seconds. Only once has he been careless. He is a valuable stock bird also. Three of his young ones have done very well this season.

The publishers of the "Book of Canaries," advertised in this week's issue by the Waverley Book Company, Ltd., inform us that they have been able to complete two dozen copies of the book from the balance of sheets left over, and as these will be disposed of very quickly, readers should apply at once if they wish to secure the work. There will be no more copies when these few are gone.

The London and P.O.S. is holding its annual pair show and table show of hybrids, British and Foreign birds on Feb. 17 at 7.30 at the St. Bride Institute, Bride Lane, New Bridge Street, E.C.4, opposite Ludgate Hill Station. They have secured a fine large room on the ground floor, and are expecting to beat last year's show, which was a record, being the largest evening show held in London last year. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and G. Mortlock. Admission free. Fanciers welcome. (Advt.)

Our Beginners' Competition.

The ten shilling prize for the best essay sent in for this competition has been awarded to Mr. S. C. Tucker, 255, Folkestone Road, Dover, for his article entitled "How I Began Canary Breeding."

The winner in our painting competition will be announced next week.

Settling up for Holborn Hall Show.

Mr. Allen Silver desires us to state that new members of either of the three societies will receive acknowledgments as soon as the accounts are made up, and that it is hoped to pay out all prize money this week.

Changes in Club Secretaries.

We are asked to notify the following names and addresses of new secretaries:—

Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.—H. J. Lockhart, 7, Gloucester Terrace, Southsea.

Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.—C. Brown, Inglenook, King's Road, Richmond, Surrey.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—A. Bell, The Smithy, Liberton, Midlothian.

Idle C.B.S.—J. Chippindale, 17, Bradford Road, Idle.

TOPICAL TIPS FOR TYROS.

Double breeding-cages are much better than single breeders.

The dividing partition should be entirely removable, so that the cage may be converted into a flight after the breeding season.

Earthenware nest pans are better than wooden nest boxes. They are more sanitary, and do not harbour red-mite.

Do not forget cuttlefish bone for your hens when they are about to lay.

Do not hurry to pair up your birds; they will tell you when they are ready.

"More haste, less speed."

In pairing, remember that as a general rule, yellows produce quality of feather and buffs produce size.

Do not, however, pair two yellows or two buffs, excepting for special purposes. The knowledge when to do either will come only by experience.

A pinch of inga seed once or twice a week will go far toward preventing egg-binding.

Well dust the nest with pyrethrum powder before the hen commences to sit.

Encourage the hen to bathe during the last two days of sitting, but see that she does not take cold.

It is often the better plan to leave the cock with the hen while she is sitting, but if he is troublesome, take him right away out of her sight or hearing.

OBITUARY.

MR. ANDREW PERCIVAL (Hon. Sec., Provincial Roller C.C.).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. J. T. Smith, Sec., that I have to acquaint members of the above club of the very sudden death of our esteemed late secretary, Mr. A. Percival. I know all will join me in offering our sympathy to his wife and family in their great loss.

CORPL. J. YEOMANS (Haltwhistle).

The sad news reached Haltwhistle last week, writes Mr. J. Nicholson, that Corporal J. Yeomans, 4th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, had been killed by a sniper in France. Up till about two years ago Joe was an enthusiastic member of the Haltwhistle C.B.S., and he will be remembered as an exhibitor of Mules and British, showing in partnership with our chairman as Bowerbank and Yeomans. The news came as a sad blow to his many friends, and our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife who is left with five children.

MR. E. E. PASS (Hucknall).

We regret to hear of the death, on Jan. 28, of the well known cage maker, Mr. E. E. Pass. The deceased, who was only 44 years of age, leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss. We understand that the business will be carried on as usual.

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. G. Greenwood, sec., Walsend C.B.S., that Mr. H. Fleck, the well-known local fancier, has suffered a great loss in the death of his wife after a long illness. Fanciers and friends will extend their deep sympathy with the family in their sad bereavement.

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Profitable Canary Breeding.

By F. T. USHER
(St. Albans).

HIGH-CLASS Canaries are most successfully bred in cages by breeders of experience with a fair amount of leisure time at disposal. Common Canaries may be bred by the merest tyro, and with very little expenditure of time or money if a few simple rules are followed.

Wire off a section of a small room. Let the wire run from floor to ceiling, the wire being not less than four feet from the wall, and the length not less than eight feet. Hang on the wires, about breast high, half a dozen of the ordinary penny nest baskets (not wood or earthenware). In the breeding season the owner will thus be able to look into each nest when the bird is off without entering the aviary. Separate the nests as far as possible.

Two months before breeding time (say the beginning of February) put four hens into the aviary, having, of course, supplied perches and food, plain canary and summer rape, and water. The water should be supplied daily, about half an inch deep, in a large flat dish, such as a flower-pot saucer. This will enable the birds to bathe at all times, and it should never be taken away from them. Keep also a supply of gritty sand on the floor and a supply of cuttlefish bone.

A little green food twice a week may be given—just a sprig per bird.

In the same room hang a cage containing a sprightly singing cock canary, not a large bird, but one of good colour. In addition to the ordinary food, give him a sprig of green food twice per week, and a teaspoonful of egg-food twice a week.

In the middle of March, if he is singing loudly, hang his cage on a nail inside the aviary. He will call the hens to him, and you will see him feed them through the wires.

When you have seen every one of the hens fed in this way, about the beginning of April, let the cock loose amongst the hens, and supply plenty of nesting material. Continue the egg-food as before. The nests will soon be full. Just see that all is well in the nests and disturb as little as possible.

On the first signs of a hatch, fill a pint jug or jar with water, and pack into it as much green food as it will tightly hold. Chickweed in flower, one day, dandelion the next, lettuce the next, and so on, ringing the changes. Never on any account let the green-food supply run short; this is very important for any shortage may upset the season's success.

Don't trouble about eggs for feeding hens, but keep for these a good supply of egg-bread made into a paste. Make it up fresh in the morning, and fresh at night. The birds will do the rest. The writer by this method has reared 62 young birds in one season from one cock and four hens.

CANARY BREEDING MADE SIMPLE.

By J. B. MOORE (Whitehaven).

ON New Year's Day, taking advantage of the holidays, and the weather outside being wretched, my partner and I went through our stock. Into a large flight that has a floor space of about 18 square feet, and is 5ft. high, we ran all the hens. These will remain there till about the latter end of March, when, should the weather be favourable, they will be each given a partner, and with careful attention we shall expect good results.

During the time the hens are in the flight, we feed on canary seed as the staple feed, and twice a week they will get, in addition, a feed of hemp and summer rape, a piece of apple now and again, also fresh dandelion leaves as they appear.

The floor is kept well covered with sea sand, with egg-shells well crushed and mixed along with it. Plenty of fresh water, both for drinking and bathing purposes is also supplied every day.

The cock birds are caged off separately, each in a roomy cage, to keep them in order, and fed on similar lines to the hens, with from about the end of February an addition of a sprinkling of dandelion seed twice a week. This we gather during the summer previous. Egg and biscuit are only given after pairing together.

Between now and putting together, all the cages are thoroughly cleaned, the insides get

a coat of Duresco, and the outside are varnished; the room in which they are kept, which is a cold one, also undergoing spring cleaning.

Birds that have done well in former years are, if available, put together again, others are paired as considered most suitable, and without any preliminary introductions are put together, and though it may occasionally happen that they don't agree right off, in 19 cases out of 20 they settle down in a day or two, and get to business.

Nests have also been made ready by now; ours are mostly of the usual stamp, earthenware with a wire hanger hung on a nail between the two perches, opposite to cage door, and the linings are glued in. Each pair are given a supply of moss to use as they think best; some line up the pan to fit themselves beautifully, others simply play with it. When convenient to us the eggs are taken out as laid, and replaced in the evening of the day on which the third egg is laid. A sheet of paper or cardboard is hung in front of the sitting hen to keep her quiet. The cock bird remains with the hen, as a rule, but if he gets troublesome he is taken out and reintroduced when the young are about three or four days old.

While feeding young, ours are supplied with hard-boiled eggs mixed with Royal biscuits, put through a mill, three times a day—6 a.m., noon, and again at 6.30 p.m. They also get the young leaves of the dandelion, and when the young ones are four days old the pair are given a teaspoonful of soaked summer rape.

If all goes well, at from three weeks old, the young will be feathering nicely; a few more days and they will be leaving the nest. This is often a troublesome time, the hen is thinking of building again, and sometimes takes the notion to pluck the feathers out of the young ones, usually commencing with the growing tail. As a set-off to this we keep the nest-pan, intended for the second round, out as long as possible, and fasten pieces of coarse string inside the fronts of cages, this keeps the old ones going sometimes. Should these fail, we remove the young, along with the father, into a separate cage, running him in occasionally till the hen has laid again.

At five weeks old, some a little earlier, perhaps, the young should do for themselves. We allow ours plenty of room for exercise, and gradually, by using crushed hemp and canary in addition to the egg-food, get them on to hard seed.

How I Bred the Champion Cinnamons of 25 Years Ago

By J. BASTOCK (Moseley.)

BEING at the time an exhibitor of Canaries, and a keen observer of other fanciers' birds, I noticed at a show some grand Cinnamons from a fancier named Mr. Greenwood. Good shape, colour and good heads; if they had a fault it was that they were hardly large enough. At another show I saw some from a fancier named Mr. Kenersley; extra large, rather coarse, and failing in colour. Thinks I, if I could get some from each of these exhibitors, and cross them, I should most likely beat both of them, so I purchased a cock and two hens from Greenwood, and two cocks and one hen from Kenersley.

One of the cocks I disposed of as being too light for my fancy, and from the others I bred one of the best yellows out that year, and two buffs. The next season I paired two buffs together from them, and bred two buff cocks, probably the best that ever faced the show-bench—this was in 1891.

A Mr. Maylor had been champion for several years, and it was a surprise to the Fancy when he got beaten. Then came the affair of the Northampton people, which caused me to sell out. Mr. G. Scott, of Liverpool, purchased a few of the Cinnamons, and they put him at the top of the tree as a Cinnamon fancier at once.

At the present time I think there is a fine opening for a young fancier to improve the present-day Cinnamon. They are one of the few varieties that have deteriorated, especially during the last ten years.

Here is the method I should adopt if I were younger. I should purchase the largest and best Norwich-shaped specimen I could find, and pair him to a first-class clear yellow Norwich hen excelling in head properties. In all probability I should get a Cinnamon-marked hen or two, and these I should pair to the Cinnamon cock, their father. No doubt I should get some good Cinnamon hens, and very likely a Cinnamon cock; these I should pair to the best Cinnamons I had, or could find. If any young reader will follow this advice, I feel sure he will be successful.

HOW TO PAIR YORKSHIRES.

By
SERGT. A. THOMAS
(Wokingham).

NOW that the breeding season is drawing nigh a few remarks on pairing up Yorkshires will not be out of place. There is no doubt we cannot have too many lessons on this—the most important part of the breeder's operations. Before a novice can hope to pair up his birds correctly it is imperative that he should know the faults of the birds concerned. But how to know this? Well there are many ways.

A course that I found beneficial to myself, and the method I would recommend to all beginners, is the following: From time to time on the front page of *CAGE BIRDS* appears a drawing of a Yorkshire Canary, usually that of a noted winner. Study those drawings well. Don't paste them in a book, but paste them on the wall of your bird room instead, and in such a position that the eye is continually falling upon them as you go about your work. In a very short space of time the correct type of a Yorkie will become engraved on your mind.

Visit all the shows you possibly can, find out where the champion exhibitors are, and if you see them together discussing the birds, listen to their remarks, and in this way obtain as many tips as you can. Also keep an eye on the judge. When you see him disengaged, ask him in a respectful manner if he would mind telling you why this bird beats that one. These remarks, of course, must only be taken for what they are worth, they simply demonstrate the methods of my own education.

The Principal Points of a Yorkshire.

When I look at a Yorkshire, the first thing I think of is its position. This should be erect, fearless, head, neck, and back in a straight line. As the club allows 20 points for this, the importance is obvious.

The next matter of importance to deal with, and for which an equal number of points are allotted, is feather. This should be short and tight fitting, with close carriage of wings and tail. I am a firm believer in size, and for this reason I advocate the use of large stock birds. How often do we hear the phrase, Ah, if that bird only had another half-inch?

It is much better to pair two birds together that are a little over standard length than to use the big cock and little hen, or vice versa. Big, bulky birds are no use; the standard says, "with corresponding symmetrical proportions," and as a bulky bird is never well proportioned, we must discard them if we wish to breed to standard.

Now I come to a point that has been very much discussed lately. I refer to the question of colour, and although colour is not

so important in the Yorkshire as in the Norwich, yet we cannot afford to ignore it, and we should bear this in mind when pairing up. It is no use pairing up a pale, washed-out buff with a pale yellow (lemon yellow). Follow the rule as far as possible of mating a marked bird with a clear.

In my opinion the best kind of green blood to introduce into your stock to improve the colour is the "Liverpool Green." I like to introduce the colour from the cock, and the quality from the hen, therefore it is obvious that the hen should contain a certain percentage of cinnamon blood. She should have the appearance of being chiselled from marble. Birds of good quality are also of good colour, the buff birds should be of that lovely salmon tinted colour we all so much like to see. All the colour food in the world will not put the right colour into a bird unless the colour has been bred into it.

The Persistence of Cinnamon Blood.

On the principle that like produces like, your birds will throw youngsters which are a medium between the breeding of the parent cock and that of the hen. Here are a few notes taken from my pedigree book, a volume I always study well when pairing up. Face value will often lead to disappointment when not backed by pedigree. There are very few Yorkshires to-day that do not contain a certain amount of cinnamon blood: If the breeder desires to breed cinnamon-marked birds, he should mate a cinnamon-marked cock to a dark-eyed hen, the latter generally are better in type. You cannot get cinnamon-marked birds from two dark-eyed birds if they have no cinnamon blood.

My father once told me that once you put cinnamon blood into a bird you can never breed it out, and I quite believe it. All cinnamon-marked birds are pink eyed, this is an easy matter to detect whilst the young birds are in the nest, their eyes then being almost red. It is hard to detect this when they have grown up, but if you run the bird into a show cage, hold it up to the window when the sun is shining, turn the cage to an angle so that the eye can be clearly seen, a faint pinkish tinge will be observed if the bird is really pink-eyed.

If you are going to try to breed an "Even Marked Cinnamon Yorkshire," you are tackling a difficult job, unless you know your stock for several generations. That is the reason why in a mixed colour Yorkshire class the even-marked bird gets the red ticket, as in addition to the other points markings have to be studied.

(To be continued.)

THE BREEDING OF Norwich Plainheads Crests and Crestbreds

By A. E. JEFFRIES
(Richmond, Yorks.).

AS I am a breeder and exhibitor of all the above varieties, and have done a bit of winning at most of the leading shows of the North, I hope the following may be of some interest to readers. For breeding cages I like double breeders of good size, with sand trays and sliding partitions, as they can be converted into flights if necessary. These I wash out before and after the breeding season, using plenty of hot water with Jeyes' Fluid and turpentine mixed in it; this will settle all red mite or other insects. I do inside with washable distemper, and the outside with a coat of enamel if necessary, or a coat of varnish.

A young starter will find it best to purchase his stock from a well-known breeder, who is known to have birds which are winning on the show bench. Tell him what you really want, and also how far your pocket will go, and he will be sure to do his best for you. This is better than going to more than one source, for it is seldom that two different fanciers' stock will hit together.

When pairing up you must use your own judgment, unless the seller has already mated them up for you. I generally pair buff to yellow, and clear with ticked or marked. I run them into show cages, and where one fails in points I try to remedy these faults in the other, not overlooking quality, as this plays an important part at the present day on the show bench. I have several times

seen a moderately sized bird well up in the cards, and have heard a lot of comment about it, but when its quality has been noticed its position could easily be understood.

I find I get more yellows by using yellow hens. If my birds lack size, or are a bit weak in heads and necks, I double buff, keeping the best from them for the next season. I have in-bred a little, and have had good results from father and daughter, but I pair according to which side the quality lies. The next season I find it best to pair right away from relatives altogether.

As regards Crests and Crestbreds, I select, as near as I can, birds with good round crests, thickly feathered, and with good frontals. In Crestbreds I like good size, plenty of bone, with broad and round skulls, and long broad head feathers, as I can always increase length of feather.

I use two variegated birds of medium size, a flat crest I mate to a dome-shaped Crestbred, with dense head feathers, but one has to use one's own judgment in pairing, and must do the best to keep the length of head feather.

I have done some double-cresting, but I find one must select birds about perfect in every respect, with good back crests, not bare necks, or failure will follow. In double-cresting you will get more Crests than Crestbreds, and these will do well for stock another year, mated to Crestbreds. My advice to a fresh starter, however, is to pair Crest with Crestbred.

About the end of March I pair up, not forgetting to let the hens have plenty of exercise by being turned into large flights or a good sized aviary. For feeding I give plain canary seed in the hoppers, nothing but the best I can get, as it is the cheapest in the end. I also give one egg a week all through the show season, mixed with Spratts' Cage Bird Food, and a little crushed hemp added.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

Catching Mice in a Birdroom.

A New Method.

SIR,—I quite agree with your correspondent, M. R. T. in regard to the board against the wall. I have tried it with a box in the same fashion. But the most successful method I ever tried was a little coal tar in the mouth of their holes and round the outside with a little water in a hollow plate two feet off. I have killed both rats and mice by this method. It is worth a trial by anyone who is bothered with either, for it is inexpensive—a pennyworth in an old can will do.

WM. M. HASTINGS.

A Lady Reader Says—Keep Them Out.

SIR,—In a recent issue of *CAGE BIRDS* a fancier wanted to know how to get mice into traps in a birdroom. Why allow mice into the room at all? Now we all know those horrible little brutes cannot eat through tin, so could not J. Wadsworth nail strips of tin all round the room by the skirting boards, shaping each piece like an L? One part should be nailed to the floor, and the upper part to the skirting board. I think someone gave that advice before, and it is excellent. Catching mice, once they make their way in, is not much of a remedy; no matter how many you catch, there are more to come. Try some other remedy. Setting traps every night and disposing of the defunct every morning is not a pleasant work for anyone; placing poison in a room is even worse. The best way and the cleanest way is to use the tin strips. "Prevention is better than cure."

S. G. RUBY.

The Steadying of Yellowhammers.

The Procedure of a Noted Exhibitor.

SIR,—If "Britisher" has an old bird he will probably never steady him. Presuming it is a young one, the best plan, I find, is to tie the wings together and put him in a flight with an old, steady cock or hen. He will soon get to feed well, and look out for mealworms. Don't have the perches too high. I keep him in this for a week or two, and then cage him off, first untying the wings, and putting him in a low cage, keeping this well down in the room, so that he gets used to one's passing in front of him. A daily bath greatly helps to steady him. These birds vary very much in disposition. I have won prizes with F.M. birds, and also have kept good specimens for two years, finally liberating them as absolutely hopeless.

W. F. LLOYD JAMES.

SIR,—Complying with "Britisher's" request, I am pleased to say that from my own experience, the Yellowhammer is about the easiest of our British birds to steady if handled properly. I treat fresh-caught birds as follows:

Give him a cage with a wire partition in front to hang bath on. Afterwards, hold a mealworm to the cage until he takes it. This might mean five or ten minutes, but once taken from your finger you have "got him."

If he refuses to bathe, as very seldom happens—place him on the floor of the birdroom opposite another British bird that does, and he will not be long following suit. I do not advise you to remain in the room whilst this is going on during the first week or so; after that time I think you will find the Yellowhammer "at home."

Of course, you might get a bird that does not steady, even though you do this for a while, and I can advise no better method than to visit the birdroom frequently, handle the restless one as much as possible, not forgetting the mealworm. If you have not the time, let one of the fair sex do it for you, and the result I feel sure will be far better than you anticipated. In conclusion, let me remind you to hang the bath on every morning, summer and winter, when the bird can please itself as to whether it wants it or not.

(MRS.) LILIAN E. T. DALTON.

SIR,—I have found from experience that Yellowhammers are better as show birds when hand-reared from the nest, as such birds become very docile. Of course it takes some time for them to come into full show plumage. If, however, you do catch a good coloured wild one, it can be tamed by using

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great discretion in its food supply, but this should not be done unless you are handy to give attention, as if you make one slip the bird is dead. Keep the bird on short rations and tempt him with a mealworm or two, as Yellowhammers rear their young on insect life and will greedily devour such in winter when short of that particular diet, and are forced to live on any wild seeds that happen to come across their path.

A good long cage, not more than a foot high, and with a canvas top, I find the best for a fresh-caught bird.

J. J.

Identity of Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids Challenged.

SIR,—Under the above heading you published a letter in your last issue from Mr. Anderson, the owner of the supposed Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids, wherein he asks me a question.

Since some of your correspondents have tried to construe my previous letters as imputing fraud to Mr. Anderson, whereas I simply pointed out how it was possible for him to be labouring under a delusion, and that I imputed no fraud to him, I had fully made up my mind to have nothing further to do with the correspondence, but out of courtesy I reply to Mr. Anderson's question as to what I should expect in a genuine Song Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid.

I should expect a blending of colour or other characteristics of both parents. I have never in all my experience seen a genuine Hybrid of any cross that did not display in some form or other a distinct blending of both parents.

The birds in dispute, which I have had the unpleasant duty of leaving out of competition twice, show no characteristics whatever either in colour, shape, or action, other than those of the Song Thrush. I fail to trace any Blackbird characteristics in any shape or form, and my contentions were supported by everyone who spoke to me about the birds at the Holborn Hall show, where there was a very large attendance and much interest was centred in these birds.

Much has been made of the little duskiness of the flights, but feed has much to do with causing shades of colour, and hundreds of Thrushes flying wild can be found in different districts quite as dense in dusky shading as these birds. I thank Mr. Anderson for letting me have a second look at these birds, and for this time sending three, which gave me an opportunity of seeing whether there were any or diverse differences in any of them. My decision at Carlisle, however, has been more than ever confirmed, that these birds are simply Song Thrushes, not Hybrids.

I have given my reason for leaving these birds out of competition in an honourable, straightforward way, and decline to be hustled into accepting them as Hybrids at shows where I am judging. Moreover, I decline to take any further part in this controversy.

JOHN ROBSON.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to congratulate Mr. Anderson for so courageously sending his bird twice to London, and thus inviting an open discussion on its genuineness or otherwise. Mr. Anderson's action has done much to prove that he himself is genuine, whatever his bird may be. Up till now, I think only one has voted against it being a hybrid, but that one vote is a powerful one in the fancy, at least it has proved powerful in the past, as some who officiate as judges simply follow the lead of others. The judge, Mr. Robson, who has twice put this bird out is to be congratulated for doing so, if it is really a Song Thrush, as he so very emphatically declares it to be. But, opposed to Mr. Robson's opinion we have the opinion of other judges, and British bird experts who appear to be satisfied that the bird shows clear indications of its Blackbird parentage.

A prominent judge holds a very responsible and unenviable position, and it behoves him to be very cautious. It is a notorious fact that some men when they find they have made a mistake will keep repeating that mistake, rather than admit that they can do wrong. To err is human, but to knowingly repeat the error is scarcely divine. If Mr. Robson's contention is correct, then Mr. Anderson has apparently been shamefully hoodwinked by some of his neighbours, who have substituted Thrush eggs for his Blackbirds. And he must have been more than a bit slow not to observe the Thrush egg shells lying about his aviary after the young were hatched. The position appears to be either that Mr. Robson is capable of making a mistake, or Mr. Anderson is a humbug or a dullard.

HYBRID.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 81.)

How Does a Roller Organ Work?

Sir,—I think it would be of great good to the Fancy if some of your readers who have Roller organs would explain the construction of them. Such a thing is being asked for just now, and if a diagram explaining the working and principles was given in CAGE BIRDS, I feel quite sure that some of our "brainy" fanciers would be able to improve on the German machines, and put the result on the market for the general good of the Fancy.

A. WILSON.

New Society for South Shields.

Sir,—At the first meeting of the South Shields "Always Ready" C.B.S. held Jan. 26, we made 14 members and have got the names of others who are intending to join. We have decided that the yearly sub. shall be 2s. 6d., and there will be no entrance fee until April 12. We expect the fanciers of the North will come along and help make our Club a great success. Any fancier desirous of becoming a member should communicate with me, when full particulars will be forwarded.

JAS. W. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

75, Leighton St., South Shields.

How to Make Dull Black Paint.

A Recipe from a Practical Sign Writer.

Sir,—In reply to H. Cross's enquiry in this week's CAGE BIRDS for a recipe for dull black colouring, I suppose he wants a fast colour, which would not be affected by wet, and yet is to be dead black and dull. I will give him the best known recipe used by sign-writers; this is to make a quart, the quantities may of course be altered according to requirements.

Bring to a boil 1 quart of water in which you put 1oz. at least of powdered borax. While it is still boiling, add from 4 to 6 ozs. of shell shellac and stir with a stick until quite melted, which it should do quickly; the borax causes the shellac to dissolve. You have then a liquid waterproof which may be made into any colour you may wish.

For dull black get 2 or 3 ozs. of vegetable black at the oil and colour stores; it is very light, and unless careful you will be unable to mix it. I use a very small quantity of boiled starch or flour paste, and with the flat of a dinner-knife work the powder into this on a smooth surface together until I get a very thick mixture; then I thin it down with the waterproof mixture to the consistency of paint, and apply with a brush in the ordinary way. The second coat will generally give every satisfaction. This paint is quite waterproof, and will not rub off when dry.

P. VIRGO, Signwriter.

Sir,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS that H. Cross wants to know how to make a good, dull black colouring for cages. If he will gather the Black from the top of bicycle lamps, mix it with oil, and add a fair quantity of turps., he will get an excellent dull black for cages. I trust this hint will be useful to him.

J. J.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Cross for a dull black colouring for cages, perhaps the following will suit his requirements, as I have always used it with success: Take 1 pint methylated spirit, 1 oz. spirit black (not lamp black), and 1 oz. shellac. Dissolve the black in half of the spirits, and the shellac in the other half. Mix all together, and it is ready for use. The shellac will take a few hours to dissolve, so it requires shaking occasionally. This I have found to dry almost as soon as applied. It should cost ninepence, but no doubt the spirits will cost more at present.

W. E. ARWOOD.

Proposed Federation of Roller Societies.

Sir,—Mr. H. S. Hill is mistaken in thinking that the P.R.C.C. are the prime movers in this scheme. The first move came from the Leeds Club, and it is about two months since they sent letters out to Roller clubs asking their opinion on the subject. The Provincial only took the matter up when they thought the matter was going to drag on till it was too late to bother about rings, and so at their last meeting but one they passed a resolution to ask for delegates from each society to be sent to Manchester to thresh the matter out.

The date has been altered from Feb. 5 to Feb. 12 so as not to clash with the B.R.C.C. show, so that another objection of Mr. Hill's is removed. He also says that the P.R.C.C. and Bolton will have all the say. The Provincial and Bolton will only have the same number of delegates as any other society, but why he picks at Bolton, unless it is because I am a member, I am unable to say, as they have had nothing whatever to do with it, and there are only two Bolton members who are members of the P.R.C.C. I think the real cause of the split in the fancy is the B.R.C.C. trying to

over-rule all other societies, which I contend they have no right to do. In all matters appertaining to the B.R.C.C. I am quite willing as a member to conform to their rules, and to whatever is passed at their meetings, but I think they have no right to tell another society the majority of whose members are not members of the B.R.C.C. how they must conduct their shows.

As I am writing this a letter has just come from Mr. Norris to say the B.R.C.C. are sending no delegates. I am very sorry to hear this, for if they are not in favour of the scheme they could have come and given their views. To attend would not commit them to anything, and a meeting which included delegates from every society might tend to smooth a lot of matters over.

It is rather unfortunate that the scheme was not given more prominence in the press when first Mr. Best brought it forward, and I only wrote my last letter with the intention to bring it into the minds of Roller fanciers before the meeting took place. What I said in that letter was my own personal view, and was not intended to implicate Bolton Society or the P.R.C.C. of which societies I am only one member. I only have one vote. I trust that something will come of the meeting that will be of lasting benefit to the fancy.

J. KILSHAW.

Sir,—At the meeting of the British Roller C.C., held at the show on Saturday, Feb. 5, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the meeting having heard the letters which had been sent to the secretary from all parts of the country, and the correspondence in CAGE BIRDS, was unanimous in the decision to send no delegates to the meeting convened at Manchester."

J. W. NORRIS, Hon. Sec.

Sir,—What is wrong with the various offspring of the B.R.C.C.? Surely some of them have not grown so quickly that they have outgrown their parent, and so big and proud that they wish to leave the parent, who was the means of bringing them into being. It is a fact, I know, and well understood, that clubs such as Leeds and other Roller clubs are now able to look after themselves. It is ten years, perhaps more, since the Leeds R.C. was ushered into the world. It was very weak when born. Its only support was Mr. Walton and myself, but it soon grew up into a healthy body through support from good and generous fanciers like Messrs. Barnett, Ward, Atkinson, and others. In those days whenever we asked for support from the B.R.C.C. we got it, with good advice, and best wishes, from the secretary, Mr. Norris. We got everything we asked for, and at the open shows we got the best of entries from B.R.C.C. members. Then closed rings came up, to make the Roller fancy cleaner, and no man fought more than Mr. Norris for closed rings; they have proved a success. Then came the uniform show cage. There is no saying now that the judge can tell who the birds belong to by the cages. At that time there were several different kinds of cages at shows, now that is all finished with. When Leeds R.C. sent for rings no member was disappointed in not getting them, for Mr. Norris was always ready with them, and all the time I was a member of Leeds club we were well cared for by the parent club. I have not been a member of the club for some time now in Leeds, not having the time to attend and take an active part, but I read CAGE BIRDS regularly, and I gather there is something the matter with the offspring of the parent club, B.R.C.C. Has the parent neglected its offspring without really knowing it? Leeds and the rest of the clubs, if they have a grievance, must speak out, and not be too proud to tell their parent club where and when they have been neglected, so that matters can be put right again. If it is a question of fanciers not getting rings quickly enough, surely the B.R.C.C., through the secretary, Mr. Norris, will be prepared to remove this obstacle, so that every club shall be in harmony and smooth working with the parent club again. Whenever a grievance crops up, go to the proper place with it. Where a helping hand was given in infant days, surely it will be given at all times? I don't for a moment suppose that the old members of the Leeds R.C. will do anything to interfere with the smooth working of the B.R.C.C. My humble opinion is that rings issued from one centre will be far better than a separate issue for each club. If the trouble that has arisen is one of rings alone, I hope it will soon be got over. I speak with experience when I say that we always got the hand of fellowship and brotherhood extended to Leeds R.C. from Mr. Norris during my time with the club, and I should imagine that they would receive it again if the club requires it. If the parent club will not do what you want it to do, providing it lies in its power, then is the time to try other means, but not until then.

C. TOWES.

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COALTOWN OF WEMYSS C.B.S.

General meeting, Victoria Hall, Jan. 27. Office bearers elected: Pres., Stewart Allan; vice-pres., T. Nicol; sec. and treas., A. Storrar; assist. sec., G. Whitbrook; auditors, Messrs. S. Allan and Wm. Smart; delegates for Life League, G. Whitbrook, J. Duncan, and W. Smart. The profits from the show, £3 10s., were handed over to the Wemyss Soldiers' Comforts Fund.—A. Storrar, Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Meeting, 142, High Street, Feb. 8. Mr. Charlton presiding over a good attendance. New members elected, Mr. D. Ballantyne and Mr. Jas. Schlater. A discussion arose as regards the annual sub., and it was moved that 2s. extra be charged for special prize fund, this making the total 8s. per year. Decided to hold pair show next meeting, March 2, and we hope members will do their best to make same a success.—A. Bell, Sec.

W. STANLEY (Patriotic) F.F. & Co.

Meeting Feb. 6. Mr. R. Peart was elected chairman for show; R. Hutchinson, hon. sec.; W. Cresswell, hon. assist. sec. Agreed to accept the offer of the Elite Hall for show; Mr. Reay kindly promised it free of charge. T. Dixon, Bedlington, and E. Atkinson, West Stanley, were elected judges. We made up a schedule of 77 classes, so let me have plenty of entries, which close Feb. 20. I have a lot of tickets left for admission. Please apply for some as we would like to have a good sum to hand over. Next meeting Feb. 13, Oxhill Central Club, at 11. Schedules will be ready next Saturday.—R. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Table show will be held in Cairn's Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie Road, Feb. 19, at 3. Classes: Nor. ck., hen; Bord. ck., hen; Scotch Fancy, A.O.V., Can., Goldf., Linn., Bunting, Softbill, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, A.O. Finch, hen, for hyb. breeding; pair for Mule breeding, ditto Hyb.; old Mule. Fee, 2d. per bird up to first three, above three free, which entitles exhibitors to free entry to judging competition. Non-exhibitors taking part in judging competition must pay sixpence. Several specials are forward. Monthly meeting during judging. Election of judges; classification for annual show; new members invited. Subs. 6s., entrance 6d.—J. C. Charlton.

BOLTON C.B.S.

Special meeting Jan. 20, Church Inn, Folda Road, a large number attended to discuss and fix dates for monthly meetings. Owing to some members being on munitions and working late, it was unanimously decided for the duration of the war to have our meetings the first Sunday in each month, at the above, at 7 p.m. We enrolled ten new members, and there is room for more. We cordially invite any fanciers or intending members to come to our meetings. If those wishing to become members will send name and address, I will give them any information they require. Entrance fee 1s.; annual subs. 4s.—J. Brooks, Sec. 320, Alsworth Lane, Bolton.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

Meeting, Jan. 31, St. John's Hall; W. Phipps, chair, and a good attendance. Arrangements made for pair show, at St. John's Hall, Feb. 28. Mr. J. Robson, judge, birds staged at 6.30. Schedules will be sent as soon as ready. Mr. Birch handed over the books of the society to Mr. Colin Brown, remarking how sorry he was to take such a step. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the late secretary for the fine work he had done in connection with the society. New members are cordially invited to send me their names, and if a fair number will promise to attend meetings regularly no expense will be spared in making the same attractive; our membership will, I hope, double in 1916. Special prizes are given in each class where there are more than three exhibitors.—Colin Brown, Inglewood, King's Road, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

General meeting Feb. 1, headquarters, Mr. H. Boothman presiding over a fair attendance. After the confirmation of new officers and the revision of rules five new members were elected and seven nominated. We have plenty of room for more, and they will be sure of a hearty welcome. We endeavour to make the meetings interesting with table shows, lectures, washing demonstrations, etc. Decided to hold annual show Mar. 1, when we hope to see the usual number of members and friends. All previous ones have been voted huge successes, and we will endeavour to surpass them if possible. Arrangements made for table shows:—Feb. 15, Norwich, champ., ck., hen and pairs; amat. ditto, nov. ditto. March 7, Yorks, A.O.V., as above. Open and amat. Goldf. or Bullf., Linn., Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, A.O. Hardbill, Mule or Hyb., and Muling or Hyb. pairs, novices same. Specials for most points in Nor., Yorks, A.O.V., and British, etc., and for best team of four British. Judges will be announced later. It is hoped members will bring as many birds as possible. Next meeting Feb. 15. Entries for table show taken at meeting.—H. Boothman.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Results of competitions held during the past season. Competition on the whole has been fairly keen, but entries in one or two instances have been very short, notably at Redhill and Chester. This is a great pity, as societies who cater for specialist clubs deserve, and should receive, support. Lack of support does not encourage committees to apply for patronage. It is also regrettable to see the apathy of the London members, who, with the exception of Messrs. Last, Hutchinson, and Humphries, have not staged a bird. It is to be hoped they have been too busy on war work, and that they will make up for lost time when brighter days come. Winners of the cups and specials:—S.B.F.C. cup, G. H. Madagan, 110; Newley cup, E. C. Last, 130; Most Points, Champ., G. H. Pratt, 71; Most Points, Novice, P. Hutchinson, 68; Champ. Crest, G. H. Pratt, 22; Novice Crest, F. Hutchinson, 22; Most Points in Green, A. W. Bacon, 34 points. Specials at Plymouth: Diploma, E. C. Last; Best 4th Prize, G. H. Pratt; Most Points Novice, E. C. Last; Cheltenham: Diploma, J. H. Madagan; Best 4th Prize, H. Elston; Most Points Novice, T. Beard; Chester: Diploma, E. R. Roberts; Best 4th, M. Thomas; Most Points, M. Thomas; Redhill: Diploma, A. W. Bacon; Best 4th, E. C. Last; Most Points Novice, P. Hutchinson; best rung bird, J. H. Madagan; Linnely: Diploma, D. Jenkins; Best 4th, D. Jenkins; Most Points Novice, M. Thomas. If there is any mistake in the above please let me know at once. Annual general meeting, headquarters, Feb. 23. Election of officers. Will members who desire to propose any alteration of rules please let me know by Feb. 15, to enable me to get it on the ballot paper.—Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Meeting, Crown Hotel, Feb. 3; W. J. Lapworth, chair, and a good attendance. F.F. show fixed for June 17; classes and prize-money for same were fixed. 6s. cash special for each section Nor., Yorks, Bord., and Brit., for most points; also 12 special of 2/6 each were promised, to be allotted at next meeting. Members' show for hens only; Geo. Broome judged. Nor. (12): 1, 3, 4, vhc, C. Broome; 2, Gilbert; he, c. Pitt. Yorks. (3): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, Latham; c. Jones. Bord. (15): 1, vhc, c. Jones; 2, 3, 4, Lapworth; he, Daniels. Final for judging competition will be at the match pair show, Feb. 17. Members please enter as many pairs as possible.—G. Broome, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD CANARY F.A.

Meeting, Ablett's Cafe Room, Jan. 18, with a large muster. Election of officers: Pres., T. Greatrix; vice, Messrs. Jones, McKelroy, Young, chair, J. M. Moss; vice, T. Harding; committee, Messrs. Jones, Cooper, Sharples, Barr, Young, Tease, Phillips, McKelroy; auditors, J. M. Moss and Sharples; treas., P. Browne; sec., A. E. Lloyd. Subs are now due, 4s. per annum. New members enrolled, Messrs. Baker, A. H. Davies, A. Davies, A. Crowe, and Mr. Stewardson.

Show held in connection with meeting. Cl. Yell.: 1, Young; 2, Stott; 3, Harding; vhc, Morton; he, Teare. Buff.: 1, Young; 2, Stott; 3, Morton; vhc, McKelroy; he, c. Harding. Yell. Hen: 1, Stott; 2, Young; 3, Harding. Buff.: 1, Young; 2, Stott; 3, Teare; vhc, Harding. Green: 1, 3, A. E. Lloyd; 2, vhc, McKelroy. Nor. Yell.: 1, Hall; 2, Teare. Buff.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Morton. Buff. Hen: 1, Teare; 2, Hall; 3, McKelroy. Pair show third Tuesday in Feb., birds staged at 8. Vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. M. Moss for judging.—A. E. Lloyd, Sec.

NORTHERN B., M., AND F.B.C.

Meeting, Jan. 29, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, Newcastle. Mr. Petterson presided over a good attendance. Winners of cups and medals over the shows where patronage had been allotted: Mule cup and two medals, J. Maddison, 38 points. British and two medals, B. Johnson, 61. Foreign and two medals, T. Almond, 68. Medals: 1, B. Hooper (2), Rev. C. R. Appleton (1), C. Petterson (1), C. Waters (1). Decided to have a table show at next meeting, Feb. 26, at Shield's Cafe. Classes: Linn., Goldf., Bullf. or Greenf., A.O.V., Hen A.V., all F.M. Table show was held. Decided that the Sec. judge Linn.: 1, 4, Bertram; 2, Petterson; 3, Maddison. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Appleton; 2, Hooper; 3, Petterson. Greenf.: 1, Appleton; 2, Hooper. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hooper; 3, Appleton. Chairman mentioned that one of our esteemed members, Mr. Voutt, had undergone a serious operation, but he was glad to say that he was on the road to recovery. Decided that Sec. write expressing sympathy and hoping he would be soon amongst us again. Vote of thanks to the Sec. for judging brought a pleasant evening to a close.—W. Curry, Sec.

LONDON AND P.O.S.

Meeting headquarters, Jan. 20. Mr. Crabbs presided over a good attendance. Decided that, owing to the earlier closing of licensed premises, it would not be possible to hold our pair and young bird shows at headquarters, so it was agreed to hold the pair show on Feb. 17 at St. Bride's Institute, Bride Lane, New Bridge Street, opposite Ludgate Hill Station. A lecture on Pairing was given by Mr. J. Robson, but unfortunately he was obliged to be very brief owing to the fact that we had to be out of the Raglan by 9.30. Mr. Robson said that there are 13 varieties of domesticated Canaries, viz., Norwich, Yorkshire, Crest, Cinnamon, Borders, Green, Dutch Frill, Rollers, Lancashire, Lizards, Belgians, Scotch Fancy, and London Fancy. In all cases it is a recognised thing to pair a two-year-old cock with a young hen, but it had advantages and disadvantages, and the tale that the more matured specimen would teach the youngster was no argument at all, as it is proved that nature gives intelligence for requirements, as is seen in the fact that a young hen can build a nest equal to a hen of five years, and a young cock can feed offspring just as well as one older. Passing over these facts, Mr. Robson briefly touched on condition. Lack of condition, he said, is the cause of non-fertile eggs, and also egg binding, and during his 45 years of experience he had never had an egg-bound hen that was in condition. He advised us to be very careful not to introduce deterioration into our stock, always to aim at producing the highest class birds, and said if breeders would only give these points more care there would be less failures. He then described the various good points and faults of each variety, and at the close of his remarks many questions were asked and suitably and clearly answered. A vote of thanks to Mr. Robson brought a pleasant meeting to a close.—H. L. Huggins, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, January 25, White Swan, Market Place, Mr. Gibbins presiding. Balance sheet read for 1915, showing a balance of £13 1s. 5d. in hand, which should be sufficient guarantee of the management of this society, and probably exhibitors will bear this in mind for our next All England show on our usual dates, November 4 and 6. Vote of thanks was passed to auditors.

Table show, 96 birds, matched pairs. Mr. C. H. Walton judged, with the help of Messrs. Freeston and Gilbert.—Class 1: 1, 3, vhc, Day and Sturgess; 2, he, Gilbert; c. Moores. Class 2: 1, 3, vhc, Day and Sturgess; 2, Roberts; he, Gilbert; c. Hulse. Class 3: 1, Pearson; 2, Cobley; 3, Knight; vhc, Cayless; he, Layton; c. A. Bent. Class 4: 1, c. Layton; 2, Brooks; 3, Pearson; vhc, Knight; he, Cayless. A discussion ensued, members not failing to take advantage of the knowledge of Mr. Walton, who is always ready to give advice to beginners. Vote of thanks to judges closed a very interesting meeting.—O. B. Day and Roberts, Joint Secs.

Meeting and table show Feb. 1, White Swan, Market Place, Mr. Gibbins presiding over a good attendance. Decided that the usual guarantee be given to CAGE BIRDS for advertisement re open show. Mr. Gibbins was elected to judge next table show, Feb. 15. The table show was again the feature of the night, there being some excellent birds present among the 63 staged. Mr. Stevens judged. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ck.: 1, Day and Sturgess; 2 and vhc, Hulse; 3, Gilbert. Mkd. or Var.: 1, Day and Sturgess; 2, Roberts. Pairs Double Buff.: 1, 3, and c. Day and Sturgess; 2, Gilbert; vhc, Robert; he, Hulse. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Pearson; 2, Layton; 3, Hughes. Mkd. or Var.: 1, Henney. Pairs Double Buff.: 1, Knight; 2, vhc and c. Pearson; 3, Hughes; he, Layton. Siskin, etc.: 1, 2, and c. Brooks; vhc and he, Deakin. The class for Double Buff. pairs was an entirely new addition to the programme, and proved to be exceedingly interesting, upon which a very good discussion took place. Vote of thanks to the judge closed a very enjoyable meeting.—O. B. Day and Roberts, Joint Secs.

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GREAT COMBINED SHOW AT HOLBORN HALL

A SUCCESS BEYOND EXPECTATION.

The combined show of the London C.B.A., National British Bird and M.C., and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League was held in the Holborn Town Hall Feb. 2 and 3. The entry was good—in fact, rather more than the committee expected, consequently the hall was scarcely large enough to contain the birds sent in, and to leave sufficient space for visitors. The attendance was exceptionally good, so that at times it was almost impossible to move about with any freedom, but in spite of this fact and visitors appeared to thoroughly enjoy the show.

Are Amateur Classes Really Desired?

There was plenty to see, for every section was splendidly represented, and one could see choice examples of whatever variety one fancied. In the Canary section classes were arranged for champion, amateur and novice, but it is doubtful if the amateur classes are really required; three exhibitors had the amateur Yorks. classes to themselves, two the Borders, while there were only two entries in the Crests; the Norwich did somewhat better, 18 birds being staged, sent in by half a dozen exhibitors. The champions came up splendidly, every class having a fair number of entries, Crested birds heading the poll with twenty beauties.

As usual the members of the London C.B.A. put up a grand display of Yorks., the section containing birds of very high merit. Mr. L. Dykes' well-known exhibits, "Old Warrior," "Dreadnought," and "Queenie" each headed the poll in their respective classes. Mr. Robert Heggie staged a lovely buff hen, and also won in unlighted bulls.

A Grand Array of Crests.

One scarcely knows how to express sufficient admiration of the magnificent collection of Crests and Crestbreds sent in. It is a long time since London fanciers had such a treat. The competition was so keen that many famous birds that had won at outside shows were lucky to get in the cards. Mrs. Montagu Scott put down a grand team, winning in Crested cocks, Crested hens, and Crested buns, she also secured three seconds and a third. The coveted special (the Crest bowl for best young bird) was taken by Mr. A. J. Smith with the Cheltenham winner, the bird claimed at £25 from Messrs. Evans Bros., the breeders. Mr. Bale's young C.B. attracted a good deal of attention, and we have reason to think it would have changed hands if the catalogue price of £50 had been slightly reduced.

Norwich birds had many admirers, and although the levelness of type was not quite what we have seen at London displays, some really excellent birds were on view. Mr. Howe, of Wellingborough, secured the bowl with a lovely typical young buff. Mr. F. J. Martin, of Battersea, staging the runner-up.

Rare and Beautiful Hybrids.

On both days of the show it was at all times difficult to get a good view of the Hybrids; the crowd appreciated the good things provided, and were loth to leave the neighbourhood of those fascinating gems. The collection was quite exceptional, every class well filled with birds of high merit; one scarcely knew which to admire most—the chaste clears, the richly-coloured darks, or the interesting Hybrids between two British. Mr. Robert Heggie staged the winners in the clears, the variegateds, and the dark Canary Mules, but Mr. J. Crone secured the diploma for best Hybrid with his Redpoll-Bullie.

Mr. T. H. Anderson's three "Song Thrush Blackbirds" were on view, and attracted a lot of attention; they had many supporters, though many failed to recognise their double parentage. It was the general opinion that another moult should more clearly define their parentage, especially if either of them prove to be cock birds.

Where the Crowd Gathered.

British as a whole—and especially the hardbills—may be reckoned top-notch. The winners one and all were a sheer delight to the eye of the fancier, while the general visiting public gravitated naturally to the end of the hall where they were staged, and remained there. Particularly hot were the Goldfinches, Hawfinches, Linnets, and Bramblingfinches, and the tussle to secure the decisions in these classes resulted in a series of very close contests. We noticed that sterling fancier and well-known exhibitor, Mr. Francis scoring a meritorious win in Linnets with a new recruit for which we predict many future successes. Mr. Burr's fine winning Goldie was quickly claimed at the catalogue price of £5 5s. Mr. P. McQuiston annexed several important honours for Scotland, one of them being the Parker Robinson medal for the best team of four. Mr. Lloyd-James worthily upheld the honourable traditions of Wales, whilst the Northern and Midland colours were carried to many victories by Dr. Wilson and Messrs. Chick, Camm, and others.

Softbills were less numerous than seedeaters, but hardly less attractive. Mr. John Frostick had again on view his charming Dartford Warbler, a delicate softbill which by now must have outlived many a hardy, robust Greenbird. He also secured the diploma for best British with a perfectly feathered Long-tailed Tit. Other striking exhibits in this section were the extremely docile Fieldfare staged by Mr. E. Stephens, and the three toppling Choughs and one Crow which composed the class for these interesting subjects. Mr. C. Prior judged the seedeaters, and Mr. J. Dewhurst the insectivorous, and their decisions were well received.

A Fine Lot of Foreigners.

For a members' show the Foreign section was certainly a great success, the only cause for regret being that the only available quarters obtainable were so inadequate for the large entry obtained; but the officials coped with their many difficulties so admirably that the visiting public were but little inconvenienced, and all three promoting societies deserve that the show should prove a financial success. Thirty-three classes were provided for this section, two only of which had to be cancelled, and the total entries were 196, a very satisfactory result. Mr. Chas. Cooper judged the Parrot classes, and Mr. R. J. Watts the remainder, their awards being well received. A noticeable feature of the section was the all-round excellence of the exhibits, all being staged in excellent condition.

The People Who Did the Work.

The management of the show was in the capable hands of Mr. Allen Silver, who had a trying time, the limited space available making his task all the more difficult, but he came through with flying colours. Mr. Thynne, "the ever willing," assisted in the clerical work, putting in two full days of real "grit." The Softbills and Foreign Birds were specially catered for by the Hon. Mrs. Bourke and

Mrs. Thynne, and other willing helpers were Messrs. Johnston, Robson, Burt, Trower, Watcham, Runchman, Goymer, Wright, Francis, Frostick, Manning, and Dewhurst. The judges were Messrs. Chas. Cooper, R. L. Crisp, J. Dewhurst, C. Prior, John Robson, R. J. Watts. The sales totalled about £60, the highest price being £10 paid for Mr. Jeffrey's unnoticed light Canary Hybrid, Mr. John Frostick's Double-fronted Amazon changed hands at £5 15s., but the majority of sales were of Canaries claimed at about £2 each. The attendance was capital, and among the visitors we noticed Mrs. McLaren Morrison, of Berkhamstead; Mrs. W. H. A. Khan, of Torquay; Mr. Chick, of Nottingham; Mr. Smith sec. of Reading Society; Messrs. J. Howard and Smith, Norwich; Mr. Shirley, Birmingham; Mr. Steel, Sheffield; Mr. W. H. Howe, Wellingborough; Mr. Davis, Llandilly; and Messrs. J. Goodall, Sears, and others from Watford. The Duchess of Wellington visited the show on the second day and purchased a pair of Foreign Birds.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. R. L. Crisp.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Dykes, wonderful length and type, beautifully balanced, at a fiddle; 2, Buckingham and Sears, wing and head mld., fine type and style, beautifully drawn and moulded, grand length of wing, A1 cond.; 3, Neighbour, all there for type and style, well up on leg, nicely balanced, beaten col.; vhc. Nicholls; he, Heggie; c. Smith. BUFF (8): 1, Heggie, splendidly moulded throughout, good head, neck and shoulder, nicely packed wings, tight as wax; 2, 3, Dykes, beauties, leader wonderful size, nicely moulded, A1 cond.; 3rd, very stylish, grand pos., scarcely so large, but lovely type; vhc. Knight; he, Ayres; c. Neighbour. CINN. OR GREEN MKD. (8): 1, 2, Dykes, well-known "Dreadnought" and "Kitchen" often described, both in grand condition; 3, Ayres; c. Heggie. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Dykes, charming wing tld., beautifully moulded, perfect balance and style, well up on leg, A1 cond.; 2, Ayres, slim type, grand length and style, neat head and wings, scarcely the cond.; 3, Nicholls, varieg., nice type, shade on the small side, but grand type, good wings, well up on legs; vhc. he, Heggie; c. Knight. BUFF (1): 1, Heggie, stylish, good head, back and wings, nicely cut away, sound cond.; 2, Dykes, lovely 4-ptd., stylish, neat head, nice shoulders, capital wings, well rounded, and fit; 3, Ayres, capital length and style, nicely balanced, clear cut, good legs; vhc. Neighbour; he, Cundy; c. Penton. YELL. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Knight, fine length, yet beautifully balanced and moulded, neat head, nice length of wings, sound cond.; 2, 3, he, Dykes, leader smart, slim, and typical, not a monster, hot col. and lovely qual. feather, but shade frail; 3rd, larger, smoother, nicely balanced, some preferred; vhc. c. Ayres. BUFF (9): 1, Heggie, very fine 4-ptd., grand length and style, beautifully balanced and moulded, well packed wings, in the pink; 2, 3, Ayres, 2nd slim type, nicely moulded and balanced, good shoulders and back; 3rd, shade smaller, nice style, good legs, fine qual.; vhc. Dykes; he, Smith; c. Chittenden. AMAT. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, Runchman, lovely cinn. mld. leading, good size, stylish, capital wings; 2nd, fine length, good qual.; 3, vhc. Johnston; he, Phillips. BUFF (3): 1, Phillips, capital cl., good length, stylish, fine qual.; 2, 3, Johnston. HEN (4): 1, vhc. Phillips, capital length, neat head and wings, sound cond.; 2, 3, Johnston, leader nice size, good length of wing, fine cond.; 3rd, smaller, yet good type and style. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 3, Johnston, leader capital length, stylish, neat head and wings, sound cond.; 3rd, slim type, hardly filled in enough, but stylish; 2, Phillips, capital wing mld., good length, nice style; vhc. he, c. Runchman. NOV. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Stuart, good cl., capital length of wing, nice style, sound cond.; 2, Rooke, typical, scarcely the cond.; but very stylish; 3, vhc. Brown. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Stuart, capital team, leader a good one of fine type; vhc. Brown. HEN (5): 1, 2, Brown, yell. and buff, both typical, lovely qual.; 3, vhc. Stuart. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Brown, nice yellow.

OTHER CANARIES.

Judge: Mr. J. Robson.

BORDER. YELL. CK. (2): 1, 2, Savers, clears, nice type, fine cond. BUFF (3): 1, Hobden, good cl., smart, stylish, lovely qual.; 2, 3, Sayer. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Sayer. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Hobden, smart and stylish, nicely moulded, lovely qual.; 2, 3, Sayer. AMAT. CK. (4): 1, 2, Goymer, nice Greens, capital type, sound col.; 3, vhc. Kemp. HEN (2): 1, 2, Kemp. NOV. CK. (2): 1, Kemp; 2, Reed. HEN (1): 1, Kemp. CREST. CK. (12): 1, 2, vhc. c. Mrs. Montagu Scott, leader magnificent wing mld. dark, grand size, crest of wonderful size, beautifully formed and drooper from a capital centre, grand feather; 2nd, beauty, splendidly formed, neat centre, good droop, nice leafy feather; 3, he, Smith, green, fine size, nice formation, good feather, thick and well drooped. HEN (9): 1, vhc. he, c. Mrs. Montagu Scott, lovely varieg., grand size, beautifully formed headpiece, neat centre, thick leafy feather, grand frontal; 2, Watcham, shapely, neat, beautifully formed crest, nicely drooped from a good centre, beautifully veined; 3, Steel, nearly green, good size, scarcely so tidy as 2nd, but good shape and nice qual. feather. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Smith, var., grand size, thick, full headpiece, capital front, grand leafy feather; 2, he, Miss Onslow, well-known wing mld. dark, beautifully formed crest, capital qual.; 3, Steel, good size, shade weak in front, but grand back, skull, and well filled in, A1 qual.; vhc. c. Mrs. Montagu Scott. C.B. CK. (20): 1, vhc. Steel, nearly green, grand size, massive head, beautifully formed and packed, well lashed, capital qual.; 2, Mrs. Montagu Scott, varieg., grand qual. feather, good skull, nicely domed and filled; 3, Day, varieg., good size, full bold head, of capital shape, well lashed with broad leafy feather; he, Bale; c. Broad. HEN (1): 1, vhc. Mrs. Montagu Scott, very fine varieg., grand size and shape, good bold head, nice width of skull, capital lashing, grand feather; 2, Smith, good, bold green, grand head, wonderful width of skull, nicely domed, good broad feather; 3, Franz, green, capital size, good head, well packed and lashed, nice qual. feather; he, c. Bale. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Bale, varieg., grand subs., good bold head, well domed and packed, nicely lashed, good length of feather; 2, 3, he, Mrs. Montagu Scott, leader fine green, good size, bold head of capital shape, well packed, with nice qual. feather; 3rd, varieg., good size, capital skull, nicely domed and lashed, broad leafy feather; vhc. Smith; c. Watcham. AMAT. C.B. (2): 1, Dickinson, varieg., grand subs., good full head and neck, nice qual.; 2, Phillips, neat varieg., good qual. feather, NOV.

CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, Mayhew, very fine Green Crest leading, good shape and size, nicely formed, good feather. C.B. (1): 1, Mayhew, good green, capital skull. UNFLIG. (2): 1, 2, Mayhew, nice cl. body dark, winning. NOV. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Burt, not a monster, but a beauty for type, short, thick-set, grand head and neck, capital col., nice style; 2, 3, Buckingham and Sears, well-known winners, not at their best to-day, leader the Birmingham and Watford winner. BUFF (6): 1, Houghton, typical, very shapely, bold head and neck, nicely filled in, capital qual.; 2, 3, Lowe, beauties, leader excellent type and style, good skull, fine qual.; 3rd, shade longer in build, fine subs.; vhc. he, Burt; c. Fowler and Adams. MKD. CK. (5): 1, Houghton, the old back mld. warrior, still hard to beat for type and qual., a good win; 2, Howe, lovely varieg., nicely proportioned, full head and neck, good back, capital qual.; 3, vhc. Burt, good subs., though a shade longer, well in front of perch, sound cond.; he, Buckingham and Sears. HEN (16): 1, Howe, lovely yell., grand size and type, well put together, clean cut, capital qual.; 2, Houghton, big bold buff, rare subs., grand back and wings, splendid qual.; 3, Leech, bonny yell., wonderful size, yet well built on Norwich lines, good head, sound cond.; vhc. he, Martin; c. Hodder. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Martin, Dulwich and Peckham winner, somewhat improved, bold front, clean cut, grand qual., good bold head, prominent cheeks, runner-up for the bowl; 2, he, c. Howe, grand type, well in front of perch, wee shade pinched in front, but grand back, skull on an exceptionally short neck; 3, Burt, cl., we liked, lovely type and style, nicely moulded, grand qual.; vhc. Buckingham and Sears. BUFF (12): 1, Howe, most typical bird in the show, grand size, beautifully filled in all round, short, thick-set, grand col. and qual., bowl winner; 2, Houghton, beauty, scarcely so short, and a wee shade longer in wings, fine size and style, boxy feather; 3, Howe, wonderful size of body, rather weak in head, good wings; we rather preferred vhc. Burt, smaller, but all there for type, beautifully proportioned and best of qual.; c. Martin. AMAT. YELL. (5): 1, Trevallion, good wing mld., excellent qual., very typical, nicely built; 2, Goymer, varieg., good type and style, shade weak in head, nice qual.; 3, Thurley, good style, beaten cond.; vhc. he, Beavington. BUFF (3): 1, Thurley, capital neck tld., typical, well put together, fine qual.; 2, Offord, nice clean head, bold front, sound cond.; 3, Goymer. HEN (6): 1, Offord, typical yell., good size, shade rough in feather, but useful; 2, 3, Trevallion, leader lovely full type, scarcely so good in head but capital qual.; vhc. Thurley; he, c. Beavington. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Offord, neat, nice type and qual.; 2, Thurley, big bold bird, lovely cond.; 3, Dickinson, shade longer but useful, nice qual. NOV. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Taylor, bold clear yellow, thick-set, grand qual.; 2, Williams, cl., shade longer, but good style. BUFF (3): 1, vhc. Underlay, nice size and type, well rounded front, good wings; 2, Kerr, capital size, good head and wings, we liked quite as well; 3, Williams. HEN (3): 1, 2, Kerr, nice size, well built and proportioned, fine qual.; 3, Williams, lovely bird for subs. and type, not the cond. of winner but grand for stock. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Underlay, very fine cl. buff, good size and style, grand cond.; 2, vhc. Williams, cl. yell., nice size, typical, good qual.; 3, Kerr, lovely buff, we liked, nicely proportioned and fine qual. feather. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, Fowler and Adams, bonny cinnamons, grand col., size and qual.; vhc. c. Silver; he, Leech. AMAT. (3): 1, 3, Lafbury, capital Scotch Fancies, good size, nice pos.; 2, Dickinson, good foul tail cinn., grand size and qual. NOV. (1): 1, Lafbury, Scotch Fancy. STOCK CLASSES, YORKS. (7): 1, vhc. Runchman; 2, 3, Howard and Son; he, c. Robson. NOR. (12): 1, 2, vhc. Burt; 3, vhc. c. Thurley; he, Howard and Son. CRESTS (12): 1, Broad; 2, vhc. c. Robson; 3, he, Day.

THE HYBRID SECTION.

Judge: Mr. J. Robson.

CAN-HYB. CL. ETC. (8): 1, Heggie, splendid Green-Can., grand bird for size, shape and feather, splendid col.; 2, he, Martin and Archer, well-known cl. Linnet "Perfection," still a beauty, but scarcely so sound in condition as we have seen him; 3, Lamb, lovely eye mld. Goldie-Can., beauty for size and type, just a nice touch of blaze, tight as wax; vhc. Dr. Wilson, many thought to be simply a clear Canary; c. Crone. VAREG. (18): 1, Heggie, splendid, lightly mld. Green-Can., grand size and shape, sound rich col., in rare fettle; 2, Martin and Archer eye and wing mld. Goldie beautiful bird, rare qual. and cond., grand shape; 3, Lamb, lightly mld. Goldie, beauty for size and type, grand qual., faultless cond.; vhc. McQuiston; he, c. Jeffreys. DK. GOLDF. OR LINNET (12): 1, vhc. Crone, magnificent Goldf., wonderful size, grand shapely bird, nice full rich blaze, in the pink; 2, Jeffreys, very fine Linnet, rare size, splendid shape, sound col., full of qual.; 3, Lamb, very fine Goldie, beauty for shape and col., lovely qual. feather, rare cond.; he, c. McQuiston. A.O.V. (13): 1, Heggie, bonny Greenie, magnificent size, shapely, sound rich col., in the pink of cond.; 2, vhc. Crone, very fine Siskin, capital size, nicely proportioned, rich even col., dense marking, full of qual.; 3, Goodall, well-known yell. Redpoll Can., still the leading example of the cross, grand cond.; he, Dr. Wilson; c. Arnold. BULF. ETC. (9): 1, Crone, magnificent Redpoll-Bullie, wonderful size, good shape, deep rich col., markings nicely defined, in the pink; 2, 3, vhc. c. Dr. Wilson, Greenfinch-Chaffinch, splendid example of the cross, grand size, beautifully mld., in very fine order; 3rd, lovely Canary-Bullie, not the biggest in the class, but a good one, grand col., full of qual.; he, Martin and Archer. A.O.V. (15): 1, vhc. Dr. Wilson, very fine Goldf.-Linnet, good size, rich col. for the cross, in fine fettle, but we rather preferred 2nd, McQuiston, magnificent Goldie-Siskin of wonderful size for this hybrid, shows parentage plainly, well mld., and in grand cond.; 3, Crone, Goldf.-Greenf., exceptional size, rich col. and well mld., although fat spoilt the contour; he, Thurling; c. Lamb. PAIRS (6): 1, Shipton, very fine cock Goldie and hen Bullie; 2, Offord; 3, c. Silver; vhc. Wren; he, Sadler.

THE BRITISH BIRDS.

Mr. C. Prior's Classes.

GREENF. (10): 1, 2, Francis, slathers, buff and yell. respectively, the buff leading, fine solid feathered birds; 3, 4, W. H. Howe, a similarly assorted couple as to colour, in fine trim, but rather more cloudy; vhc. Goodall; he, Camm; c. Offord. HAWK. (9): 1, Camm, giant buff, one of the best of birds, and excellent all-round merit, scores by sheer immaculate condition over 2, Andrews, a giant Jougne, of equal technical make up; 3, Oliver, a lovely Jougne, but not a giant, grand in all points and presses 2nd very hard by gaining in condition what he loses in size; 4, Chick, really first-rate hen; vhc. Burr; he, c. Francis; all grand ones, a very strong class. GOLDF. (20): 1, he, Burr, the winner a grand shower, blaze of correct square pattern, extra good on top, clear, bright, silky, and polished to perfection, best of tanning and buttons, a clear win; 2, Collins, trifle narrower in cut of blaze and a mere shade less silky in texture of feather, other

wise a real topper; 3, Stephens, very bold and richly coloured, expansive blaze, though not square, highly polished—throughout, three outstanding Goldies these; 4, Oliver, has a blaze that will carry him far, but just lacks body properties for such company; vhc. Chick; c. Camm. LESSER REDPOL. (4): 1, McQuiston, overshadows the others, particularly good in size, col. and head points; 2, Chick, nice type and col., good lacing; 3, 4, Francis, 3rd close up to 2nd and similar, 4th a good FAL. SISKIN. ETC. (11): 1, he, Francis, Siskin, capital nat. col., extra large and well cut bib, grand cap and lacing; 2, Richards, grand bodied Twite, rich col., excellent marking, nice natural bloom; 3, Stephens, bold headed and well mld. Mealy Redpoll; 4, McQuiston, Siskin, smaller bib than winner, grand dense markings, over "fed"; vhc. Lloyd James, an extraordinary Twite, but too wild as yet; c. Oliver, Siskin. LINNET (16): 1, 3, Francis, winner a gem, lovely head, absolutely sound rich nutty col. throughout, beautifully mld., back front and flank, well displayed flights, a trifle too active, but a good one indeed, 3rd well-known London winner, looking and wearing well; 2, McQuiston, again an extraordinary bird, thick chubby type, lovely col. and marking, fine polish, hard to peg back, a trifle in skull and wing flights all there was in it, two 1sts required; 4, Hobden, best of type, col. and lacing, bit open in front; vhc. Dr. Wilson; he, McQuiston; c. Oldham. BULF. CK. (16): 1, McQuiston, fine big silky feathered Bullie, broad, well polished cap, deep rich breast, smooth as a bottle, good win; 2, Arnold, similar, but beaten in finish; 3, Francis, best of type, narrower cap, not so level in breast col.; 4, he, Dr. Wilson, a bit slack at judging time or might have been 2nd, all-round good one; vhc. Andrews; c. Wilmot. BULF. HEN (5): 1, McQuiston, excels in size, type and col., splendid cap, fine cond.; 2, Wilmot, almost as large, beaten cap and col.; 3, Shipton, beaten size and cond.; 4, Major; vhc. Soper. CHAFFINCH (9): 1, Francis, not over large, but bright and rich in col., nice blue head, shapely and steady; 2, Dr. Wilson, larger, nicely contrasted colours, but rather pale yet, lacking also the blue head and neck; 3, 4, st. plains, stylish couple, but too much inclined to "chocolate" breast colouring; vhc. Silver, excellent F.M.; he, Camm; c. Wren. BRAMBLE (8): 1, Dr. Wilson, a champion, the best we recall for some time, bold size and type, extraordinary mantle and back spangling, good flanks, beautifully rich and clear in colouring, grand polish; 2, Brade, another topper, quite close to winner, even better in flanks, just beaten across breast and hardly the high cond.; 3, Chick, fine, stylish Jougne, any amount of colour, but inclined to be cloudy, beaten also in spangling, still a good one, A1 feather; 4, he, Stephens; c. Francis, very hot class, though small. YELLOW BUNTING (6): 1, Chick, real good Hammer, best of head and eye markings, clear and bright col., well polished and well shown; 2, Lloyd James, close up, similar head properties, but hardly so clear in crown, even better body; 3, Offord, best body in class, good head markings, but lacking in density and clearness; 4, Crone; vhc. Wilmot. OTHER BUNTINGS AND CROSSBILLS (8): 1, Taylor, perfectly feathered and well behaved Snow Bunting; 2, Francis, excellent Corn Bunting, good cond.; 3, Dr. Wilson, charming, perfectly conditioned Crossbill; 4, Chick, Reed Bunting, a good one which might have taken 2nd; vhc. Stephens, Corn Bunting; he, Shipton; c. Stephens; both nice Reels. FINCH AND BUNTING HENS (15): 1, Lloyd James, wonderfully fine Yellowhammer, extraordinary size and col., most perfect markings and grand polish; 2, 3, Chick, 2nd extremely good and well shown Corn Bunting, taken on faith as to sex, hens being indistinguishable from cocks, 3rd Yellowhammer, so close to the winner that it could not but score; 4, Reed, excellently feathered and well shown Greenf.; vhc. he, c. Richards.

Mr. J. Dewhurst's Classes.

THRUSHES, ETC. (9): 1, Stephens, really exceptional Fieldfare, in perfect order, tame as a kitten, splendidly staged, good win; 2, Andrews, richly col. Song Thrush, good size, excellent arrowing; 3, Shipton, uncommonly good Blackbird, dense flights, good crocus bill and cere; 4, Hathaway, sleek, well-spotted Starling; vhc. he, Stephens; c. Frostick. NIGHTINGALE, ETC. (6): 1, Tont; 2, Maxwell; 3, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, all Nightingales, leader has most size and best type, 2nd slimmer build, richer col., exquisite trim, as was the 3rd, a sweet exhibit; 4, Tont, a charming Blackcap; vhc. Hose, a nice Blackcap hen. CHIFFCHAFF, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Frostick, the veteran but still youthful looking Dartford Warbler winning, 2nd a pretty happy looking Jenny Wren, most attractively staged. LARKS, ETC. (7): 1, Tont, most elegant and taking Blue-headed Wagtail; 2, 3, vhc. Lott, the now noted team of Skylarks and Shorelark in the usual fine order; 4, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, bonny Tree Pipit; he, Tont, good Yellow Wagtail, tail slightly damaged unfortunately. CROWS, CHOUGHs, ETC. (1): 1, Taylor; 3, Miss Smyth; 4, Shipton; three handsome Choughs, with little to choose between them; 2, Shipton, a jolly Black Crow, very creditable exhibits these and high testimony to the enthusiasm of their owners, but where are all the Magpies and Jackdaws? A.O.S. INSECTIV. (3): 1, Robinson, Waxwing, the usual combination of beauty and indolence that characterises these birds; 2, Miss Smyth, very nicely feathered hen Red-backed Shrike, a species rarely lunched now; 3, Richards, Waxwing, loses in size to the winner. ABNORMALLY COLOURED (4): 1, Martin and Archer, the remarkable clear Yellowhammer, still looking well; 2, Wade, almost white Goldf., yet still showing a vestige of scarlet blaze; 3, Frostick, Greyish-white Blackbird; 4, Lloyd James, rare-feathered Chaffinch, we missed. SELLS (6): 1, Goodchild, smart Goldf.; 2, Shipton, nice Yellowhammer; 3, Offord, Hawfinch; 4, he, Francis.

THE FOREIGN BIRDS.

Mr. C. Cooper's Classes.

GREY AND AMAZON PARROTS (4): 1, Frostick, double-fronted Amazon, very tight, a gem; 2, Silver, good Salvini's Amazon; 3, vhc. Wade, nice blue-fronted and Cuban Amazons. LOVEBIRDS (16): 1, c. Silver, Peach-faced and Blue-winged, the former a grand pair; 2, vhc. he, Maxwell, perfect pair of Black-checked, like paint, Madagascarian, and Peach-faced; 3, Hawkins, nice pair Red-faced Cuckoos. COCKATELS, ETC. (5): 1, Miss A. B. Smyth, White-winged Parakeets; 2, Silver, very fine pair of Cockateles; 3, Frostick, also good Cockateles; vhc. Hawkins; he, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Pandava Cuckoos, a blaze of colour, seen well bit rough. A.O.S. PARROTS (5): a good class of interesting and varied species, among which the General and Eclectus easily took the palm for col. The Rev. Raynor's well known pair of Meyer's Parrots failed on this occasion, failing to catch the judge's eye, being journey, we think, a little "off colour" by the journey to the show; 1, he, Frostick, Eclectus Parrots, hen and cock respectively, a nice

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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couple, gorgeous coloration; 2, Miss A. B. Smyth, Meyer's Parrots, a fine pair; 3, Silver, Meyer's Parrot, excellent form; vhc, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Senegal Parrot, very rich col., tight and silky. **GREEN BUDGERIGARS** (12): A really fine array of these popular favourites, not a poor pair among them, yet those in the money were well placed by the judge: 1, 2, Shipton; 3, Frostick; vhc, Maxwell; he, Hubbard; c, Hay. **LONG-NECKEDS** (2): Disappointing that a class for such freely kept species should have been so poorly filled: 1, Silver, a nice specimen of the uncommon Malaccan Long-tailed Parakeet; 2, Shore Baily, Blossom-headed Parakeet, exquisite col., very tight, a gem. **TORIES, ETC.** (5): 1, 2, Maxwell, Red-fronted Lorries, and Ornate Lorie, rare and beautiful; 3, Frostick, well-known Crimson Lory, tip-top form; vhc, Reed, beautiful pair of Blue Mountain Lorries, like paint; he, Wade, Ceram Lory, exquisite col. **BROADTAILS** (10): No less than seven species of this interesting family were staged, and a fine sight they would have made if they could only have staged side by side, representing as they do every hue of the rainbow: 1, Frostick, exquisite King Parakeet, a good first; 2, Wade, gorgeous Crimson-wing, very tight and silky; 3, he, Silver; Yellow-Vented Blue Bonnet, perfect form, and good pair Red Rosellas; vhc, Hawkins, Pennants; vhc, c, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Mealy Rosellas. **A.O.S. PARAKEETS** (3): Miss Clara's Queen Alexandras were an absentee; 1, Maxwell, exquisite Hooded Parakeet, without a blemish; 2, Frostick, good Bloodwings, exquisite, but nevertheless should have won classed, their proper place being in the preceding class.

Mr. R. J. Watts's Classes.

YELLOW BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (7): All good exhibits: 1, 3, he, Silver, Yellow Budgerigars, a fine pair, but purity of col. not much to boast about; 2, good White Javahs; 2, Goodall, White Java, large and pure; vhc, Shipton; c, Wade. **MANNIKINS, ETC.** (7): 1, 2, c, Silver, Magpie Mannikin, Grey Javahs, and White-headed, a very nice trio; 3, Buckingham, White-headed Mannikins, very tight; vhc, F. Howe; he, Wade. **WEAVERS, ETC.** (4): 1, 3, Silver, Ultramarine Combasou, like silk, perfect, but we think might have given place to the 2nd; 3, an uncommon Yellowish Weaver; 2, Maxwell, Jackson's Whydah, a grand exhibit, our choice for first; vhc, Hubbard, Jackson's Whydah. **RIBBON FINCHES, ETC.** (12): A very fine class of the so called common species, all in such excellent form that it would be invidious to do more than remark that the prize-winners just about merited their position: 1, 3, Silver, Saffron Finches and Common Combasous; 2, Buckingham, Indian Silverbills; vhc, he, F. Howe, Combasous and Ribbon Finch; c, Goodchild, Zebra Finches. **GOULDIAN FINCHES** (6): A decidedly good lot, yet with the winners well ahead. Unfortunately the Rev. G. H. Raynor's Red-headed escaped from its cage and it was not re-captured till judging was over—this was very hard luck as but for this mishap it would probably have been placed 3rd: 1, Row, exquisite pair of Red-heads, the hen one of the finest we have ever seen; 2, Mrs. Montague Scott, pair Black-heads, hen not so good as the cock; 3, Silver, Red-head, cock, good col.; vhc, Maxwell; he, Mrs. Raynor. **PARROT FINCHES, ETC.** (4): Every exhibit a gem: 1, G. H. Row, pair Fire-tailed Finches, perfect, easy first; 2, Hon. Mrs. McL. Morrison, Rainbow Bunting, charming specimen of an exquisite species; vhc, Goodchild, Rufous-tailed Grassfinch, quite one of the best of its kind we have seen. **A.O.S. GRASSFINCHES** (7): Again all round excellence, and separation must have been very difficult: 1, 2, Silver, pairs of Chestnut and Yellow-rumped Mannikins, both pairs immaculate, either could have been first; 3, Maxwell, perfect pair of Long-tails, like silk; vhc, Silver, nice pair of Rufous-backed Mannikins, a welcome reappearance; he, Goodchild; c, Frostick, good Diamond Finches. **CERTAIN WAXBILLS, ETC.** (10): Common! Yet a "feast of beauty and a joy for ever": 1, 3, Hon. Mrs. McL. Morrison, Gold-breasted Waxbills and Lavender Finches, "gems of the first water"; 2, Silver, Firefinches, very tight and silky; vhc, he, F. Howe, Gold-breasted and Cordon Bleus, the latter very smart; c, Maxwell, Firefinches. **AYADAVATS, ETC.** (5): For delicate beauty this quintette were not surpassed by any of the birds staged: 1, 2, F. Howe, two pairs St. Helena Waxbills, the leaders easy winners, better there could not be; 3, he, Silver, Orange-cheek and Grey Waxbills, very tight and silky; vhc, Hubbard, Orange-cheeked Waxbills. **A.O.S. WAXBILLS** (7): Such gems of the feathered world are beyond price: 1, Maxwell, Violet-ears, an exquisite pair, good leaders; 2, c, Arnott, Black-cheeked Waxbills, gems, rare leader, very close, and Melba, a beautiful pair, but not quite tight; 3, Mrs. Montague Scott, another good pair of Violet-ears; vhc, Hawkins, Violet-ears, he, exquisite Melba finch, in fine form. **CARDINALS** (9): One or two and damaged their plumage during transit: 1, 2, 3, he, c, Silver, Virginian, Green, Red-crested, Green, and Pope, a perfect quintette, but all colour; vhc, F. Howe, Virginian. **A.O.S. SEED-EATERS** (7): 1, Hathaway, well-known Sepoy Finch, perfect, but in the yellow plumage, assumed in captivity, instead of the wild scarlet; 2, 3, Wade, Mexican Rosefinch and St. Helena Finch, very tight and silky; vhc, Silver, Green Singing Finch; he, c, Hubbard, fine Sulphur Seed-eater, we thought might have been higher, and African Sparrow. **DOVES, ETC.** (4): 1, Silver, Emerald Dove; 2, vhc, Manning, pair of Diamond and Masked Doves; 3, Frostick, Peaceful Dove. **SUNBIRDS, ETC.** (4): These flashing jewels of the bird-world imply defy description, their iridescent plumage changing with every shifting position: 1, 2, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, Malakite and Black-breasted Sunbirds, the former perfect, the latter in exquisite form, but not quite through the moult, or would have been higher; 2, Miss Clara, Purple Sunbird, a flashing jewel, perfect; vhc, Silver, Purple Sunbird, out of col., interesting. **SUNBIRDS, ETC.** (1): A treat to watch and simply beguiling description. An interesting feature was the coming together of the Indian and African White-eyes, both were beautiful, but the dainty diminutiveness of the former was very noticeable: 1, 2, Silver, pairs of Yellow-winged Sugarbirds and Indian White-eye, beyond price, better never seen; 3, vhc, Arnott, Yellow-winged Sugarbird and African White-eye, both very nice, but the long journey from the North had evidently robbed them of some of their splendour. **TANAGERS** (4): This class did not sustain its reputation, as the usual variety was lacking, and while all were beautiful, one indeed the gorgeous rainbow hues of past shows: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Black, Blue, and Scarlet, a very fine trio; vhc, Silver, Archibishop, a well-known and patriarchal winner. **BULBILLS, ETC.** (6): 1, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, very fine Shama; 2, vhc, Miss A. B. Smyth, Dyal bird and Shama; 3, A. Silver, Pekin Robin, very smart, but bit over coloured. **CROWS, STARLINGS, ETC.** (14): A most interesting class, which repaid close examination, but Mr. Shepherd's team of well-known Mynahs was absent: 1, Frostick,

Yucatan (Blue and Black) Jay, well-known winner, perfect; 2, vhc, Silver, Purple-headed Glossy Starlings, beyond praise, and rare Wagler's Mangest, a beautiful species with a shining garment of black above and ruddy orange beneath; 3, Stewart, Wandering Tree-Pie, without blemish, better never seen; he, c, Miss A. B. Smyth, Pileated Jay and Troupial, Malabar and Mandarin Mynahs, and Green Glossy Starlings, also staged. **A.O.S. LARGER** (3): We cannot quite agree with the placings here, as the bird catalogued as a Trinidad Thrush appears to be a Mynah and if so, was in its wrong class. Probably the rarest bird in the show was Mr. Stewart's Bare-eyed Thrush, and this was our choice for first in any case: 1, Miss Barlow-Massick, "Trinidad Thrush," in fine order; 2, Stewart, Bare-eyed Thrush, perfect and rare, clad in plain array, but has certainly a chaste beauty of high order, our choice for first; 3, Miss A. B. Smyth, Himalayan Whistling Thrush, a beautiful bird, but in rough plumage. **FOREIGN HYB.** (9): Interesting class, of which we think two—Squamata x Californian Quail, and Necklace x Senegal Dove—were exhibited for the first time. Some of them were very attractive, and in most of them both parents were about equally indicated: 1, vhc, Wade, Magpie Mannikin x Bengalese, one of these hybrids is dark, the other is mostly white, and, but for contour and beak, might be taken for a Bengalese; 2, Shipton, St. Helena Seed-eater x Grey Singingfinch, very smart; 3, Shore Baily, Squamata x Californian Quail, striking and interesting; he, Silver, Red-headed x Ribbon Finch. **SELL** (3): 1, Reed, Red-faced Lovebird; 2, 3, Hawkins, Rosellas and Black-necked Lovebirds.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH

Annual pairs show, Jan. 29, Laidlaw's Hall, Leonard Street, with a good entry of 43 pairs. Mr. James Dougal judged and gave satisfaction. Nor.: 1, spl, 3, Carstairs; 2, 5, Borrie; 4, Crawford; 6, Mrs. Banks. Crest: 1, spl, Datt; 2, 4, Blyth. Scotch Fancy: 1, spl, 2, Mitchell; 3, 5, Smith; 4, Mitchell. Bord.: 1, spl, Smith; 2, Carstairs; 3, Lawrie; 4, Borrie. Yorks: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Gunning; 5, 6, Johnston. Mules or Hyb.: 1, spl, Mrs. Banks; 2, J. Robertson; 3, W. Robertson; 4, Cuthbert. Brit.: 1, spl, 5, McPherson; 2, J. Robertson; 3, Cuthbert; 4, Carstairs; 6, Bruce.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

WALTON, EVERTON C.B.S.

Members' show, headquarters, Jan. 19. Judge, Mr. J. Thornton. Over 300 birds were staged in perfect condition, which made it necessary to procure the services of Mr. Wm. Young to judge the British, Borders, and Norwich. Quality was exceptionally good all round, especially in novices. Brit. classes, which were open to the district, filled well and made an attractive feature, some very fine Softbills being present. A generous list of suitable specials was provided, which caused keen competition. Cup for most points was won by Mr. F. Rowlands, with 102 points; 2nd, Hutton, 78; 3rd, Rowlands, 67. The Chairman and Sec. were enabled to pay out all prize money on day of show, and wish to express their appreciation of the help rendered by other officials and members. **Champ.** Yorks. Cl. or Invis. Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Rowlands; vhc, Hutton; he, c, Rothwell. Buff.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Rothwell; 3, Hutton. Yell. Hen.: 1, Rowlands; 2, vhc, Hutton; 3, he, Rothwell; c, Rowlands. Nov. Rothwell; 2, c, Hutton; vhc, Rowlands. Tkd. or Uneven Mkd. Buff.: 1, Rothwell; 2, 3, vhc, Hutton; c, Rowlands. Hen.: 1, Kewn; 2, Rowlands; 3, Handley and Robinson; vhc, Rothwell; he, J. W. Handley; c, Parsons. Heavy Var. Buff.: 1, Hutton; 2, Rothwell; 3, Rowlands. Ditto Yell. Hen.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Rothwell; he, Rowlands. Unflg. Yell.: 1, c, Hutton; 2, vhc, Rothwell; 3, Rowlands; he, J. W. Handley. Buff.: 1, vhc, Rothwell; 2, 3, Hutton; he, J. W. Handley; c, Rowlands. Yell. Hen.: 1, vhc, c, Rothwell; 2, 3, Hutton; he, Rowlands. Buff.: 1, 2, vhc, Hutton; 3, he, Rothwell; c, Rowlands. Nov. Cl. or Invis. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Corkill; 2, Hammond; 3, R. W. Roberts; vhc, Wilson; he, Ashton. Buff.: 1, Wilson; 2, Hawkins. Yell. Hen.: 1, Hammond; 2, Wilson; 3, Hamerton; vhc, Jordan; he, Douglas. Buff.: 1, Wilson; 2, Costello; 3, vhc, he, Corkill; c, Jordan. Tkd. or Uneven Mkd. Yell.: 1, Platt; 2, Ashton; 3, Douglas. Buff.: 1, Hammond; 2, Hawkins; 3, Ashton. Heavy Var. Hen.: 1, Douglas; 2, Platt. Unflg. Yell.: 1, Jordan; 2, Wilson; 3, vhc, Costello; he, Holmes. Buff.: 1, Jordan; 2, Wilson; 3, Hamerton; vhc, Douglas. Yell. Hen.: 1, Wilson; 2, Costello; 3, Hamerton; vhc, he, Douglas. Buff.: 1, 2, vhc, R. W. Roberts; 3, Wilson. Greens, Self Yell.: 1, Hutton; 2, Handley and Robinson; 3, Rowlands; vhc, R. P. Roberts. Buff.: 1, Handley and Robinson; 2, Rowlands; 3, R. P. Roberts. Foul Yell.: 1, J. W. Handley; 2, R. P. Roberts. Buff.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Hutton. Unflg. Yell.: 1, Handley and Robinson; 2, J. W. Handley; 3, vhc, Parsons; he, Rowlands; c, Kewn. Buff.: 1, vhc, Handley and Robinson; 2, he, J. W. Handley; 3, R. P. Roberts. Self or Foul Yell. Hen.: 1, Handley and Robinson; 2, R. P. Roberts. Buff.: 1, R. P. Roberts; 2, J. W. Handley; 3, Hutton; vhc, Rowlands; he, Handley and Robinson; c, Parsons. Yell. Hen.: 1, Rowlands; 2, J. W. Handley; 3, Douglas; vhc, Handley and Robinson. Buff.: 1, J. W. Handley; 2, Parsons; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Handley and Robinson. Nov. Green Self Yell.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Costello; vhc, Jordan. Self: 1, Hawkins; 2, Costello. Foul Buff.: 1, Holmes; 2, 3, Douglas; vhc, Hawkins. Unflg. Yell.: 1, Hammond; 2, Jones; 3, Ashton; vhc, c, Douglas; he, R. W. Roberts. Buff.: 1, R. W. Roberts; 2, he, Jordan; 3, Hawkins; vhc, Wilson; c, Douglas. Self or Foul Yell. Hen.: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Jordan; vhc, c, Hawkins; he, Ashton. Buff.: 1, Douglas; 2, Hawkins; 3, Jordan; vhc, Platt. Cinn. Self or Foul: 1, Jordan; 2, Holmes. Nov.: 1, 2, 3, c, J. W. Metcalfe; vhc, Hunt; he, Metcalfe. Yell. Hen.: 1, Costello; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Parsons. Green or Cinn. Self or Foul Yell.: 1, Hunt; 2, Parsons. Buff.: 1, Parsons; 2, 3, Ashton. Bord. Cl. Yell.: 1, Longmore; 2, Parsons. Buff.: 1, Parsons; 2, Longmore; 3, Hawkins. Cl. Yell. Hen.: 1, Parsons; 2, Longmore; 3, Hawkins. Buff.: 1, 2, Parsons; 3, Longmore; vhc, Hawkins. Green or Cinn. Self or Foul Yell.: 1, c, Parsons; 2, 3, he, Longmore; vhc, Hawkins. Buff.: 1, 3, vhc, Longmore; 2, Parsons. Yell. Hen.: 1, 2, vhc, Longmore; 3, Parsons; he, Hawkins. Buff.: 1, 2, vhc, Longmore; 3, Hawkins; he, c, Parsons. Self. Pairs: 1, Hunt; 2, vhc, Parsons; 3, Costello. Buff.: 1, "John Bull." Handley and Robinson; 2, Minoprio; 3, Robertson; vhc, c, Rothwell; he, Hawkins. Bramble or Chaff: 1, 3, he, Rothwell; 2, Robertson; vhc, Hunt; c, Rowlands. Goldf.: 1, 2, Robertson; 3, Ashton; vhc, Minoprio; he, Hart; c, Metcalfe. Greenf.: 1, Rothwell; 2, Hunt; 3, vhc, Robertson; he, Rothwell; c, Minoprio. Linnet: 1, "Dotspur." Minoprio; 2, vhc, Rothwell, Siskin; c, Hutton. A.O.Hard: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Handley and Robinson; 3, vhc, Minoprio. Hen.: 1, 3, Minoprio; 2, Robertson; vhc, Metcalfe. Softbill: 1, 3, he, Metcalfe; 2, Minoprio; vhc, Davis. Spls: Best Unflg. Cl. York, Rothwell; Nov., Corkill; Hen, Nov., Costello; Green, Nov., Hammond; Best Nov., Costello.—A. G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

WANSTEAD F. AND F.S.

Third annual show, Cambridge Park Hall, Jan. 20. The 5 cups were in competition for the first time, the cage bird cup going to Mr. W. L. Taylor, who secured the win with a very nice Norwich Canary. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. Mr. W. L. Taylor had the Norwich section to himself; in addition to cup he also secured special for best Canary. In Amat. Nov. Mr. Dalton scored 4 firsts. Nov. Nov.: 1, McDougal. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Purday. Unflg.: 1, ep, res. for imp, Purday; 2, McDougal. Varieg.: 1, Purday; 2, McDougal; 3, Lester.—H. S. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Inter-club show, Nov. 20, at Dartmouth Hotel, between City of Birmingham, South Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and their own society. Entries were extremely poor, only 111 entries in 34 classes, and 29 exhibitors out of an approximate 144 members of the four societies. The following won specials: Best Norwich, Messrs. Gibbons and Weeks; best Yorkshire, Mr. W. C. Wells; most points Novice section, Mr. Hawkesford; most points British section, Mr. J. A. Tonks, who also won members' silver challenge cup, which now becomes his own property. Mr. J. H. Rue judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Nov. Yell. (3): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Gough and Loach. Buff. (2): 1, 2, Taylor. Mkd. or Var. (3): 1, 2, Collier; 3, Garfield. Hen. (12): 1, spl, Gibbons and Weeks; 2, Gough and Loach; 3, Taylor. Unflg. Yell. (5): 1, Gough and Loach; 2, Broadhurst; 3, Collier. Buff. (6): 1, Garfield; 2, Broadhurst; 3, Derry. Hen. (6): 1, Garfield; 2, Collier; 3, Viles. Yorks. Yell. (6): 1, 3, Wells and Clempson; 2, Gibbons and Weeks. Buff. (3): 1, 2, Cowley; 3, Wells and Clempson. Mkd. or Var. (5): 1, Gibbons and Weeks; 2, Wells and Clempson. A.V. Hen. (2): 1, Wells and Clempson; 2, Greenhouse. Unflg. Yell. (6): 1, Cowley; 2, Hall; 3, Wells and Clempson. Hen. (4): 1, Cowley; 2, Wells and Clempson; 3, Gibbons and Weeks. Buff. (5): 1, Wells and Clempson; 2, Clarke; 3, Greenhouse. A.O.V. Can. (1): Derry. Sell. 15s. (2): 1, Taylor; 2, Gough and Loach. 12s. 6d. (3): 1, Gough and Loach; 2, Collier; 3, Taylor. Mule or Hyb. Light (1): Hepwood. Dark Mule (8): 1, 2, 3, Tonks. Goldie or Bullie (8): 1, Hepwood; 2, 3, Bostock. Linnet (5): 1, Hepwood; 2, Raby; 3, Ward. Sisk. & c. (9): 1, Tonks; 2, Price; 3, Raby. Greenf. & c. (5): 1, Camm; 2, Tonks; 3, Camm. A.O.V. Hardbill (1): Camm. Nov. Nor. Yell. (1): Wakefield. Buff. (1): Miss Cullwick. Hen. (2): 1, Miss Cullwick; 2, Wakefield. Unflg. (5): 1, Hughes; 2, Evans; 3, no name. Yorks. Yell. (4): 1, Greenhouse; 2, Clarke; 3, Barron. Buff. (3): 1, Hawkesford; 2, Greenhouse; 3, Sheldon. Hen. (6): 1, Trussell; 2, Hawkesford; 3, Clarke. Unflg. (8): 1, Clarke; 2, Prottey; 3, Hawkesford.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Annual old show, Dec. 11, when Mr. W. Mundell judged 203 birds. Special prize winners were: Challenge cup, R. Algie; runner-up, A. E. Hutton. Nov. cup, J. W. Handley; runner-up, B. Worrall. Best unflg. in show: A. E. Hutton. Best clear, champ., R. Algie. Green, A. E. Hutton. Clear Nov., T. Critchly. Green, J. W. Handley. Champ.: 1, most points, A. E. Hutton; 2, T. Rowlands; 3, R. Algie; 4, J. F. Brown; 5, J. Knight. Nov.: 1, J. W. Handley; 2, S. Worrall; 3, W. Wilson; 4, T. Critchly; 5, W. Hutton. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, Brown; 2, Rothwell; 3, he, Rowlands; vhc, Hutton; c, Bracken. Buff.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Algie; 3, Hutton; vhc, Knight. Tkd. or Unev. Buff.: 1, Rothwell; 2, 3, Rowlands; vhc, Algie; he, Hutton. Heavy Var. Yell.: 1, Algie; 2, Rowlands; 3, Hutton; vhc, Rothwell; he, Knight; c, Bracken. Buff.: 1, spl, Algie; 2, Rothwell; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Hutton. Tkd. or Mkd. Buff.: 1, Brown; 2, Rowlands; 3, Algie. Heavy Var. Yell.: 1, Brown; 2, Knight; 3, Rowlands. Unflg. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, Algie; 2, Rothwell; 3, c, Rowlands; he, Bracken. Buff.: 1, spl, Hutton; 2, Knight; vhc, Algie; he, Rowlands; c, Rothwell. Mkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, Hutton; 2, Knight. Buff.: 1, Bracken; 2, Hutton. Unflg. Hen. Yell.: 1, c, Rowlands; 2, 3, Knight; vhc, Bracken; he, Hutton. Buff.: 1, Rowlands; 2, 3, Hutton; vhc, Algie; he, c, Brown. Nat. Col. Hen.: 1, Hutton; 2, 3, Worrall. Yorks. Green Self Yell.: 1, spl, Hutton; 2, Brown; 3, Algie. Foul Buff.: 1, Evans; 2, Worrall; 3, Hutton; vhc, Hutton. Hen.: 1, Evans; 2, Hutton. Unflg. Self or Foul Buff.: 1, vhc, Handley; 2, he, Brown; 3, Algie; c, Knight. Yell.: 1, Brown; 2, Handley. Unflg. Hen. Yell.: 1, vhc, Knight; 2, Handley; 3, Bracken. Nov. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, Critchly; 2, Wilson; 3, Handley; vhc, Powell; he, Worrall. Buff.: 1, Worrall; 2, Hutton. Tkd. or Mkd. Yell.: 1, Hutton; 2, Worrall; 3, Critchly. Buff.: 1, Worrall; 2, 3, vhc, Handley; he, Powell; c, Greenwood. Heavy Var. Yell.: 1, spl, Critchly; 2, Greenwood. Hen. Cl. Yell.: 1, Wilson; 2, Hutton; 3, Handley; vhc, Powell; he, c, Worrall. Buff.: 1, Wilson; 2, Hutton; 3, Worrall; vhc, Handley; he, Rutherford; c, Greenwood. Tkd. or Mkd. Yell.: 1, Handley; 2, Worrall; 3, Powell. Buff.: 1, 2, Handley; 3, Hutton; vhc, Worrall. Unflg. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Critchly; 2, c, Handley; 3, Worrall; vhc, Hutton; he, Wilson. Buff.: 1, Wilson; 2, Handley; 3, Critchly; vhc, he, c, Worrall. Mkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, Handley; 2, Worrall; 3, Powell. Buff.: 1, Handley; 2, 3, Critchly. Hen. Yell.: 1, Critchly; 2, 3, Worrall; 3, Wilson; c, Rutherford. Green Self Yell.: 1, 2, Handley; 3, c, Worrall; vhc, Wilson; he, Critchly. Hen.: 1, Evans; 2, Handley; 3, Wilson. Buff.: 1, Worrall; 2, 3, Handley; vhc, Greenwood. Foul: 1, Handley; 2, Worrall; 3, Evans; vhc, Critchly. Buff.: 1, Handley; 2, Wilson; 3, Worrall. Unflg. Yell.: 1, spl, 2, Handley; 3, Bracken; vhc, Wilson; he, Worrall; c, Rutherford. Hen.: 1, 2, Handley; 3, Wilson; vhc, Worrall; he, Greenwood. Buff.: 1, Handley; 2, Critchly. Brit. A.V.: 1, Wilson; 2, Evans. Gift: 1, Hutton; 2, Algie; 3, Evans.—A. E. Hutton, Hon. Sec.

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LEITH O.S.

At last meeting the following new office bearers were elected: Pres., Mr. J. Allan; Committee, Messrs. B. Buglass, A. Anderson, W. R. Dunn and P. Galloway, Auditors, Messrs. A. W. Watson and D. Purves; Sec., John A. Muir, 224, Easton-rd., Leith.

DARVEL C.B.C.

Annual general meeting, Town Hall, Jan. 26. Mr. N. Hopkins presided over a poor attendance. Sec. read balance-sheet for year, which showed the club to be on a good financial basis. Auditors reported they had examined the books and found them to be correct. Owing to the small turnout it was agreed to delay election of office-bearers till further meeting.—J. Taylor, Sec.

GUSELEY, YEADON C.B.S.

Members held a supper at headquarters, Regent Hotel, Guseley, Jan. 29; a party of about 28 sat down to a splendid repast provided by Mr. and Mrs. E. Waddington. After the supper the following entertained the company with some good singing: J. Shaw, S. Freeman, and Rhodes; Mr. F. Lee at the piano. The following friends and members offered specials to be competed for during the year: W. Long, F. Myers, C. Thornton, A. Brown, F. Pawcett, A. Wheatley, and Mr. Philip Mason. Votes of thanks were given to the host and hostess and the singers.—W. Rose, Hon. Sec.

SACRISTON P.P.R. AND C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Old National Schools, Front Street, Jan. 22. Balance-sheet was presented and showed a balance in hand of £10 8s. 8d. Officers elected for coming year: Pres., A. S. Galbraith, J.P., M.P.; Vice-Pres., as last year, on receiving their annual donations; Treas., W. Wright, Jun.; Sec., W. Dodd; Assist. Sec., R. Forster; Chair, R. J. Scorer; Vice-Chair, R. Wilford; Committee, Messrs. A. Sutherland, H. Forster, M. Archer, J. Ord R. Forster, R. Dunston, D. Dover, W. Miller; Hon. Auditors, A. Sutherland, J. W. Thurlkettle. Annual open show will be held Sept. 9. Secs. please note date.—Wm. Dodd, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 21, Nelson Temp. Hotel, Mr. J. F. Park, chair. Financial statement for 1915 adopted, showing a small balance on right side for 1915 show. Election of office-bearers: Pres., Mr. A. Maxwell; vice-pres., Messrs. A. Sloan and P. Houston; sec. and treas., W. Hutchinson; assist. sec., Mr. J. F. Park; auditors, Messrs. A. Crawford and Mr. R. B. Gibb. Messrs. J. Kelly, McClymont, A. Muir, R. T. Anderson, and A. K. Hunter were added to last year's committee. Show for 1916 fixed for Nov. 10-11, and half-yearly meeting for election of judges, etc., for Mar. 24, at 6.30, Nelson Temp. Hotel. Vote of thanks to retiring office-bearers and chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchinson, Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting, Jan. 20, Mr. McGowan presiding. Balance sheet for 1915 read and adopted. Office bearers: Pres., Mr. G. McGowan; Vice-Pres., Mr. J. Morton and Mr. T. Sheridan; Treas., Mr. D. Chambers; Sec., Mr. W. Kane, 52, Second-aven., Clydebank; Committee, Messrs. McLean, Mallon, Lying, McCordie, Tawse, Robb and Clunie; Auditors, Messrs. McCordie, Blyth and Simpson. Agreed to hold pair show Feb. 26. Classes: Nov., Yell. Cl. and Buff. hen, and vice versa; same in Borders; Crests: 1, Yorks.; 1, A.O.V.; 1, Muling Pairs, Linnet-Cat. and A.V. except Linnet; Hybrid Pairs, except Bullfinch hen, and one for Bullfinch hen only. Agreed to discontinue post-carding members for monthly meetings. Mr. P. Mason was elected a member.

OPENSHAW, GORTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting, headquarters, Jan. 26, with a poor attendance. Balance sheet was adopted, and the year closed with a nice balance of £6 4s. 9d. Officers nominated: Mr. A. S. Evanson, Pres.; Messrs. G. Gurnett, Foxall, Giles, Daley, vice-pres.; Messrs. Beddall, James Dixon, Etchells, Phillips, committee; Messrs. Jansfield and Richards, trustees; Messrs. Dixon and Giles, auditors; and Mr. Gilbert, treas. Decided to have two nest shows and annual show, same prizes as last year; trophy to be competed for by both senior and novice with four starred birds. Novice and amateur prizes to be counted for with four highest birds; if no competition, only half points to count; 5 new members elected; still open to receive more; nom. fee 1s., subs. 3s. per annum.—A. W. Newton, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting, headquarters, "Seven Stars," St. John Street, Wolverhampton, Jan. 27. Mr. Willows presiding over a good attendance. Officers elected: Mr. Willows, Pres.; Messrs. Bird and Harrison, Vice-pres.; Mr. Cadman, Hon. Treas.; J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec.; Messrs. Brooks, Grainger, Harper, Humphries, Jactemin, Twigg, Plant, Lawson, Thompson, Jones, and Robinson, Committee. Letter was read from the Leeds Roller Club, suggesting a Central Board of Control for the Roller Fancy, and the matter was decided to be held in abeyance pending the result of the B.R.C.C. decision. New members elected: J. Dimmock, A. Hovard, L. A. Hitchman, A. W. Armstrong, R. Totney, J. Drakeley, H. Hall, J. Routledge, J. Jones, A. H. Squire. Roller fanciers wishing to join apply—J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec., 9, Horsebrook Road, Wolverhampton.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 18; only moderately attended owing to many members being either with army or on furlough. We must give all credit to those who came on to the meeting straight from a hard day's work. Rev. J. W. Wragg chair. Several alterations were made in the rules, and of these members will be notified. All members will regret the decision of Mr. Spencer, our worthy sec. (who has held that office since the formation of the society in 1899), that he is compelled to give up the duties. A hearty vote of thanks was given him for the valuable services rendered to the society. Our future sec., Mr. A. E. Hope, we feel sure will do his utmost to keep the society up to the highest standard it has attained. We were sorry he was unable to be present owing to sickness, but hope to be able to welcome him at the next meeting. Officers for 1916 elected: Pres., Rev. C. E. Gaul; Chair, Rev. J. W. Wragg; Treas., Mr. J. Spencer; Vice-Pres., Messrs. H. Brothman, W. Downing, A. E. Long, T. Lane, T. Peters, J. H. Parish, Wm. Robinson, J. Spencer, J. A. Vint, T. Warburton. Committee: Messrs. A. Blinston, A. H. Hill, J. Holland, W. Lund, P. Moss, W. Robinson, F. Walshaw, Auditors Messrs. A. E. Long, T. Lane, and J. H. Parish. Reporter, H. Boothman; Hon. Sec., Mr. A. E. Thorpe, 20, Park Grove, Levenshulme, Manchester.—H. Boothman.

Queries Answered

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A FRAGILE YORKSHIRE (Springburn).—I fear the bird is in too advanced condition of physical wreckage to be of much use for anything further—either breeding or song. Still, you may try what the following treatment will do for it. Thoroughly examine the cage and its appurtenances to see if it is infested with red mites, and if so, take the necessary steps to eradicate them, as given in detail to "P.W.B." in our last issue. Then see that the bird is kept in a bright and healthful place, free from direct cold draughts, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling, near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor very near a window. Every second day for a fortnight give in addition to the staple seed diet half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of cherry and two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give just a pinch of the seed mixture, and a morsel of some kind of fruit or green salad twice a week. Every second day in the first week add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the following week give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre every second day. If bird is not considerably better at the end of the fortnight continue the above dietary and go on with the squills mixture every second day for two or three weeks, and report progress at the end of the first month.

CONFLICTING OPINIONS (Miss Lomas, Barry).—(1) You seem to be caught between quite a number of stools instead of the proverbial two, and as it would be quite impossible to go into all details on all points of breeding in these replies, I cannot do better than advise you to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free for 7d. from our Manager, and if you also equipped yourself with a copy of the forthcoming "Cage Birds Annual" you would find all your questions very fully answered, and should have no trouble in meeting any little exceptional trouble that may crop up during the course of the season. Unless you had a very large aviary cage it would probably be courting disaster to keep a cock and two hens together for breeding in the same cage. The risk of the hens interfering with each other's nesting arrangements and thus spoiling the results of both is very great. Keeping a cock and hen together permanently during the season would be much more likely to succeed, and this is done in a very great number of cases. But there are hens which will hatch and rear their young much better by themselves than when the cock is left with them. There is no objection whatever to this plan so long as the hens attend to their duties satisfactorily in bringing up the young whilst the cock remains with them. If they do not, the best plan is to take the cock away when the hen begins to sit, and leave the hen to do the hatching and rearing herself. (2) A staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape is preferable to one of plain canary seed only for Rollers. (3) There are quite a number of substitutes for the usual egg food for rearing the young, most of which you would find in the little book advised above; space will not allow us to repeat them here. (4) Certainly young Roller cocks can be trained for contest singing under good singing trained Rollers, without the aid of organs.

SEX IN DOUBT (F. Giles).—The external differences in the sex of Canaries are very slight, often subtle, and all of quite a comparative nature, so that it is by no means easy for the tyro to differentiate between them. It is only experience and close observation that gives the insight which enables one to name the sex of a given bird definitely, and even the most expert are not infallible. You will find all the chief distinctions given in the Handbook on "Canary Breeding for Beginners" which has been sent you. At this season, when the birds are coming into fresh condition the shape of the vent is also something of a guide. If you catch the birds you will find the vent of the cock is more prominent and pointed than that of the hen, which is flatter and more in line with the abdomen. The song is the best guide, as although some hens sing a good deal, the song in their case is more in the nature of a sustained twitter compared with the vigorous and incisive efforts of the cock, and in the hen there is little, if any, of the inflation and throbbing of the throat which is such a feature of the song of the cock.

CRACKING SOUND (J. H. M.).—The symptoms, especially the restlessness at night, are very suggestive of red mite attacks, so you would be well advised to thoroughly examine the cage first of all to see if this is likely to be the cause, either wholly or in part. If this is not the cause, then the bird is probably suffering from a slight catarrhal cold, which may be due to coming from a cold room to one in which a fire is lit only in the evenings, and this would be especially the case if the bird was so

placed as to feel the heat of the fire to any appreciable degree. See that it is not exposed to any direct draught, is not near or over burning lights, nor near windows, and keep it a good distance from the fireplace, so that it will not feel the variations of heat when the fire is lit to any extent. Then the following treatment should soon set matters right. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together in the water. Continue this for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHAT BIRD? (Anxious).—(1) Your first question has given me something of a shock, for your description of the bird you bought from the bird dealer for a shilling answers to that of the Rustic Bunting, an exceedingly rare visitor to Great Britain. If you do not want it, no doubt someone who is making a collection of Buntings would be glad to have it from you at a fair price. (2) If you read the report of the Holborn Hall Show you will see that an example of the Linnet-Goldfinch cross won first prize in very hot competition; a really good specimen is a valuable exhibition bird. (3) The Chaffinch-Canary cross has never yet been put on the show bench. If you look up back numbers of CAGE BIRDS you will find several answers to this same query.

SEX OF MULES (Greenfinch Mule).—I have no doubt from your description that both your Mules are hens; cock birds of the cross should be singing by now. You are very unfortunate, as the hens are of scarcely any value; better luck next time.

BREEDING WITH LINNET (W. W. Handsworth).—You can breed with your Linnet this following season; it does not matter about the legs being dark, but when you put him with the Canary he should be in full song, with a dark beak. The best Canary for the purpose is a Norwich hen, these throw the best Mules, best in shape and colour.

BREEDING LINNET MULES (A. Adams).—You can use your bird for Mule breeding without its interfering much with his song, because as soon as the Canary went to nest he would be taken right away out of sight and bearing, when she would hatch and rear the young ones herself. If you have a suitable hen let them fly together in a breeding cage occasionally; it need not be for long at a time, a few hours would do, just to let them get used to each other. Later on, about the middle or end of March, when the hen begins to call, flying about the cage, flapping her wings and carrying anything about in her beak, she will be ready to go to nest. You must then put in the cock if he is in full song, and give them a nest pan and plenty of nesting materials. When she has laid three eggs he can be removed, she will probably add to the number and commence to sit. Take notice of the date, and thirteen days after supply her with a little egg food; she will rear the young on this, a little hemp seed, and fresh green food.

FINCH NOT SINGING (Constant Reader).—Your Finch should be singing a little now if he is a cock bird. If you can manage to get a few young dandelion leaves they will assist him, and you could also soak a little seed and keep it damp until it commences to germinate, and then give him a little daily. Have you our Nutshell Booklet on the Goldfinch? It will help you in your treatment. I think you had better have sent me a sample of your Finch mixture, it may not be suitable, although so called.

PET BIRD (Mr. Bird).—You did not send your name and address; perhaps you will send it on a postcard. I think you will find a Siskin as good as any for your purpose, but I fear any small bird will get away if he has the opportunity, although sometimes they return, and cannot be driven away. It is seldom safe to give them the chance during the breeding season; they nearly always find a wild partner. Our Nutshell, "The Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," would help you.

LINNET ILL (E. M. H.).—Wild caught Finches when settled down to cage life eat rather heavily of the good things provided for them, consequently they occasionally require an aperient; this you should have given your bird directly he was queer. You are fortunate in getting him to eat the bread and milk; you had better continue with this, dusting over it a little powdered bismuth (you can buy sixpennyworth at the chemist). Give him maw seed at the bottom of his cage, and a spoonful of soaked seeds daily; he will take of these in time, and then get him on to hard seeds gradually. Do not worry if he will not eat freely of seeds, the soft food is quite as good for him just now. Give half a teaspoonful of tincture of rhubarb and tincture of gentian in two tablespoonfuls of water fresh daily in the drinking water for three days, then miss a couple of days and repeat. If you can find a young dandelion leaf free from frost, he could have some every other day.

HYBRID WITH DAMAGED WINGS (Joseph Webb).—Unfortunately you do not tell me in what way your bird has damaged its wings. If it has simply knocked them about, breaking or fraying the feathers, you can do nothing to them, but wait until the next moult, although anyone used to birds would be able to abstract the damaged feathers, when new ones would grow in their place. I would advise you not to attempt this yourself, as you may break the wing. Perhaps you are keeping him in a cage that is too small for him. If your bird has actually broken his wing your best plan is to keep him as quiet as possible, and leave him alone, when the fracture should unite of itself.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

PARROT WITH FITS (G. Smith).—I am sure this bird would be the better for a more varied seed mixture. In the circumstances give it a mixture of canary, white millet, oats, hemp and sunflower seeds in equal parts, the whole to be well mixed together, then add half a pint of shelled pea-nuts to each quart of the mixture, and again well mix; in all other respects the diet to be as in previous reply. Continue to use the honey and borax, and Dinnford's Magnesia as per previous instructions. Get some three grain powders of bromide of potassium from your chemist, dissolve one of these in a little syrup, and stir it into the drinking water (not more than one fluid ounce) daily for a week, and then cease giving the powders for a few days, but at the first sign of any attack renew same. The attacks will not cease all at once, but they should occur at less frequent intervals, and finally cease—you must persist in the bromide treatment on the lines given

above. While the respective items of the dietary remain the same, the supply of fruit should be a very liberal one, and the more fruit you can induce it to eat the better for it; all the following may be offered: grapes, apple, banana, orange, and any English fruits in season it will take. I should be pleased to hear how it progresses in, say, about three weeks' time.

BUDGERIGARS IN SMALL AVIARY (Esperance).—Owing to lack of space reply was not printed, but a copy was sent you by post. If you do not get what you want from the dealers named, write to other advertisers in CAGE BIRDS. Re hawks. It is better to fasten these fairly steady with a little binding wire; all are wired very similarly. As regards time, let what are in remain there; do not add others till the end of next month. A pair of Cockatiels can be put in your aviary, but then I consider two pairs of Budgerigars only should be left in. You will require to hang up a small harrel for the Cockatiels. I think you'll be able to get in and out without difficulty by hanging a large dust cloth over the end of aviary and letting it lie round you while you get in, or surely it should be possible to get some fairly intelligent schoolboy in two or three times a year to do what is required under your supervision; his smaller size would not scare the birds so much, and with greater freedom of movement in a small space than you would have, he would quickly get through what had to be done, consequently the period of disturbance would be less for the birds. In so small a place they could easily be caught by the aid of a small butterfly net, and a pair of garden gloves would protect the hands from their mandibles. They have, I expect, already moulted, but as a rule this is only gradual, and wind soon removes small feathers from an outdoor aviary. The Budgies should certainly breed with you this season.

FOOD FOR AMAZON PARROT (Young Beginner).—The food for an Amazon Parrot is: seed mixture, ripe fruit, biscuits, stale crusts and nuts; cuttlebone should be continually hanging in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. A pinch of Parrot grit should be sprinkled either over cage tray, or added to the daily supply of seed mixture. A good seed mixture consists of giant canary, white millet, hemp, sunflower, oats, dani, and maize, well mix; to each quart of this mixture add half a pint of shelled peanuts, again mix, and keep a constant supply in the cage. To help it through the moult keep the bird where it will get light, sun and air, also be fairly warm and out of draught. Spray it once a week with a weak tepid quassia solution; when the warm weather comes it can have a daily bath. Give the drinking water lukewarm, every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into it, and on the other days lightly colour it (drinking water) with chemical food. If it has been used to boiled maize, continue to supply it, but as it soon turns sour it must be prepared fresh daily. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

HOW MANY, ETC. (A. M. C.).—Yes, you could add another pair of small Foreigners, and I suggest

Zebra Finches, as these are very likely breeders. You could also add odd cocks: Alario Finch, Grey Singing Finch, Napoleon Weavers, and, say, three pairs of small Waxbills, Gold-breasted, Grey and Orange-cheeked, without overcrowding if you put plenty of twiggy branches round the room. Of course, you must not change the branches in the vicinity of nests; it is easy to keep these looking tidy by cutting off the soiled twigs, and as regards keeping up a supply, you can easily lay in a stock of, say, three hundred of pea sticks; most nursery men and florists will have these in stock very shortly. This quantity would carry you over twelvemonth for renewals. You can continue to treat the floor as you are doing, but you must disturb them as little as possible during the breeding season. A pair of pruning snips will enable you to cut away soiled twigs without any disturbance, you move about quietly.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for repli direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. James Smith.—Canary succumbed to catarrhal affection of the upper air passages, the result of a cold.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

W. Watson.—Thanks for sketches, which we regret are not quite suitable for publication. You did not send your address, or we would have returned them.

Brass Top Parrot Cage (H. Cottle).—No danger is likely to arise to your bird so long as the wires are kept dry to prevent the accumulation of verdigris. You may, if you choose, enamel them with any good ready made enamel, but this is rather a long job, as the wires would require several coats, each laid on as thinly as possible, and each allowed to set firmly before the next coat is applied.

To Darken Wire-netting (Best Wishes).—The recipe kindly given by P. Virgo in our correspondence columns this week will answer your purpose admirably, if you are possessed of a considerable amount of patience and a certain degree of skill. Nothing is more troublesome to paint than small-mesh wire-netting. (2) Our manager would send you "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages," for 1/8 post free. We cannot trace any order from the newsagent you name.

Skylark Cage (W. Gaynes).—It is against our rule to recommend individual advertisers. Anyone of the cage makers advertising in our columns could supply you the cage illustrated in the Nutshell on the Skylark.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Red Lion Hotel, 4. Members' show; birds staged 4; 9d. first cage, 6d. after. Mr. T. Barlow, judge.—G. Sawyer.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Feb. 15, St. Thomas' Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel-st., 8. Arrangements for syllabus for 1916; table show of Norwich, cocks, hens, pairs; new members enrolled; friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Blaenavon C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Crown Hotel, 6. Pair show and judging competition; 2/- spl. for best matched pair; new members invited.—G. Broome.

Blyth C.B.S.—Feb. 16, Allison's Barber Shop, 7.15. Intending members please attend if you wish the show to continue, and fix show date.—J. Henderson.

Burnley C.B.S.—Feb. 12, 75, Lindsay-st., 7.30. General meeting. Those wishing to join the society apply to Jas. Moorhouse, 102, Nairns Street, Burnley.

Bradford City O.S.—Feb. 12, Flying Dutchman, 7.30. Balance-sheet for 1915; winners of members' specials.—W. Helliwell.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Feb. 15, Ablett's Cafe, Market-st., 8. Pair show, Yorks, Cl. Greens, Nor., Borders, and Muling Pairs, 7d. per cage; judge, T. Rowland, Liverpool; birds staged 8.15.—A. E. Lloyd.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Fell Houses, 10.30. To consider F. and E. date of shows, judges, etc. Fanciers wishing to join come to meeting.—J. W. Robson.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 15, Park Chapel School-rooms, 8. Meeting, pair show, and judging competition; judge, Mr. E. Suddard; 3 money prizes.—J. Spencer.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Victoria Hotel, 7. Business, important.—Hy. Fretwell.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 14, 60, Paddington-st., W., 8. Adjourned annual general meeting, very important.—F. J. Martin.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Lanth Hotel, 4. Pair show, 18 classes; judge, Mr. Payne.—A. S. Treasure.

Charlotteville F. and U.S.—Feb. 23, St. Luke's Institute. Monthly show, staged 5, pair show; Mr. Geo. Gardner, London, judge.—C. H. Pope.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. To arrange for monthly table shows.—Smith and Lees.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Nominate officers and committee for 1916 season; table show of Norwich; contributions to be paid.—E. Thomas.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Feb. 17, 81, Kilbowie-rd., 7.45. Arrangements for pair show.—Wm. Kane.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Feb. 13, 1916. Dubmire Workmen's Club, 11. Final arrangements about show.—Geo. T. Lynn.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Reindeer Hotel, Ryelane, 7. Members' pair show; judge, J. Robson.—A. G. Cant.

East Ham C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Liberal and Radical Club (opposite Town Hall), 4. Pair show; judge, J. Robson.—F. Onslow.

Garston B.B.A.—Feb. 16, Rechabite Hall, Seddon-rd., 8. Annual pair show, 12 classes, with 11 classes for British birds; important business also.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 14, Headquarters, 7.30. Monthly table show, birds staged 7.45; no entries taken after 7.45; judge, Mr. F. Taylor, Skelmanthorpe; 10 classes Yorks, and 2 Nor.—A. Lawford.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Feb. 16, St. George's Hall, West Hartlepool, 6.30. Pair show, also 5 classes for British; new members welcomed.—Watson and Wright.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 19, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 5.30. Table show, Siskin, Mealy 'Poll, and Twite; judging at 6; Mr. McEwan, sp., most points; fixing up fair show.—T. McGregor.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Feb. 15, The White Swan, 8.—Cl. or Tkd. buff ck., mdkd. or var. buff ck., old birds; do. novices; pairs for hyb. breeding.—Day and Roberts.

Llanelli C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. To receive ticket money outstanding, also to discuss the form of presentation to late sec.—D. H. Davies.

London and P.O.S.—Feb. 17, St. Bride Institute, Bridelane, New Bridge-st., opposite Ludgate Hill Station, 7.45. Pair show and table show of Hybs, Brit., and for birds; judges, Mr. J. Robson and Mr. Geo. Mortlock. Admission free. Fanciers welcome.—H. L. Huggins.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Feb. 19, Kelvedon Hall, Kelvedon-rd., Walham Green, 3. Pair show.—C. W. Woolley.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale-rd., 8. Discussion re ne headquarters.—A. Colley.

Newsham C.B.C.—Feb. 19, Willow Tree Inn, 7.15. Special meeting; those wishing to join come to meeting, or send names to Wm. Gibb, 30, South-row, New Delaval, Newsham.

Norwich (South Heigham) B.B.A.—Feb. 15, Headquarters, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting; election of officers for 1916, including new sec.—Geo. Cooper.

Partick C.B.C.—Feb. 19, Forrester's Hall, 8. Monthly meeting and pair show, Canary and Hybrid.—P. Clark.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Colliery Inn, 6. Intending members attend meeting, or send names to Sec., J. Stanger, 59, Grange-ter.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Feb. 15, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley-st., 8. Table show of Canaries, and important business.—W. A. Dyer.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7. Presentation of prizes and annual report of shows, etc.—Roy Kell.

Swansea C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Headquarters, 7.15. Selection of officers for year; pair show; prize money to be paid.—D. P. Rees.

South Shields.—Feb. 12, Cyprus, 7. Revision of rules.—W. L. Smith.

Southend C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Blue Boar Hotel. Pair show, open at 6. Fanciers are asked to make a note of this important fixture.—Deer and Cundy.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 12, Station-st. Cafe, 6.45. Annual meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers; any other business. Also a pair show; entrance 3d. each; judging at 7.—J. Peacock.

Spenn Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Brotherhood Rooms, Cleckheaton, 7.30. Prize distribution and meeting.—S. B. Grayson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Ivy House Hotel, Handsworth, 3.30. Annual members' show; shield competition. Fanciers and friends invited.—W. G. Andrews.

Wombwell C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Ship Inn, 6. Table show, matched pairs, Yorks and Norwich, specials for each class, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-, 6/- Moore.

West Stanley Penetration F.F. C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Oxhill Central Club, 11. Business, important.—R. Hutchinson.

Witsey C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Horse and Groom, 7. Annual general meeting; election of officers; balance-sheet.—W. Chapman.

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WILL buy for cash any quantity Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, either sex; write, stating prices: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton. (257)

WANTED. three singing Goldfinch Mules, in exchange for new 30/- accordion, grand instrument: Herbage, 9, Cranbrook-rd., Walthamstow. (243)

WANTED. good Yorkshires or Norwich; exchange gent's English Lever, perfect order, or sell £1: Dinsdale, Canal-rd., Carnforth, Lancashire. (254)

WANTED for cash, Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, rabbits, bantams, puppies, tame mice and rats: Foster, 187, Richmond-row, Liverpool. (219)

WANTED. 4 pairs Norwich, 4 pairs Yorkshires, healthy birds, for cash, or exchange Phonograph and 20 records: Goldsmith, Chancery-rd., Ipswich. (230)

GOLDFINCH Mule Goldie, song, 7/6, and 4 common hens, also Norwich buff hen, 28in. rear cycle wheel and tyre, wanted, buff cock: Cook, Pembroke. (247)

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WANTED. any quantity of Canaries, either sex, also British birds, etc., cheap for re-sale; prompt cash: Joyce, 9, Rosamond-place, Oxford-rd., Manchester. (246)

WANTED. all kinds of Canaries, large or small quantities, also cock Mules and British; best prices paid: State particulars to Barnes and Sons, Aviaries, Merthyr. (228)

WANTED. big Norwich cock and buff hen, with broad skulls and short necks, unfledged; on approval: Warner, Cyprus-cotts., Dennis-rd., East Molesey, Surrey. (255)

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WANTED. large headed unfledged buff Norwich hen, give in exchange one round gold bronzo sufficient to make £2 worth gold paint: Russell, 70, Buncleuch-st., Kettering. (247)

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WANTED. Goldfinches, Linnets, or Singing Canaries, or offers, for motor overcoat and rap, 16 man 5ft. sin., very warmly lined, or sell 10/-: Anby, 82, Wandsworth Bridge-rd., Fulham. (217)

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WANTED. Canaries, Mules, both sexes, Finches, Siskins, Redpolls, breeding and show cages; highest spot cash given; birds bought or exchanged: Bedford 14, Goodcast, Birmingham. (230)

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EXCHANGE. cock Chaffinch, H.M., 2 cock Linnets, F.M., for large yellow Norwich hen; approval both ways, sell 8/-: Peter Gentleman, Cowan's Building, Ayrbridge, Strathguthrie. (250)

EXCHANGE. hens, 2 Greenfinches, 1 Goldfinch, 1 Bullfinch, 1 Siskin, cock Chaffinch, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, for good Mule, or what offer; yours first: H. Lock, Rayne Lodge, Bramrope, Essex. (246)

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EXCHANGE grand clear buff Border hen, winner 2nd, 2 3rds, for winning buff green Border hen; sell 15/-: Wall, Mead Aviaries, Street, Somerset. (248)

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PAIR Rollers, Border hen, 160 ftwork designs for Norwich hens, 30lbs. paint; state colour, for Norwich cock: Babes, 71, Glenforth-st., East Green-wich. (251)

EXCHANGE pair Norwich value 20/-, for pair Randall's Rollers, to value; mutual approval; Rollers first: Jodson, Newsagent, Pendlebury, Nr. Manchester. (247)

TRAVELLING case and two show cages for British, new condition; exchange for unfledged yellow Norwich cock; approval: West, 17, Kimberley-st., Briercliffe, Burnley. (250)

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EXCHANGE, young Green finger-tame Parakeet, for hen Canaries or British birds: Hartles, 25, Brighton-st., Seacombe. (249)

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PAIR steady Canary-reared Bullfinches 7/6, monster yellow H.M. cock Greenfinch, 5/-, 3 silver-plated serviette rings 12/6, sell or exchange for big Lancashire hen or big Norwich hens: Punter, 1, Grafton-parade, Horn-lane, Acton, London, W. (248)

BARGAIN, a well-trained real Welsh Sheep bitch, 2 years old, £3, or part exchange anything; also little bitch, 4 months, will make a good one, from above, 10/-, or exchange yellow Crested-bird hen, unfledged, or any other birds: Owen, Fort Llallufni, Wales. (248)

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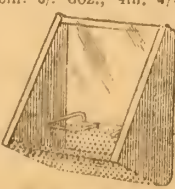
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EXCHANGE, Crested cock for Crest-bred hen: Bradley, 34, Cable-st., Lancaster. (271)

WANTED, good Crests, best prices given: J. Howard and Sons. See other wanted advertisement.

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WANTED, good, clean, healthy Crests and Crest-breds for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, June-tion-rd., Norwich. (275)

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WANTED, Norwich Canaries, also Yorkshires (must be healthy), state prices to: Gracie, Bird Dealer, Wistaw, Scotland. (274)

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SPRING out, typical winners, cocks from 10/-, hens from 6/-, cages, racks; inspection: Roberts, 39, Osington-st., Baywater. (261)

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BUFF cock, 7/6; buff cock, 5/6; yellow hen, 3/6; buff hen, 3/6; two Roller hens, 2/6 each; 20/- the lot: 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (271)

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich, matched pairs or single birds, best blood, breeder 35 years, judge of 100 shows; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (274)

BUFF cocks, 10/- each, pairs from 12/6; yellow hens, 6/- each; heavily marked buff hens, 5/- and 6/- each; on approval: J. Green and Sons, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs. (253)

SPLENDID Norwich cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6; cold room, 1915; cash, approval: T. Sanders, 131 Upper Couduit-st., Leicester; close to Midland Station. (271)

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A Scotsman's Opinion of Value.

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W. RUDD, Specialist, Norwich.

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S. N. TAYLOR, 49, Oldbury-rd., Smethwick, Norwich cocks for disposal; unfledged clear yellow, grand size and quality, 20/-; variegated yellow, winner after another moult, 17/6, good stock bird; clear yellow, 15/6; grand quality unfledged buff, very shapely, 12/6; approval. (269)

PURE Norwich, two massive flighted yellow stock cocks, 12/-, 15/- each; large buff cock, 10/-; unfledged yellow and buff, show condition, 25/-, 20/- each; medium size yellow and buff, 15/-, 10/- each; colour-fed, full song; on approval: T. Smithers, Builders, Hadlow, Tonbridge. (258)

OVERSTOCKED, must sell Norwich, winners Bournemouth, Southampton, Reading, etc.; two splendid buff cocks, 1914 bred, 30/- and 35/-; three very large typical pairs from winners, 20/- to 40/- pair; three odd cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; all these birds are worth double the price; approval: Fellows, 44, Hill-lane, Southampton. (272)

NORWICH Canaries, 1/1, by C. A. Reuse. Tells the fancier all that he needs to know to enable him to become successful as a breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead. The chapters on "Forming a stud," and "How to Produce the Ideal," are worth the cost of the whole book many times over: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London. (270)

FOR immediate sale, owner attested: 5 clear buff cocks, (1) 4 champion 1sts, cost £5 10/-, price £4, or near offer; (2) 1st, two 2nds, cost £2 10/-, take £1 7/-; (3) 1st and 2nd, take 17/6; cl. yellow, winner cup, £1; hens, marked buff, 2nd, two 3rds, cost £2, take £1; clear yellow, 2nd, 3rd, cost £3, take £1 15/-; also 1 marked and 2 clear buff, and 1 yellow (clear); all unfledged; make excellent stock birds; all the birds are from prize champion strain; offers for quick sale solicited: Stuart, 14, Shepherd's Bush, Green, London. (270)

JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH

A few nice birds left; cocks from 12/6; hens from 7/6; state wants; inspection invited; approval; cash or deposit Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds. (270)

FROM CLINCHING CUP BRED

Norwich hens, 1915 bred, colour fed, ticked clear yellow, clear and marked buffs, ran grand heads, teeming with quality, 10/6 e; £2 the four; monster natural colour buff immense head, 10/6; ditto yellow, 10/6; opportunity; cash or deposit: George Cubley, Gows, Long Sutton, Lincs.

J. C. BARNES

Norwich specialist; 25 years' study; well-stud. Winner Sheffield Challenge Cup outcrying years in succession. 200 birds to select from. choice specimens to spare. Cocks from 20/- from 10/-, inspection invited; approval: 113, field-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

W. N. TURNER

BREEDER OF CHAMPION NORWICH

has a few birds bred from his well-known winners still for disposal, see this season's reports; inspection invited; approval; prices 10/- each, pairs from 15/-: 3a, Percival-st., town, Manchester.

9/- PER PAIR

Will give 9/- per pair for large colour-fed Norwich I am also open to purchase any number (large or small) of Yorkshires, Borders, Crests, or Rollers will give highest prices, and will deposit cash particulars of what you have for disposal price to

H. GLEDHILL
FLEET LANE,
QUEENSBURY,
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Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS' CARDS

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, brated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1013.

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds from prize winning specimens of high rank, particulars free: Heathfield, Sussex.

RHODES' noted Glucke and Water Glucke R. B.R.C.C. rung, winners of cups, gold, silver, bronze medals, etc., latest wins, 1st and 2nd, Leeds, two seconds, fourth, 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

WANTED, surplus stock, British bred Rollers, Krenner, Tib-st., Manchester.

SEIKERT cocks, singing, from 7/6, hens 2/6; approval: Bennett, Sneinton Hall, Ashbourne.

WANTED, roller cock; exchange pair of boots, 9, like new: Wise, Boot Maker, Keswick.

FEW young Roller cock Canaries, grand song 4/-, two 7/6: Haries, 96, Wardour-st., London.

GRAND day and night songsters, 10/6 each; days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, bury.

ROLLER organ, 24/-; will exchange for cock, 2 hens, good singer: W. Ward, 47, York Bolton.

WANTED, Rollers, cocks and hens, cock must full song; state prices: Macrystal, 16, Lang rd., Govan.

GRAND Roller cocks, singing, 6/6 each; guarantee breeders: Seymour, 346, Oldham-rd., N. Heath, Manchester.

SIX 1915 pure Seifert Roller hens, cold room in good condition, 3/- each, 5/6 for two: Flet 21, Curzon-st., Derby.

HIGH-CLASS Roller Schoolmaster, bred from winners, pure Randall's, price 15/-: Morrison, Charnley-rd., Blackpool.

RANDALL'S 1915 glucke hens, B.R.C.C. rung each; approval, cash or deposit: F. G. Martin, Park-rd., Wellington-borough.

TO Roller fanciers. The best Roller cabinet the market, 7/6 each; approval, deposit: S. 201, City-rd., Manchester.

GRAND deep Water-Glucke schoolmaster, w commended London, 24 points, accept 25/-: phices, Ash Cottage, Bacup.

NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, day and night songsters, reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKean, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, having de to dispose of all his high-class Rollers, offers at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-.

WILLOWS' champion Rollers, 2 pairs, at 25/- pairs at 30/-, 2 pairs at 35/- the pair; approval: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury.

HANDSOME 1915 yellow roller cock, full song, two 1915 Roller hens, in perfect condition, approval: Beach, Monnow-st., Monmouth.

WARRANTED Roller cock Canaries, in full song (no chopping), 10/6 each; few hens, strain, 5/- each: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester.

EXTRA large Roller hen, 1915, Randall-Wil 3/-; Goldfinch hen Canary, reared 1915, very clean healthy, 2/6: Allen, Albrighton, Wolverhampton.

WANTED good Roller cock; exchange King's Ancona cockerel, March hatched 1915, King's st or sell 10/6: Nicholas, 3, Margaret-st., Pe Rhonda.

CHAMPION Rollers, Schoolmasters, contest sin 20/- to 35/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6 each; few breeding cheap; approval: Thos. Walton, 6, Cross G, Freeton, Leeds.

DEEP thicket and Water Glucke Rollers, 1915: 4/- each; cocks all sold; Randall's and Will strain; approval; cash or deposit: W. Lay, 89, B. st., Northampton

HIGH-CLASS Glucke Rollers; have a few cocks hens left, club rung, also schoolmaster, 26 po B3 rung; prices moderate: B. Linley, 47, Freeton, Hillsboro, Sheffield.

J. N. HAYWARD has a few first class Rollers disposal, brothers to first prize Birmingham, first Wigan, ex 3rd. Bacup, from 20/-; approval: Hayward, Melksham, Wilts.

ROLLERS; wanted high-class 1915 deep Gl Roller, in exchange for 5 Buff Orpington put laying (200-egg strain), or sell 25/-; approval: ways: Jolliffe, Rolvenden, Kent.

CAN spare few high-class glucke and water cl hens, pure Randall's, 4/-, 7/6 couple, honestly w double; B.R.C.C. rung; cold room bred: approval: Wignall, 203, Ribbleson-lu, Preston.

GLUCKE and water glucke Rollers, Ives' strain, 4th Midland, 3rd Wigan, 35/-; 10 Leeds, 27 points, 30/-; two hens, sisters to above, 7/6 each; approval, deposit: Wilson, 421, Weelsby-st., Grimsby. (263)

WANTED, trained Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung; exchange grand pair Yorkshires, sell 20/-; or 4 typical buff Border hens, 3/6 each; sell 4 Roller hens, pure Randall, 3/6 each: Short, 328, High-st., Cheltenham.

FREE cages, carriage paid, 7 beautiful Seifert hens, untried, ready to nest, one slugs beautifully: believed cock, 28/- the lot, or would separate: Miss Jackson, Well Cottage, Scotton, near Knarborough, York-shire. (253)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, best strains, perfectly trained cocks, with a wonderful length and variety of song, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; hens to match, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (275)

GLUCKE and water glucke Rollers, bred from winners of over 40 prizes; 1915 rung cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 41; 1914 and 1915 rung hens, 5/6; 7 days' approval: J. C. Banks, 49, St. Hubert's-rd., Great Harwood, nr. Blackburn. (250)

ONLY one class of bird kept, and that was the 3rd Bolton, 3rd and 4th Birmingham, ex. 4th London etc., suitable birds for stock; or Schoolmasters from 15/-; hens, 3/- and 4/-; Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds. (273)

WANTED high-class pure Seifert Rollers; what exchange for pair Piny Pouters, 10/- pair; Norwich Croppers, winners, 20/-; Bronze Barred Blue Gazzi Modenas, pair 10/6; five cocks, 3/6 each, prize-bred: J. N. Atkinson, Spa-lane, Bingley. (269)

GLUCKE and water glucke Schoolmaster, 15/-; hens in the pink of condition, 4/- each; cold room bred; seven days' approval, my risk, carriage paid 6/-; ways if not satisfactory; cash or deposit "Cage Birds": Colclough, Erie House, Stone-rd., Longton, Staff. (247)

GLUCKE and water glucke hens, Mr. Ives' noted strain; I win this season first, ex. first, second, third, fourth, two vic's, commended, cup and other specials; hens related to above, and bred from winners, 7/6 each, B.R.C.C. rung; approval: J. Hunter, 21, Cross-st., Prescott. (269)

ROLLER Canaries, cold room, English bred, parents and young ones for sale; cocks, in full song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6; all young hens guaranteed untried; inspection invited; travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, Roller Breeder, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (269)

GOODLING'S Hollow Glucke and Water Glucke; wins, 1st and special Wolverhampton; 1st, 4th and special London; only 3 cocks left related to the above, from 20/-; hens from 5/6; B.R.C.C. rung and own bred: 38, St. Luke's-rd., Westbourne Park, London. (266)

BIRDS: Champion Rollers, same strain as my 1st inter-show London, 1st Forth and the Birmingham last month, champion young bird classes, winner of several cups, medals, etc., all my winners bred by myself; cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; no hens; or exchange anything: W. G. Bird, Brook-st., Bilton. (266)

Scotch Fancies.

YELLOW cock, buff hen, year bred, 30/-; approval: Duncan, High-st., Frenchic. (266)

BUFF Scotch Fancies, good typical bird, 12/6; buff hen, 12/6: J. Ballantyne, The Square, Melrose.

SCOTCH Fancies, young, prize bred, 6 buff, 2 yellow hens, 10/- each, or 22 lot: Rigby, 69, Oswald-st., Falkirk. (272)

SCOTCH Fancies, yellow cocks, buff piebald cock and hen, young; approval: C. McLean, 57, New-rd., Ayr. (265)

WANTED, few good Scots Fancies; exchange any variety of house dog: Lafbury, 24, Station-rd., Manor Park, E. (269)

GOOD clear buff Scotch Fancies, 15/-; or will exchange same for pied buff hen; approval: G. Pratt, 160, Norwich-rd., Ipswich. (268)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS AMBLERS, the old Bradford firm, breeders of biggest champions ever staged, and winners highest honours possible for 35 years, many championships Crystal Palace, including championship last Palace Show; few of the best Yorkshires living for sale, wonderful length, shape, feathered like wax; the Yorkshires that do breed champions; approval; satisfaction guaranteed; note new ad. 8, Rawson-st., Bilton, Harrogate. (266)

BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20 guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.C. 20 guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.: 46, South View terr., Sandy Lane, Bradford. (266)

E. CHESHIRE, Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich; in position cordially invited: 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (266)

L. DYKES, the present-day champion (see show reports), breeder and exhibitor of the finest Yorkshires that have ever graced the show bench. Some grand birds for sale for show, or stock birds to breed them; prices reasonable; state wants; satisfaction assured; reliable aviaries: 16, Shaugh-st., Bolton Works, Bradford. (246)

ODDEN BROS., Breeders, Exhibitors, and Exporters of the best the world has produced: Thornton, Bradford. (266)

HENS, 24 and 3/- each; also cages, cheap: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N. (255)

ALM, stylish, pairs from 25/-; approval: Robson, 28, Camden Grove, Perkhams, London. (269)

WANTED, cocks in full song, 5/- each given: Jones, Avon, 126, Plaitow-rd., West Ham. (260)

SEVERAL good unlighted Yorkshire hens, 3/6 and 4/6: A. Chambers, 61, Newgate-rd., Cardiff. (266)

PAIR of Yorkshires for sale, cock splendid singer: Whitehead, Brynall, The Grove, Merthyr. (261)

CANARIES, large 124 York hire cocks, singing, 4/- and 5/- each: Lloyd, Avon, Gorsemon, Glam. (248)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire cocks, full song; inspection invited: J. Shrimpton, 47, Links-rd., Tooting Junction. (229)

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, best blood obtainable; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (266)

T. C. CRAWFORD can spare two or three more pairs as selected for himself: 121, St. George's-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (262)

LONG, upstanding birds, cocks, over 7 inches, from 15/- to 6/-, few hens, reasonable: Richards, Acton 144, Brunner-rd. (264)

YORKSHIRES, buff cocks, in full song, 7/6; hen, 2/-; Green hen, 5/-; seen any time: K, 116, Linton-rd., Acton, London. (254)

FOR good York hire hens for sale, two yellow, 20/-; two buff 1915: J. A. Davis, 4, Church-rd., Bournemouth, Bristol. (271)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire Canaries for sale, single or pairs, cocks 7/6 and up, hens 3/- and up: Simpson, 16, Albemarle St., Hull. (251)

1,000 PAIRS YORKSHIRES,

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair

I have some splendid specimens of Yorkshires at above prices; every bird is in perfect health and condition; cocks in full song, hens in perfect feather and full of life. My rooms contain over 2,000 Yorkshires at the present time, and I invite you to come and make your own selection. If that is not possible I will send one or more pairs to any address in the kingdom on 10 days' approval at my sole risk, on receipt of cash or deposit with editor. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to everyone.

Single birds as follows: Cocks, in full free song, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; hens ready for pairing, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 to 20/- each. Travelling cages 3d. extra; see my advt. on page 92. The above can be supplied in yellows or buffs, clear, ticked or marked, also self greens.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder, Exhibitor and Exporter, AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.

MUST sell, high-class 1914 buff Yorkshire cock, 8/6; 1915 buff cock, 5/-; approval: F. Jensen, 6, Clifton-terr., Kenilworth. (269)

YORKSHIRES, 2 males, one hen, for sale, cocks 5/-, hen 3/-; cash; deposit: Robt. Coverdale, Brompton, Northallerton. (262)

WAR price clearance; yellow cock, 10/6; L. Dyke's strain; bargain; approval, deposit: D. Wishart, Wallyford, by Musselburgh. (270)

FOUR pairs high-class Yorkshires, grand quality, position; seen any time: Scudder, 45, Ashland House, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W. (271)

G. SIMESON has some good Yorkshires for disposal, from winners; reasonable prices; approval: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (179)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire cocks, full song, pairs matched for breeding; inspection invited: J. Shrimpton, 47, Links-rd., Tooting Junction. (239)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for cash, same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (269)

YORKSHIRE hen Canary, beautiful colour, green markings, bargain, 3/6, good mother: Mrs. Cook, London Rectory, Wellington, Salop. (268)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires and Norwich cocks, from 8/6; hens from 3/-; approval: Grindley, 11, North-ave., Letchworth Garden City, Herts. (248)

EXHIBITION Yorkshire cock Canary, guaranteed beautiful songster, together with brass drawing-room cage, 10/6: Ogden, Round-st., Bradford. (269)

HODGSON, Printer, Dudley Hill, Bradford, can spare a few real good stock or exhibition cocks, from 17/6 each; state wants; approval, cash or deposit. (268)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, for show or breeding; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (270)

A. SUTCLIFFE has some real good Yorkshires for disposal; cocks from 6/-; hens 3/-; cash or deposit; write, stating wants: 46, Hammond-st., Halifax. (266)

WANTED, Yorkshires, either sex, large or small quantities; high prices paid, according to quality; also cock Mules: Walsh, 10, Wallace-st., Halifax. (266)

A. SUTCLIFFE has some real good Yorkshires for disposal; cocks from 8/6, hens 5/-; cash or deposit; write, stating wants: 46, Hammond-st., Halifax. (266)

YORKSHIRES: Several pairs of good upstanding healthy birds, cocks 7/6, pairs 10/6, few good hens; seen any time: H. H. 293, Brockley-rd., S.E. (273)

SIX nice Yorkshire hens, splendid condition, 17/6, or would exchange for pair of good Norwich: S. Atkinson, 29, Park-eres, Finchley, London, N. (259)

WILLIAM BLACKBURN has four typical buff Yorkshire hens, one yellow cock, also a few buff Norwich for sale; approval: Dixon, Close, Bamford, Rochdale. (269)

YELLOW Yorks. cock, winner open, 30/-; yellow hen, winner, 20/-; big stock birds, cheap; wanted big yellow Norwich cock: Hinton, 25, New-st., Wednesfield. (270)

J. JOHNSTON, 122, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, London, N., offers some choice Yorkshires, mostly 1915; straight typical hens, very reasonable; stamp reply. (266)

TWO pair Yorkshires, 25/- pair; good lengthy birds, related to my winners at all the local shows; approval; stamp: Rand, 125, Ayresome-st., Middlesbrough. (276)

H. NEIGHBOUR has a few good Yorkshires for sale, bred from winner, see Show Reports, Clapham, L.P.O.S., Watford, L.C.B.A.: 12, Arthur-rd., Holloway, N. (253)

CLASS heavily marked yellow cock, 1915, 50/-; clear buff ditto, 45/-; yellow York, songster, 7/6; approval, deposit: Adams, "Maydene," Westend, nr. Southampton. (272)

J. SHEARD, winner of silver cup, can spare few grand, long, upstanding cocks, at 10/6; hens, 6/-; pairs, 15/-; approval: 2, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorkshire. (250)

NINE Yorkshire hens, 3 Yorkshire cocks, colour fed, all Hamble's strain; what offers the lot; particulars on application: Cross, Reinecliffe, Flamborough, Yorkshire. (264)

GOOD selection of young typical colour-fed Yorkshires, cocks, full song, 10/-; pairs 12/6; inspection invited Saturdays, Sundays: Breder, 222, Kibblesdale-rd., Stratham. (258)

CLEAR yellow cock, marked yellow cock, both winners, 12/6 each; cinnamon marked and clear buff 10/-; hens 5/-: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Medley, Manchester. (273)

YORKSHIRES: Pair beauties, reared three nests last season, lovely songsters; three spare hens, double breeder, 41 lot; illness; bargain: Hourston, 7, Amity-st., Reading. (271)

L. B. YATES has a few high class buff hens to spare, from 7/6 to 20/- each, also a few specially matched pairs to breed winners, 20/- to 60/- a pair: 135, Maybury-rd., Woking. (252)

SMART cocks, full song, 7/6 upwards; hens, 5/- and 7/6; pairs matched to breed winners from 12/6; warranted healthy; approval; deposit: Gamble, 9, Friar Quarters, Winchester. (244)

F. KING: Typical Yorkshires for sale; one foul green marked yellow cock, 25/-, winner of two firsts, also a few odd buff cocks and hens; seen any evening: 49, Lichfield-st., Battersea. (272)

W. D. HALL has still 4 pairs of good Yorks, to dispose of, also several York buff hens from my own winners; pairs from 20/-, hens from 7/6: 124, Salford-st., Kington, London. (251)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Norwich from my noted strain, cocks at 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens at 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; on approval: E. C. Osburn, 21, Crawford-st., Bradford. (191)

VERY long slim buff cock, 1915, 15/-, worth 25/-; smart winged, yell. cock, 1914, 20/-, winner; eyes and wing marked yellow hen, 1914, 5/6, sure breeder: Bonniwell, 63, St. Quintin-ave., North Kensington. (261)

YORKSHIRE King and world's champion breeder of high-class Yorkshires, winner of over 3,000 cups, diplomas, medals, trophies and other prizes; see "Cage Birds" for show reports. For sale a limited number from this wonderful strain at 20/-, 25/-, and 30/- per pair; every bird exhibited or sold by me is guaranteed my own breeding; send direct to the fountain-head for your Yorkshires: 14, Cumberland rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. (226)

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YORKSHIRES, ETC.

Exhibition, stock birds, or specially selected songsters for cash or easy payments. Fine, typical, yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks, on full song, and seven inches long, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand property matched pairs to breed winners, at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair, in clear, ticked, and green marked. Extra smart

lengthy hens at 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6. All cold-room bred and kept, and all clean and in tight feather. Colour-fed or natural colour. Exhibition cocks and hens at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, in Yorkshires and Norwich. These are worth double and can soon win their cost. Specially selected songsters, that will sing by day or gaslight, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Seven days' approval.

J. TAYLOR, 30, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford. (266)

CHAS. MORRISON, the Yorkshire breeder and exhibitor, has some splendid pairs for sale from 15/6 upwards; all bred from my winners; satisfaction or money returned; stamp reply: Clifton-rd., Brighouse. (266)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, including cup winners, Clears, Cinnamon, marked green, marked pink eyes; pairs or singles; inspection invited; also Yorkshire-Belgian crosses: R. Welsh, 93, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (195)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6 upwards; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (275)

YORKSHIRES, winning strain, Huddersfield, Sheffield, etc., unlighted yellow cock, 15/-; also buff cock, 15/-; 1914 yellow cock, 20/-; yellow cock, 12/6; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelthorpe, Huddersfield. (266)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, green variegated, buff cock, 1st East Ham, 13/6; cinnamon variegated buff cock, 10/- and 15/-; green variegated buff cock, 15/-; yellow cocks, 8/6 and 10/-, bargains: R. Baxter, 98, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, E. (274)

BINGHAM and **FURNISS** can spare, in good condition, clear buff cock, over 7in., 29/-; variegated buff unlighted cock, 7in., 17/6; grand unlighted buff hen, 10/-; bargains; not sent on approval: 43a, Hawthorn-rd., Hillsbro, Sheffield. (275)

COMPULSORY sale; 12 high-class Yorkshire hens and 7 cocks, specially chosen for this season's breeding, to be disposed of reasonable; particulars on application; see Appliances, bird-room: James Hird, 4, Ansley-grove, South Reddish, Stockport. (267)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1/12, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. (266)

GRAND lengthy type and quality, splendid, part Bailey's blood, cup, best Yorkshire, Derby; cocks, 8/6; also grand feathered, stylish, quarter-breed Belgian cocks, 8/6; approval: Geo. York, Melbourne, Derbyshire. (253)

BIG 1914 bred buff cock, over 7in. long, a real stock bird, good colour and the correct type and position, price 17/6; with lovely unlighted yellow hen to match, bred from winners, 10/-, or 25/6 the pair; six days' approval.—Edwin North, Breeder, 413, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (257)

CHAMPION Yorkshire Canaries, long, leggy, upstanding birds; grand buff hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; pairs same use myself, to breed winners, 20/- pair; these are very fine, and cheap; cold room bred; kept four days' approval: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (254)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from winners, cocks in full song and over 7in. long, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, feathered like silk, at 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; all cold room bred and in the pink of condition; six days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 413, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (257)

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Club Reports.

S.W. LONDON C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 10, Plough Hotel, two new members were enrolled; owing to so many being employed on Government work the attendance was small. Mr. Burgess, one of our members, wrote informing us he is at the front doing his bit, and has been slightly wounded. All members will wish him good luck and a safe return. His wife sends him CAGE BIRDS, and he enjoys it. Chairman Mr. Goymer opened a discussion whether showing improves the breed of Canaries, but there was not time to have varied opinion; this therefore will be renewed at another meeting. The cash balance in hand on Dec. 31 was £5 8/-. The committee make a special appeal to all fanciers in the district that are not being called up for war; we are open to receive champion members in Norwich, Yorks., Borders, Crests, and British. Wanted, a good real live hon. sec. and under sec.—W. Lilley.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting, Feb. 5, Mr. Proctors, 18, Olive-street. Sec. presented annual report and balance-sheet, which showed the club to be on a sound financial basis. New office-bearers elected: Pres., Mr. L. B. Smith; vice-pres., Messrs. J. Farrer, P. Hunter, W. F. Swan, T. C. Crawhall; committee, Hyslop, Reid, Rieborough, Davidson, Proctor, Smith, Peacock, Walker, Johnstone. Decided to get new rule cards, Mr. Peacock offering to defray part of the cost. The most important new rule passed was: "That this club be open to the United Kingdom." So we will be glad to see intending members at any time. Given normal times again the prospects of the club are very good. As the members are very enthusiastic and have been blessed with a good breeding season, the club should progress; we give a cordial invitation to novices who are starting in the fancy to join us. Annual subs. 2s. 6d., no entrance fee. All information from G. C. Davidson, Sec., 6, Eden Vale, Sunderland.

NORTHERN C.C. COMPETITION.

The Northern Crest Club show was held in conjunction with the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., Nov. 12 and 13, with a capital entry which proved a success, there being some of the best Crests and Crest-breds in the country on view. There were three silver challenge cups and several medals for competition. Cup and gold medal best old bird was won by Geo. Dobson; three silver medals were given to old birds other than cup winner; best C.B. cock, Robt. Armstrong; Jim Taylor, silver medal best old Crested hen; Robt. Armstrong, silver medal, best old C.B. hen; cup and gold medal for best Crest, bred 1915, Jim Taylor; silver medals, next best Crests, R. S. Bewick, Thomas Bewick, A. Lawson; cup and gold medal for best C.B. bred 1915, R. S. Bewick, which he won outright; silver medal for next three birds, J. Rieborough, Robt. Armstrong, A. Lawson; silver medals for best yellow Crest or C.B., Geo. Simpson, Geo. Dobson; silver medal best novice Crest, Jas. Morgan; novice C.B., Geo. Simpson. A meeting will be held at Shield and Sons' Cafe, Bigg Market, Newcastle, Feb. 23, at 7.30. I have had to change our meeting room on account of the closing time; the meeting will have to close at 10. Business: Balance sheet; election of officers, etc. I would be very glad to hear from any fancier who would like to join the N.C.C. There is room for novices.—Geo. Dobson, Hon. Sec., 103, James-st., Blaydon-on-Tyne.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 13, Mr. C. Mitchell in chair, and a very poor attendance. Decided to keep last year's date, Dec. 16, for Annual Show. Secretaries please note, and avoid clashing. Next meeting, nomination of judges, Young Stock Show, etc., so let's have a better turn up.—J. W. Robson, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 10, Mr. Havenhand in chair, and Table Show of British Birds. Judging and other business were speedily got through. N.F. Show date fixed for as near last year's date as possible. This is July 1. Annual Show date fixed for Nov. 13. Two new members elected. Result of Table Show, Mr. Milne judged:—Linnet, etc.: 1, Bearder; 2, Darlow; 3, Kay; 4, Stokes; vhc, he, Clough, A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, 3, Bearder; 4, Stokes; vhc, Buckley. Scitbill: 1, 2, 3, Darlow. A prominent Sheffield fancier was warmly thanked for an offer of a substantial addition to the prize money for British birds at our N.F. Show.—E. Johnson, Sec.

BOOTLE.

Annual general meeting, Feb. 1, Mr. T. Evans in chair, and a good attendance. Three new members were elected. Balance sheet for 1915 was considered satisfactory and passed. Officers elected for 1916: Pres., Mr. H. Berry; Vice-Pres., Mr. T. Plunkett; chair, Mr. T. Evans; vice, Mr. T. Critchley; treas., Mr. T. Plunkett; sec., Mr. A. E. Huyton; asst. sec., Mr. S. Worrall; committee, Messrs. R. Algie, J. Knight, J. F. Brown, T. Rowlands, T. Bracken, A. E. Powell, W. Huston, M. Allen, and J. W. Handley; auditors Messrs. Worrall and Critchley. Decided to hold two N.F. shows June 17 and July 22. A cup has been given for novices for most points throughout the year. Welcome is extended to any fancier wishing to join the Society. Subs. 3s. per annum.—A. E. Huyton.

NORTHERN BORDER F.C.C.

Meeting, Feb. 2, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, Mr. W. Smith presiding. Mr. Couchman was elected a member. A lengthy discussion took place as to whether the point specials won over the late patronage show should take the form of medals or spoons. It was decided to leave it in the hands of secretary to ascertain the wishes of the winners. Mr. M. C. Potts generously offered to make up the difference in the price, and also offered a special to the 2nd most points over the patronage shows (Champion section). Nomination received for officers for 1916 and '17:—Pres., Mr. M. C. Potts; vice, Messrs. Johnstone, Greenwell; chair, Messrs. A. Affleck, A. Montgomery, W. Smith, J. Johnston; vice, Messrs. T. Smith, W. Affleck; sec., Mr. C. Farrer.—C. Farrer, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual social evening and whist drive, Feb. 12, West Ward Liberal Club. An excellent programme was provided by the following artistes, and was well received. Songs by Miss Bailey, Miss Thomas, and Mr. Shaw. Recitations, Miss G. Hellwell; selections on the banjo, Mr. A. Shaw. Mr. H. Clegg presented the prizes to the winners in whist drive. Ladies:—1, Miss L. Holmes, 110; 2, Mrs. W. Berry, 100; consolation, Mrs. Pearson, 77. Gent's: 1, Mr. A. Oram, 110; 2, Mr. W. Sprak, 104; consolation, 75; M.C., Mr. Lord. Messrs. Haigh and Gough provided the music for dancing, and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. The best thanks of the committee were given to the artistes, and all those who had helped to make the gathering a success. 122 members and friends were present.—J. J. Dunn, Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C.

1915-16 competitions; results:—Champion Section: 1, L. Dykes, N.G.M.Y.C.C. 10 gns. trophy, 173 pts.; 2, C. E. Morrison, "W. A. Cowgill" 5 gns. trophy, 142; 3, H. H. Towers, "Edw. Clegg" 3 gns. trophy, 142. The trophies are now won outright as above. Mr. L. Dykes with 428 pts., Mr. Morrison 349, and Mr. H. H. Towers 226, over the three years. 4th, Mr. P. Mason; 5th, Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Son. Amat. Open: 1, J. T. Sharpe, 67 pts., gold medal presented by E. Hattersley; 2, W. H. Dibb, 39, special value 15s. by L. C. Casey, 5, S. Midgley, 7, special value 10s. 6d., by J. Bailey. "Ramsden's special," Mr. J. T. Sharpe, 67 pts.; Jun. Nov. Competition: 1, J. Taylor, 23 pts., special, value £1, presented by club. Three points are all taken from the catalogue, and only those birds are counted that have been starred according to rule. Cash Specials: Shirley, 4th birds, Sutcliffe and Son, Dibb, Clittenden, Morrison; vhc's, Hodgeson, Sharp, Towers. Bradford West: 4th birds, Towers, Priestley; vhc's, Towers, Whitwham, Clittenden, Hartley. Manningham: 4th birds, Sutcliffe and Son, Sharpe; vhc's, Hodgeson, Clittenden, Hartley, Thornton and Robertshaw. Queensbury: 4th, Towers; vhc, Lumh, Sutcliffe and Son. Huddersfield: 4th, Morrison, Sharpe, Hall; vhc's, Sharpe, Hartley. Laisterdyke: 4th, Hall, Lister; vhc's, Sharpe, Thornton and Robertshaw; Sutcliffe and Son. Windhill: 4th, Mason; vhc's, Sharpe, Middleton, Garnett. Great Horton: 4th, Hodgeson, Thornton and Robertshaw; vhc, Middleton, P. Mason, A. Lister. Bradford East: 4th, Morrison; vhc, Thornton and Robertshaw, Mason. Halifax and Dist.: 4th, Sharpe; vhc, Thornton and Robertshaw.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

EDMONTON F.A.

Annual general meeting, Charity School, Church Street, Jan. 27. President, Mr. S. H. Platten, presided over upwards of 60 members. Sec's report and balance sheet showed the Association to be in a very satisfactory position, with 100 fully paid-up members, and a balance in hand of nearly £3. Mrs. Platten presented to winners present cups, etc., won at the annual show. (The Association has 25 cups, etc.). Officers elected: Pres., Mr. S. H. Platten; Chair, C. Sorrell; Vice-chair, G. E. Messer; Hon. Treas., J. S. Jackson; Hon. Sec., S. N. Berriman, junr.; Hon. Asst. Sec., J. W. Tilley; Committee, Messrs. Atkinson, Barker, Berriman, senr., Blackstone, Calman, Cawthorne, Christmas, Creasey, de Fraigne, Domoney, Evangelisti, Hannaford, Harrington, Hudson, Jackson, Jordan, Lawrance, Mardell, Peters, Raemus, Reeves, Suker, Trevallion, and Worthington; Auditors, Messrs. Harding and Lawley. The President informed the meeting that Mr. H. J. Suker, one of the committeemen, had been discharged from the Army and was in a very precarious condition, both as regards health and financially, and he was sure the members would desire to express practical sympathy with Mr. Suker. Notwithstanding the short notice, £1 18s. was raised. At the end of the agenda the President stated it gave him pleasure on behalf of the members to present Mr. W. H. Jackson with a handsome case of plate as a token of their appreciation of his services as Hon. Sec. during the past three years. He remembered the first appointment of Mr. Jackson to the post, and had pleasure to note how exceedingly well the business of the Association had been transacted. The Chairman and Vice-chairman both spoke in support, and Mr. Jackson suitably responded. Votes of thanks to retiring officers terminated a highly successful meeting.

RADCLIFFE C.B.S.

Roller singing contest, headquarters, Watcing's Dining Rooms, Feb. 1, 14 birds were staged—a very good entry for a first venture, and all the birds belonged to members. Mr. Geo. Wareing, Tottington, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Winners: 1, Hickton and Ollier; 2, J. Britton.—Geo. Lord, Sec.

COWEN E.A.H.C.B.S.

General meeting, Carson's Hall, Feb. 12. Officers elected: Pres., J. Beattie; Vice-Pres., S. Menzies; Sec., A. Robertson; Asst. Sec. and Treas., D. Aitken; Auditors, Messrs. J. Simpson and D. Jeffrie; delegates for Fife League, J. Beattie, A. Robertson, D. Aitken. We handed over £2 10/- to the Soldiers' Fund. Agreed to have a Pair Show, Feb. 26, in the Roth Arms Inn, at 4.30.—A. Robertson, Sec.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH.

Meeting, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard-st., Feb. 7. Mr. R. Crawford chair. Treas., Mr. D. Carstairs, gave a report of the Pairs Show, which had the approval of those present. Decided that next meeting be held first Monday of April instead of March. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.—J. L. Smith, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting Feb. 2, Mr. Jones chair. Dinner fixed for March 22, at the Arcade, Ecclesall-road, at 7.30; tickets, 2s. 3d. The menu offered is excellent, and the musical arrangements are in good hands, and it is expected the event will be a record for Sheffield. Fanciers and friends are cordially invited, and should let sec. know at next meeting if tickets required. The judging competition by 13 competitors caused some enthusiasm; 16 pairs of Norwich were staged. Mr. Cowley was final judge. Winners: 1, Curley; 2, Hartley; equal 3, Drabble, Jones and Sparkes. The birds receiving most number of points in the competition deciding the table show: 1, 2, 3, J. and L. Woolhouse; 4, Gears; vhc, c, Hemming; hc, Gifford. Mr. Hemming gave the reasons of his choice, and Mr. Cowley defended his. Messrs. Travis and Johnson elected members. Next meeting, egg-food competition; fixed prize-money.—E. Sisson, Asst. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Annual supper and prize distribution, Jan. 13. After the business a substantial supper was prepared for a good number present, and was thoroughly appreciated, after which Mr. Suddards (president) presented the prizes to the winners of the various competitions as follows:—A. Farrar cup competition, winner, Mr. J. Taylor, 105 points; J. Farrar cup competition, Mr. C. E. Walker, 171. Members' special, champ. section: C. E. Walker, 99 pts.; J. Taylor, 96; W. Laycock, 70; S. Midgley, 67; J. Farrar, 64; W. Stables, 60; J. Northrop, 43. Novice: J. Wroe, 93; W. T. Wheelwright, 91; J. Hargreaves, 72; J. Spencer, 57; H. S. Naylor, junr., 28; G. S. Taylor, 21; J. Verity, 14. Prizes were to the value of £1 15s., 12s. 6d., 10s., 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d. in each section. The rest of the evening was spent in recitals and songs, Mr. J. Taylor and Mr. Bousfield giving of their best, and their efforts were highly appreciated. Thanks were accorded to the president, committee, and artistes for so ably entertaining.—J. Spencer, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

The new headquarters, Rotherham House Hotel, appeared to act as a magnet with the members on the occasion of the monthly meeting in February. They turned up in record numbers, which seems a good omen for the success of the S.O.S. under a new roof. The chief attraction of the evening was a table show of Yorks. and Nor., Novice and Champion, Crests and C.B., Amat. Foreign, and Amat. Brit. Between 70 and 80 birds were staged, a great entry for a table show. The Chairman announced that both the Norwich and Crested cups had been won outright, and that our new host had promised to replace the Norwich cup, and a member who did not wish his name made public would replace the Crest cup. These two gifts were, of course, accepted with thanks. Mr. Cliff, Dewsbury, judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. The next meeting should act as a great draw, and we should again have a crowded house. Mr. H. J. Clittenden will lecture on the pairing and breeding of the Yorkshire Canary, and as this is just before birds will be paired up, no doubt novice and champion alike will derive benefit.

Table show awards:—Champ. Yorks.: 1, 3, vhc and c, Spencer; 2 and hc, Kidal. Nor.: 1, 3 and c, Giffard; 2, Hartley; vhc and hc, Bagnall. Nor. Yorks.: 1, 2 and 3, Humphreys; vhc, Forrester; hc and c, Cook. Nor.: 1, 2, 3 and vhc, White; hc and c, Keene. Crest or C.B.: 1, Moore; 2, Richardson; 3 and hc, Memmott; vhc, Bagnall; c, Hodgson. Amat. Brit.: 1, Humphreys; 2 and vhc, Lindley; 3, Forrester; hc, Keene; c, Blackwell.—J. A. T. Woodall.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.A.

Meeting Feb. 1, headquarters, Mr. W. G. Fellows chair. Decided to increase entry fee at members' shows to 1s., except table shows. Decided to hold pair table show Mar. 8, Mr. Hayson to be asked to judge. Seven classes, birds staged 6.30. Judging competition in connection, prize kindly offered by Chairman. Special best pair, Mr. G. Gamble, who once more kindly travelled from Winchester to entertain and instruct the Society, gave a washing exhibition. His tools consisted of a soft badger shaving brush, tooth brush, some old linen sheeting, piece of flannel, cake of soap, and three basins of water, cool enough to be comfortably borne by the hand and hot enough to prevent the bird being chilled. Mr. Gamble first sprinkled a little borax in each basin to soften the water, then made a good lather in first basin, leaving the others without soap. The soap he prefers is white curd. He explained that hand should be dry in catching bird, or feathers might stick and pull out. Seizing bird in right hand, turning the cage from light, to prevent fluttering, he deftly transferred it to his left hand, and washed with shaving brush well soaped, stroking always downwards with the feathers, well brushing out tail and wings. Neck, he said, required particular attention, and the face was gently cleaned with toothbrush. The bird was then well rinsed in second basin with help of flannel, and last traces of soap removed in basin No. 3. Superfluous moisture being gently removed with piece of clean linen, the bird was wrapped up in piece of old sheeting (Mr. Gamble explaining that any clean, soft material would do), the head being left partly out, and placed before the fire to dry; when the bird began to recover from its ordeal it was placed in cage on clean rag to finish drying off, and in a surprisingly short time was preening its feathers, looking as well as ever and very considerably cleaner. Mr. Gamble washed half-a-dozen birds in very short time, his confident, deft handling being much admired. A hearty vote of thanks to lecturer closed an instructive and well-attended meeting.—G. J. Slade, Asst. Sec.

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BURNLEY

Cage Bird Society, 75, Lindsay St. Pair Show and
Judging Competition, Feb. 26. Local fanciers wel-
come.—Jas. Moorhouse, Sec. (274)

WIMBLEDON

Pair Show, Queen's Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 22, open
6 p.m. Admission 3d. Judge, J. Robson, Esq.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the
nature of advertisements must be paid for at
advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Feb. 6,
Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane. Sixteen birds, 1, 3,
Binns; 2, Wigfield. Judges, S. Butterfield and A.
Bryan, who is home on leave. Feb. 13: 18 birds
sang. 1, 2, shared Binns and Wigfield; 3, Wharman,
Judges, T. Summers and S. Butterfield.—W. Lip-
man, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel,
Saville Green, York-rd., open contest for quality
Linnet singing, Feb. 12; 44 birds sang: 1, Thomp-
son; 2, Sissons; 3, Chippendale; 4, J. Smith; 5,
Butler. Judges, Naylor, Dean and Crane. Feb. 12,
Roller contest; 6 birds sang: 1, T. Johnson; 2,
Thompson; 3, Ridyard. Judges, Naylor, Hayes.
Feb. 13, Linnet contest; 27 sang: 1, 2, shared by
T. Johnson and W. Sissons; 3, W. Sissons; 4, Thomp-
son; 5, W. Sissons. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.
Feb. 13, Roller contest; 10 sang: 1, T. Johnson;
2, Thompson; 3, Wharman; consolation prize, S.
Johnson. Judges, Naylor and Hayes.—W. Naylor,
Hon. Sec.

Quality singing for Linnets, Old Bird House,
Skinner's Arms. We had a fine contest this week;
29 birds sang for four special prizes: 1, Blackburn;
2, Green; 3, Hullen; 4, King. Judges, C. Clayton,
G. Conner.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet Contest Club sing, Woodman Inn, Horse-
fair, Feb. 12; 27 birds competed; 3 minutes time
singing. 1, Scottson; 2, Piper; 3, Beard. Open
sing, Feb. 13; 21 entered for 3 min. time sing. 1, 3,
Piper; 2, Scottson. Roller Canary singers come and
see if we can arrange a weekly Roller contest.—
S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY.

Dove Inn Linnet contest Feb. 13. An extra good
company assembled to hear some very good singing.
Shepherd timer; Collins caller. Four minutes' time
singing. 1, Hardman, 3min. 17sec.; 2, 3, tie, Lowe
and Coles, 3.14 each; 4, Lowe, 2.50; 5, Davis, 2.44.
General meeting Feb. 6. A very good number of
members assembled to elect a committee. J. Hard-
man was elected president for the occasion. Com-
mittee: A. Dickinson, J. Troops, T. Moore, J. Dunk,
Muldoon. Officers to be elected annually at end of
season. Decided that if any member lend birds to
sing, both lender and borrower to be fined 1/- each.
Committee meet first Saturday each month. Decided
to give face singing a two weeks' trial, to start
first Sunday in March. Committee to be called by
sec. when necessary. A vote of thanks was passed
to the sec. We shall be pleased to see any fanciers
if they will give us a call. We made a few more
members.—J. Hardman, Sec.

Twitterings.

Messrs. Ambler, the well-known Yorkshire
Canary breeders, have removed to 8, Rawson
Street, Bilton, Harrogate.

The London and County A.C.B. is holding
its annual pair show, Feb. 19, at Victoria
Hotel, Charterhouse Street. Judge Mr. H.
Norman. Show opens at 6. Admission 2d.

The balance-sheet of the Eastleigh C.B.S.
shows that, after handing over £1 4s. to the
Wounded Soldiers' Cigarette Fund, the balance
in hand for 1916 is £1 8s. 9d. against
18s. 5d. brought forward for 1915.

Fanciers may see how the "City" mem-
bers pair their birds for practical breeding,
also the quality of their British and Foreign
birds at their annual show on Wednesday,
Feb. 23. Open all day. Great show in every
way. Church Institute, Paddington Street,
close to Baker Street Station. (Advt.)

A hen Blackbird with a white head and
with white markings on the back is to be
seen about the Flower Walk in Kensington
Gardens.

Please accept my sincere thanks for
depicting my Crested Canaries on front
page of last week's CAGE BIRDS. The pic-
ture does your artist great credit, writes Mr.
F. G. Bale, Barnstaple.

We are holding a show on Feb. 19 for the
benefit of our local soldiers, writes Mr. D.
Hamm, Fencehouses. Show opens at 1 in the
Dubuirs Workman's Club Hall. Should
like to see all fanciers come, as it is for a
good cause.

Mr. Allen Silver writes that all prize-
money, specials, and sale money relating to
the Holborn Hall show have been paid out.
Also that he is in no way connected with
anyone else advertising under the name of
Silver.

I have taken up the duties of secretary of
Halifax O.S., writes Mr. J. J. Dunn, 67,
Hartley Street, Battinson Road, Halifax, and
all communications should now be addressed
to me. Secs. of other societies should please
note our annual open show will be held Nov.
17 and 18. Messrs. C. A. House and H. W.
Battye judges.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the
Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. J. Hop-
kins, 9, Crompton Avenue, Brightmet,
Bolton, and shall be glad if all communi-
cations appertaining to the club are sent to
me. May I ask those members who are in
arrears with their subscriptions to send same
to me at their earliest convenience.

At the annual meeting of the Vale of
Conway Agric. Society, Feb. 8, it was de-
cided to hold the annual open show on Wed-
nesday, Aug. 23, when extensive classifica-
tions will be offered. The sec., Mr. J. R.
Chambers, Poplar Grove, Llanrwst, informs
us that several "specials" have already been
promised, and he appeals to the "fancy" to
assist him in this direction.

We have received the schedule of the show
of the City and Suburban A.C.B., to be held
in the Church Institute, Paddington Street,
Feb. 23. There are 32 pair classes, 7 of
which are for amateurs and 9 for novices,
1 hybrid, 18 British, 3 selling, and 6 Foreign
classes. The prizes are on the sliding scale,
and entries close Feb. 18 to the new hon.
sec., F. J. Martin, 54, Battersca Park Road,
S.W.

Is this a Record?

At the recent meeting of the Vale of Leven
C.B.C., writes Mr. A. H. M'Lean, thirty-
nine new members were admitted. How
does this stand for a record?

Serbia's Need.

We are asked to state that contributions
intended for the benefit of the distressed
Serbian population should be sent to the Earl
of Desart, K.C.B., at the offices of the Fund
(of which H.M. the Queen is patroness), 5,
Cromwell Road, South Kensington, S.W.

Show Dates for 1916.

Besides those already announced, we hear
that the dates of the following shows have
been arranged. Secretaries of other societies
might note these in order to avoid clashing:
Eastleigh C.B.S., Nov. 15 and 16. Llanrwst,
Aug. 23. Liverpool O.S., Oct. 20 and 21.
Cheltenham C.B.S., Nov. 1 and 2. Halifax
O.S., Nov. 17 and 19. Southampton C.B.S.,
Nov. 29 and 30. Liverpool British Bird
Show, June 10 and 12.

Larkhall Realises \$55 for the Red Cross Society.

The committee of Larkhall C.B.A., writes
Mr. Allan Thomson, sec. and treas., desire
to thank all fanciers and friends who assisted
them at their recent Red Cross show, either
with entries or donations; also the three
judges who gave their services gratis. Our
first open show has been a great success, and
we expect to publish our next date shortly.
The sum realised was \$55, and has now been
handed over to the Red Cross Society.

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In the "Avicultural Magazine" (the Journal
of the Avicultural Society) for February, Dr.
A. G. Butler, writes on the Goldfinch, Mrs.
Staveley-Hill tells a delightful story about
her pet Piping Crow, and Mr. F. E. Blauw
contributes an article on Sunbirds in Africa.
The editor, Mr. H. D. Astley, sends some
"Miscellaneous Notes" on his birds, and
other articles are "Wonders of the Birds
Nests," by Felix J. Koch, and "Some Fire-
finches and other Gambian Birds," by Dr. E.
Hopkinson.

Starlings in London City.

This winter a most remarkable phenomenon,
says Mr. Francis Stopford, in the London
"Daily Express," has been the roosting of
Starlings in the trees of the Temple. Night
after night they have gathered in their hun-
dreds of thousands, not only huddling to-
gether on the boughs, but massing, almost
like swarming bees, round the chimney stacks.
They have invaded courts of the Temple where
never a bird has roosted before.

OUR PAINTING COMPETITION.

We have rarely had so difficult a task in
apportioning a prize as that involved in judg-
ing the best painting of the front page of
our Christmas number. The all-round merit
of the paintings sent in is of such a high
degree that when we had made a final selec-
tion of half a dozen, and in doing so had
thrown out score upon score of brilliant
attempts, we were faced with a problem
which seemed to defy solution, and when we
had reduced these to two, selection could
absolutely go no farther, so we have decided
to divide the guinea prize between Dora
Sulman, 18, Southwood Lane, Highgate, who
sent in a charming water colour picture, and
F. Clarke, 5, Melbourne Terrace, Topcliffe
Road, Thirsk, whose painting was done in
oils.

The others of the top half dozen were the
pictures sent in by J. Jones, Ferryhill;
Doreen M. Dillon, Catford; Miss M. Rodel,
King's Langley; and J. Palmer, Edinburgh.
Efforts which were very little short of the
best in artistic merit came from G. A. Lau-
rence, a very nice painting in oils; Alice M.
Cook, water colours; and Aubrey Neave,
crayons; while of the others special mention
must be made of the pictures sent in by T.
Norton, Gertrude M. White, Bert Outram,
G. Batby, F. Slade, Doris Bowden (age 15),
Mrs. Huggins (2), J. S. Brown, H. Hosker,
Marjorie Sykes, F. S. Jones, J. Barker, and
C. Dunn.

One effort came from the fighting line.
The sender, Private Hodgson, of the 5th
Borders, says in a note accompanying the
picture, which has evidently been done under
difficulties, for it is torn, mud-marked, and
grease-spotted: "Receiving from home a copy
of CAGE BIRDS while up in the trenches, and
to pass the weary hours away, under shot
and shell, I asked first one and then another
(presumably for the coloured pencils with
which the work appears to have been done.
—Ed.), and at last got it partly done. What
little I have done at the picture is the best
I could do in the wet trenches, waist deep
in water. Any odd CAGE BIRDS numbers
would be very acceptable." (We need scarcely
say we have sent a parcel of CAGE BIRDS
to our soldier reader.—Editor.)

Robins in a Cow's Tail.

Mr. Oliver Pike, the well-known naturalist,
who has delighted thousands by his deligh-
tful illustrated lectures on bird life, told an
audience in Darlington on Jan. 12 that the
most curious nesting place he had seen was
in the end of a cow's tail—but the tail was
not on the cow. It was hanging in a
butcher's slaughter-house, and a pair of
Robins had built a most wonderful nest in
the hair with grasses, in which they success-
fully reared five young Robins.

The Holborn Hall Show.

Mr. Silver informs us that only two of
his five Cardinals, referred to by our re-
porter as colour-fed, have ever tasted colour
food.

We hear that directly after the show Mr.
Frostick's Blackbird, which obtained a
"commended," was sold for a higher price
than quoted in the catalogue.

We regret that the awards in the class for
Tits, etc., were omitted from our report.
They were: 1, diploma, best British bird,
vhe, Frostick, the winner the Long-tailed
Tit mentioned elsewhere; 2, Mrs. Huggins,
pair of Bearded Redlings; 3, Miss A. B.
Smyth, pair of Nuthatches; and 4, Maxwell,
Bearded Redlings.

The following classes, included under the
heading "Mr. Watts's classes," were
judged by Mr. C. Cooper: Yellow Budgeri-
gers, Weavers, Parrot Finches, "X-
bills, Cardinals, A.O.S. Seed-eaters, Doves,
and Foreign Hybrids.

Among those who rendered yeoman service
at the show, for which we omitted to give
credit in our report, were Messrs. Parker,
Robinson, Pretzel and West.

HOW ADVERTISING PAYS.

"CAGE BIRDS is the best paper I have ever
advertised in. I had 27 replies to my advertise-
ment in the issue of January 8th, and could not
answer them all."—H. R. CONRON (Douglas,
Co. Cork).

"From my advt. of December 25th I have
sold out everything. A 2s. 6d. advt. has brought
me in £5 16s. 6d.; this speaks very well for
CAGE BIRDS, and I wish it every success."—
H. KAY (Blackpool).

"Please thank all those who replied to my
advertisement under the heading of Yorkshires;
it is impossible to answer them all."—H. A.
OLIVE (Sittingbourne).

"Please thank the numerous applicants for
my Bullfinches, advertised in CAGE BIRDS last
week. They are too many for me. The birds
were sold on Saturday, and still the Postal
Orders and offers come."—C. ROWSELL
(Berwick-on-Tweed).

"Don't fail to stop my advertisement in
Roller Column of CAGE BIRDS, and if any
deposit reaches you please send it back, as I
have sold out of cocks, and have only a few hens
left."—H. COX (W. Bromwich).

"Please do not insert my advert. again.
What with telegrams, postcards, letters con-
taining cheques, and offers, I have got a day's
work answering them and returning cheques.
Needless to say, I have sold the birds."—W.
BAYLISS (Stratford).

"I have had so many enquiries in reply to
my advert that I could not answer them all
except through CAGE BIRDS. The bird was
sold by Saturday morning at 11.30. I have
returned all cheques."—S. GREENWOOD
(Silsden).

HEARD AT HOLBORN HALL SHOW.

The country members were well to the
fore in their support. Of the 116 exhibitors
53 were provincial members.

Mr. Allen Silver, whose untiring efforts
tended so greatly to the success of the show,
himself sent 54 exhibits; these took six hours
in the staging and packing.

Sales were good, especially in foreign birds.
£10 was given for one of the mules.

The Duchess of Wellington visited the
show, and bought Mr. Hawkins' Rosellas at
catalogue price.

Among other notable visitors were the
Hon. Mrs. Bourke, the Hon. Mrs. McLaren
Morrison, Mrs. Croker (Leominster), Mrs. Dud-
ley Hill (Marlow), Mrs. Askham (Torquay),
the Rev. and Mrs. Raynor (Maldon), Mr. and
Mrs. Montagu-Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gros-
smith (Bickley), Mr. and Mrs. Mason (Broad-
stairs), Dr. Amsler (Eton), Dr. Channings
Pearce (Ramsgate), Captain Reeve, Mrs. and
Miss Reeve, Lieut. Morris, Mr. Teschemaker
(Teignmouth), etc.

Mr. Frostick, who was responsible for the
clerical work in the British and Hybrid sec-
tions had a field day. He won, amongst
other things, diploma for the best British
bird, and specials for best Amazon, best
Parrot, and best Insectivorous Foreign.

Mr. Silver captured Ramsden's special with
his Wagler's Hangnest, also the special for
best Cockatiels. Another of Mr. Ramsden's
specials went to Mr. Crone's Goldfinch mule.

Mr. Crone took also the diploma for best
hybrid with his Redpoll-Bullfinch, while the
Rosslyn Manner special for the rarest
British hybrid went to Dr. Wilson, for his
Greenfinch-Chaffinch, and the Manner special
for rarest Foreign hybrid was won by
Mr. Wade's Magpie Mannikin-Bengalese.

Some of the experts would have given this
latter special to Mr. Shore-Bailey's Cali-
fornia-Squamata Quails.

Among other special winners were:
Parker Robinson medals; champion section,
McQuiston, novice, Richards; Lott medal,
Stephens; best Waxbill, Maxwell; best
Foreign Finch, Row; best nectar feeding,
Hon. Mrs. Bourke; L.C.B.A. Crest bowl,
A. J. Smith; L.C.B.A. unfledged Norwich
bowl, W. H. Howe; Boxall cup, Johnston;
Crisp cup, Knight.

The hall was entirely cleared by 10 p.m. on
the closing day, and Mr. Trower, whose stall
of specialities was one of the attractions of
the show, kindly provided an express van
to deal with the long-distance special de-
spatches, which left the hall soon after seven
in time for early night mails.

A curiosity in judging for the specials
caused some comment. Mr. Frostick's Long-
tailed Tit was awarded the special for the
best British bird in the show, while the same
judge, Mr. Dewhurst, awarded the special
for the best small insectivorous British bird
to Mr. Frostick's Dartford Warbler! Surely
a Long-tailed Tit is a small insectivorous
British bird, and if it was entitled to the
special for the best British in the show it
is difficult to see why it was not also best in
its own section.

Miss Barlow Massick's Mynah (described
as a Trinidad Thrush) was originally entered
in the Mynah class, and was transferred to
the A.O.S. class because of its description.

COLOUR IN THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD

By T. JOHNSON (Southport.)

Mr. Johnson, in this instructive article, gives the views of some of the top rank of Norwich Canary breeders on the vexed question of introducing the Lizard to improve colour and on the best methods of using Green blood for the same purpose.

MR. ALLSOPP, in his article on the improvement of colour, has referred to the birds of the Norwich Fanciers of the north as possessing a colour that he considers extraordinary, and, being in Manchester for the week-end, I visited a few of the more prominent breeders of Norwich in Cottonopolis with the intention of getting their views on the question of using the Lizard to improve colour.

Whenever Mr. Allsopp opens his mouth he generally says something, by which I mean he generally sets fanciers thinking. Incidentally, he sometimes raises a hornet's nest about his ears, because he raises some point which is controversial. Like most writers who think, his writings invite criticism; but why the criticism should have so much sodium chloride mixed with it, or why Mr. Allsopp should retort as if he bore an implacable resentment towards his critics, is beyond my comprehension. Who wants to know what Mr. Cole said to "Sunny Jim" three years ago, or what Mr. A. wrote in his article of twelve months ago? "To-night's the night," not yesterday.

However, if I go on like this, I shall leave myself open to a retort that this savours too much of Satan rebuking sin, so I will proceed with these notes and give Mr. Allsopp and readers of CAGE BIRDS the benefit of what the Manchester fanciers think of the Lizard cross.

They are great producers of Norwich, but they are also very modest. Nothing will induce them to set their hand to a pen to tackle Mr. Allsopp's Lizard conjectures—for conjectures they surely are. So I thought I would beard the lions in their dens, as it were, and

pump them dry on this subject.

The first gentleman I questioned was Mr. A. G. Smith, the breeder of the wonderful variegated yellow hen, perhaps the best yellow hen ever benched. Mr. Smith is one of those fanciers with a retiring disposition. His personality is remarkable for its absence of swank; and particularly is this noticeable when one knows him to be possessed of a team of birds right in the front rank. It was really but a matter of form asking Mr. Smith how he gets colour in his birds, for they are teeming with green blood; but I put the question as a matter of course and asked him which sort of green he prefers.

He likes the green that is almost black, and likes using it from the hen side, preferably a variegated hen. Asked his reasons for using it on the hen side, he said he thought he got a larger percentage of yellow hens and fewer buffs. I also asked him what he thought of the Lizard cross. He said he shouldn't think of using the Lizard, because what he gained in colour—which is debatable—he lost in other properties.

Mr. Green, the secretary of the Manchester and N.C.O.S., was my next auditor. He is the producer of the wonderful clear buff hen that was the sensation of the Liverpool and Manchester show, and when asked how he gets colour, he was emphatically of the opinion that green blood was the best agent. He believes in using it on the cock side, because it infuses better, the cock being the stronger parent. He also prefers the dark green to the Liverpool green, and was of the opinion that the Lizard cross was of no use for present-day competition.

I next questioned Mr. J. Raynes. Every Norwich fancier knows that Mr. Raynes has been connected with the Norwich Canary for a great number of years, and any information he can be prevailed upon to give must be worth while. He believes also in green blood, and uses it from the hen side, because one is apt to get too much variegation if used from the cock side; in fact, he added that there are at the present time too many variegated birds. When I referred him to Mr. Allsopp's article and asked him his opinion, he smiled and said: "Are you sure Mr. Allsopp isn't pulling our legs?"

Mr. W. N. Turner is a big breeder. He breeds from a big stud, and has every opportunity of noticing these little points, and his information to me was very complete. To get colour, he says the best way is to pair two ticked yellows, birds that are ticked right down to the quill, by which he means not mere surface ticks. He said that possibly one would get a self green from this pairing, and this was sure to be a fountain of colour. He certainly has a great many marked birds in his room, so it is evident he practises what he preaches.

Mr. Chilton was the next fancier I troubled. He also has a large stock, and has lately emerged from his novitiate. He has a fine collection of Norwich, but he admits that colour is not his strong point, and is intending improving that point in the near future. When asked if he were going to use the Lizard cross, he also smiled, and said that anyone who knew anything of present-day requirements would hesitate to use the Lizard.

I next journeyed to Mr. Sam Cook's. That name needs no introduction, for it is known from Land's End to John O'Groat's. His birds have every property that a Norwich should have, and not the least is colour. They are a blaze of colour, and one of them, his unflighted buff, that has done so well this year is bred from two buffs, and I believe it was shown at the nest feather show as a yellow,

so one can imagine what a colour it is.

Mr. Cook breeds from double buff or double yellow, just as the pairing suits him in other directions, but he gave me to understand that on no account would he pair two buffs that were pale in colour. His birds also are plentifully besprinkled with green blood. When asked if he thought that the Lizard would improve colour, he said that perhaps it would, but other points would degenerate to such an extent that it would be years before they could be got back to show perfection again.

To sum up, it would seem that the best colouring agent is the green, and the best green is the black green. Double yellowing seems to be a popular method of improving colour, but I would point out that one must be careful what sort of birds one pairs up. One must have stout birds, short bodied, with short thick necks, because of the tendency when breeding from two yellows for the young to run thin in neck.

Difference of opinion exists as to the side on which to use the green blood, but no doubt good results will accrue either way. Anyhow, it is manifest from the foregoing that green blood, and not the Lizard cross, is the best colouring agent, unless one thinks like the Yorkshire breeder, who is a bit of a wag, and when asked which he thought the best colouring agent, replied: "Ramsden's: R A M S D E N ' S."

Correspondence.

On Sending Birds by Rail.

SIR,—A reader in CAGE BIRDS says he received three Norwich Canaries from Scotland in a box about 2in. deep, and no sign of food in. Well, that is cruelty, and the sender was liable to a fine of a sovereign for each bird. Some time ago a man sent six small birds in a shallow box, and he was fined £6. All travelling boxes should be high enough for the birds to stand up. I fasten a strip of wood across for them to perch on, for slipping about on a smooth floor frightens them. I put a handful of seed in, and a piece of apple. Roller cocks should be sent in a small wire cage inside a wooden box, so that on arrival at their destination they need not be immediately transferred to another cage, for as a rule, after having a drink of water they soon commence to sing, and the purchaser knows what he is getting for his money. Roller hens are bought on faith; if they have tight feathers, and bright eyes, you just turn them into the flight,

ATHERTON.

SIR,—I should like to add a few words to Mr. Cockerill's letter re railway companies' carrying of birds. On Dec. 8 last I sent a case of birds from Leicester to Birmingham per Midland Railway, properly packed, and labelled in time for the 7.32 p.m. train reaching Birmingham at 8.50. They were received at their destination at 9 the next evening, four arrived dead and the remainder in a very weak state. I notified the railway company immediately, making a claim, but had to write twice before I could get an answer. Altogether I have written four times, with no result. I am now writing to Headquarters to see if I can do any better there. I quite agree that something should be done to bring their responsibility home to them. The only point is—what?

J. HARDBATTLE.

An Old Hand Says Railway Companies Always Pay Up.

SIR,—Our friend Mr. Cockerill must have had awfully bad luck, or he must have sent his birds off awfully late. I have exhibited all varieties of birds during the last 25 years, few have exhibited more. I have sent as far North as Dundee, and all round the South, and only five times have my birds been too late; three of these five are since the war started. I have always sent in a claim for neglect, and have always been paid my claim without any trouble. Only last week I got 12s. 6d. from the Great Central Railway for my birds being delayed going to Warrington show. I think most exhibitors are to blame for not sending in their claim. I have found out by experience that it is not wise to insure the birds as companies will not insure the time of delivery, only that they are living when delivered, as everyone who handles the package has to sign for them, which very often may miss a connection.

R. D. PARIETT.

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The Canary's Song.

SIR,—In a book by Mr. Cornish it is stated that the Canary has learnt and improved upon a song not its own, and teaches it to its young. Will some one explain this? Whose song does the Canary sing?

Further, do young Canaries only copy the older birds' song? If they are kept quite away from all other birds, do they sing at all, and if so what is their song then like?

These are questions of some considerable interest, and have a bearing on important scientific subjects, so I hope that anyone who can answer them will do so.

(Rev.) H. A. SOAMES.

A Successful Operation on an Abnormal Parrot.

SIR,—I am writing to express the gratitude of the owner of an African grey Parrot. A few weeks ago it was noticed that it was suffering from a protruding intestine, and my friend, knowing that I was a breeder of Roller Canaries, came to ask my advice as to the best method of treatment. I at once decided that the best course was to put the case before your specialist on Foreign birds, through your queries columns, which I accordingly did, and the advice duly appeared. The treatment recommended by Mr. Page was to take the bird to a veterinary surgeon, as it was quite likely that a stitch or two would be necessary to make it right. A visit from the vet. soon proved that Mr. Page's advice was correct, and so the bird was taken to the vet.'s house for the operation.

Now the most wonderful part about it is the Parrot refused to "go to sleep"; he evidently wanted to see what was going on. He was tried with an ordinary dose of chloroform in the vet.'s ordinary way for such a bird, but with no result. He was then placed in a small cage, covered with a cloth, and given chloroform that would have put half a dozen large dogs to sleep for one hour at least, but again it did not take effect. He was next given a stronger dose, one that puts the strongest horse to sleep for ten minutes, and he was given that under a glass case, but still no result.

Now this rather surprised the surgeon, as he has performed many operations on birds, but this one is the first that he has come across or even heard of, that would not be chloroformed. He then decided to work without its aid, so they gave the Parrot a walking stick to clutch with its feet, whilst its owner held its head, then he very deftly and quickly inserted a couple of stitches. As soon as it was done and the bird's head released, he said, "What have you done that for?" "Polly's head is bad now." I am very pleased to say that the operation has proved a success, as the bird is now quite well again, seemingly very thankful himself for the operation, and I thank you for the information gained through your valuable paper, on behalf of the owner, for the bird, besides being an exceptionally clever talker, is a great pet. THOS. THWAITES.

[The above seems to be somewhat of a tall story, but as it is authenticated by the name and address of the sender, we have published it. We confess, however, to a sensation that our leg is a bit longer than before.]

—EDITOR.]

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

The Woodlark in Captivity.

By W. E. Teschemaker, B.A.

(Continued from page 18.)

A Moonlight Serenade.

ONCE had an experience which goes far towards proving the point, and may be worth relating. The bicyclist touring from Exeter to Torquay will probably proceed by way of Telegraph Hill and over a heather-clad spur of Dartmoor, called Haldon (in old maps "North Haldon"), thence coasting down in to Teignmouth, and pedalling across the long bridge over the river Teign, when he will find himself confronted by a long, steep hill, known as Shaldon Hill, obviously an abbreviation of "South Haldon." By the way, I was once taken to task by an editor for using the recognised popular name, Blackstart, obviously an abbreviation of Black Redstart; he said it was worse than a mistake—it was common. Well, we have some very precise people here also, and I notice that they do not even know that, when they repeat the name of their own district, they are using a vulgar abbreviation. I fear that it would take the precise people a long time to eliminate all the abbreviations from our language.

A Woodlark which had escaped from its cage in my bird room took up its residence on Shaldon Hill, which fact was first conveyed to me by an announcement in our local paper to the effect that a Nightingale could be heard singing every night on the hill. On the first available evening I set out to investigate the matter, and was rewarded by a wonderful experience. Apparently quite half a mile away I heard some marvellous ringing notes, which seemed familiar yet different from anything I had previously heard.

As I drew nearer I identified both the song and the singer; it was my escaped Woodlark. But what an alteration in the song! It was a calm still night, the moon shining through a light sea mist. Somewhere above me, high in the air, was the singer, and his glorious ringing notes seemed to fill the whole sky. As the singer circled slowly round and round in wide circles, the pealing notes first swelled up into a triumphant crescendo, then died away almost to a whisper in a weird and wonderful manner.

An hour passed, and still the great sound-waves rose and fell, ebbed and flowed without the least pause or sign of weariness. Anyone who understood birds could trans-

late the words of that song; he was singing of liberty and of the silver moon, and of an English summer; in his cage perhaps he had sung of the same things, but, if so, only by recollection, and that is why he had frequently sung "so dully as if he were asleep." As I returned home I felt that I had had a unique opportunity of realising both the immense possibilities of bird-song and also the limitations and great difficulties of aviculture.

The Woodlark's Natural Diet.

The slender bill of this species, as compared with that of the Skylark, at once suggests that it is in habit an insect-hunter and, as a matter of fact, except at migration time it appears to be almost entirely an insectivorous bird. Its close association with trees should give us a clue to its natural diet, but here we run up against a difficulty, namely that the shy, retiring disposition of the Woodlark makes it most difficult to watch at close quarters.

Nevertheless in this county one may often come across it busily digging and turning over dead leaves under the oak trees, and in Norfolk, according to Yarrell, it is partial to the Scotch Fir, and every entomologist knows that the ground under an oak in winter is thickly sown with chrysalids, which in the preceding summer fed upon its leaves in caterpillar form.

Of course this is merely a conjecture unsupported by actual evidence, but, if the conjecture is well founded, it may explain an unsolved mystery in the life-history of this very interesting bird. There are just two of our smaller species which frequently rear their young amidst the whirling snow-storms; they are the Crossbill and the Woodlark. We can all guess why the Raven nests in March, and even in February; it is the lambing season, and he hopes to feed his young on the dead lambs and the after-birth. There is probably an equally simple reason for the early nesting of the Woodlark, but I believe that the reason is as yet undiscovered. These early nests are most difficult to find, being very snugly hidden in the midst of a thick tuft or under a bush; of course they have to be well sheltered, in view of the weather the young will have to face.

(To be continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 97.)

Delivery Restricted in Leeds.

SIR,—I have been informed by the railway companies at Leeds that live stock will not be delivered over a mile from the stations, and if not called for, a telegram costing ninepence, will be sent to consignee. Will you be kind enough to inform readers of CAGE BIRDS of same, as this order has only been in force a few days?

W. KAY.

Egg Bread versus Eggs.

SIR,—Mr. F. T. Usher, in his article in CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 12, says he uses egg-bread instead of eggs. Will he kindly say how he makes egg-bread. Also, as eggs are dear now, some other readers might kindly say how to make egg food for a lot of hens.

F. W. JAMES.

[Another reader, signing his letter "A Novice," but without giving his name or address wants to know how to make food for rearing young Canaries. EDITOR.]

Catching Mice in the Bird-room.

SIR,—Replying to J. Wadsworth, if he will get two or three penny breakback mouse-traps, bait each with lard, sprinkle some bird seed securely on it, and put them on floor near hole (having swept up the waste seed on floor), I think he will soon get rid of mice. See that the birds are all safely in their cages before setting the traps.

F. J. W. S.

SIR,—Having been troubled for some time with mice in an outside bird room, I have tried most methods suggested by your correspondents, but have found mine, which I will try to describe, most satisfactory. Place a wood box, with lid, and about 4in. deep in the bird room, with seed in the bottom as bait. Make a small hole in the side, near to the top, for the mice to enter, but not large enough for birds, then place directly under this a "Nipper" or break-back trap, so that the mice will drop directly on to it when coming through the hole for the seed. Instead of baiting the trap in the usual way, fix a piece of cardboard or tin on to the hook, and the mice will drop on this and release the spring. This may be left in the room at all times, and I am confident it will catch all comers.

W. NEALE.

Pet Amazon Parrot Wanted at the Front.

SIR,—Since being out here my wife has lost her pet Amazon Parrot. We had it for some years and she misses it very much. If any reader has one for disposal at a very reasonable price, and would communicate with me, I should be extremely obliged.

I am much interested in the bird life of this country. Linnets, Chaffinches, Blackbirds, Starlings, and Rooks are plentiful. One species of the Rook tribe I am unable to locate, it is of a slate colour on head and body, otherwise like the ordinary Rook.

Although away from home I receive my copy of CAGE BIRDS, which I have taken now for a number of years. Thanking you, and hoping that this war will soon be over, if only to settle down again among the birds.

SAPPER J. W. BURGESS.

72nd Infantry Brigade,
Headquarters British Expeditionary...
France.

The Scottish Red Cross Show.

A "Birds Nest" Hospital Bed Founded.

SIR,—I should be obliged if you would kindly insert the following particulars regarding the above, for the information of all who participated in making it such a success. The total income amounted to £226 6s. 3½d., made up as follows: Entry fees £87 1s. 6d.; memberships £15 7s.; donations £5 11s. 6d.; sold tickets and date drawings £51 10s. 6d.; prize cards £16 14s. 7d.; catalogues £15 4s. 6d.; Red Cross stall £3 17s. 5½d.; commissions, etc., £6 9s. 3d.; and the expenditure totalled £146 6s. 3½d., as follows—prize money £83 15s.; advertising £3 13s. 9d.; printing £30 15s. 11d.; hall rent £5 5s.; judges' expenses £2 16s.; staging, contracting, show outlays and secretarial expenses £20 0s. 7½d., leaving a balance of £80 to hand to the Red Cross Society. The accounts were audited by Messrs. Peter Thom and John Young. At the general meeting £30 was allocated towards general funds and £50 towards founding a bed on behalf of the Fancy in a Military Hospital. The hospital selected was Bellahouston (Glasgow) and the name of the bed "Bird's Nest," founded by Scottish Cage Bird Show promoted by Glasgow Fanciers and Friends held in Glasgow, Jan. 1st, 1916." At the meeting all workers, etc., were thanked for their services, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who assisted in any way towards the success of the venture.

ROBT. HEGGIE, Hon. Sec.

Proposed East Anglian Association of Norwich Canary Clubs.

SIR,—The question of the proposed East Anglian Association of Norwich Canary Clubs was considered at the annual meeting of the Cambridge and County C.B.A., when I was instructed to ask for further information upon the following points:—(1) The scope, aim, and objects of the proposed Association; (2) the financial liabilities of clubs joining the Association, also the prospects, if any, of financial benefit accruing to a club by joining the Association; (3) names of officials or societies promoting the Association, suggested headquarters, etc. It was presumed that all clubs joining the Association would be entitled to representation on the Executive Committee. I trust you will allow me to ask these questions through the valuable columns of CAGE BIRDS, in order to bring the matter before the eyes of those interested in the formation of the proposed Association.

C. G. TAYLOR.

[Please do not write on both sides of the paper.—Ed.]

More White Canaries.

Double Yellowing the Secret of Success.

SIR,—I too, have succeeded in breeding white Canaries, and I am glad to give my experiences in the hope that they may assist to increase the specimens of this undoubtedly beautiful variety.

I remember visiting the Palace show when Mr. Kiesel's first white Canary was exhibited and what a rush there was to see it. The owner said it was bred from two yellows, but some noted Canary men present stated emphatically that they knew that such a thing could be got by double-baiting and breeding all the colour out. They were mistaken I think. I, at that time, thought my Yorkshires lacked colour, and a well-known judge advised double-yellowing to improve it. I did so, with no result that was satisfactory, but I did increase the proportion of yellow youngsters in each nest. I found that the colour improved by using the Cinnamon marked bird which always excels in quality of feather, and colour and quality are twin souls.

Well, now about the whites. Last year I put up just one pair. (The war again). A yellow cock and buff hen both bred from double yellows. I only took two nests from them, and got three young ones that were white as driven snow. In the first nest of four, one white; second nest of four again, two white. The first one was so stripped of feathers by the hen that it died at a month. The other two I moulted successfully, but was stupid enough to coddle them by bringing them into the living-room. They began to drop feathers, and, as all the other normal ones and their parents were thriving in the cold room, I put the whites back, with the result that a cold snap finished off my treasures. However, if Lord Derby permits, I shall try again, as the parents are in fine trim, and I shall be surprised if they do not get me more white beauties.

GEORGE HARRIS.

Proposed Federation of Roller Societies.

SIR,—I was in hopes of being able to keep out of this discussion, as, being a Special Constable, I have not the time I should like to give to the discussion. I thank the writers of the letters who have so kindly mentioned my name, but there is one thing that I must object to, Mr. Kilshaw says the B.R.C.C. dictates to societies how to run their shows; this is wrong. Societies who want the B.R.C.C. patronage are required to agree to certain conditions, which conditions are framed for the benefit of the exhibition; if the society does not care to accept *some* the matter is ended so far, as the B.R.C.C. is concerned. Specialist clubs of every kind have conditions, so why should any one complain about the B.R.C.C. having same when the conditions are for the benefit of the Roller fancy at large?

J. W. NORRIS.

SIR,—I suppose that until the letters on above subject appeared in CAGE BIRDS nothing was known of this proposition by quite half the Roller Club members, and as to the bad feeling that is supposed to exist in certain quarters far less has been known, little enough even now, let us be thankful to say. Correspondence has apparently been taking place between the secretaries of the various clubs, but so far we are left in the dark. The indefinite character of the whole affair seems to be due to the love of agitation which animates the few to the detriment of the many.

Some two years ago, at the annual general meeting of the B.R.C.C., which was the largest representative meeting of the Club ever held, a resolution was passed, almost unanimously, that the names of the judges should be placed against each class in the

schedules. This meeting was attended by over 60 members from all parts of the country. Some time afterwards it was discovered that the seeds of discontent were being sown in certain quarters over this rule, which one would imagine would naturally appeal to any straightforward person as a just and necessary one, customary, as I believe it is, in other sections of the bird fancy.

Later on ill-feeling seems to have been generated and successfully fostered, and we are brought face to face with the phenomenon of a single club issuing a ring of its own. The said club buys its own rings and issues them to its own members, thereby securing the profit and keeping the money for its own benefit in its own comparatively narrow sphere. Thus we have the regrettable display of a club cutting itself off from what practically has been a federation for years, and setting the example to all to split. Let it be well understood by all that the B.R.C.C. distributes in prizes, etc., the whole of the profits, nay, considerably more, to the winners in the young birds point competition. The object of the club in general, and its members in particular, has been to encourage and foster the fancy, and by its annual meetings and by correspondence with the affiliated clubs to exchange views to further the interests of all.

So far no formal statement of grievance has been publicly made, so that most of us are still in the dark. No reason has been given for a desire for change, if there is such desire generally, which I very much doubt. No scheme has been formulated, no business-like, straightforward proposition has been forthcoming, and the facilities of the Press offered in your widely circulating journal have not been used, although this uneasiness has been brewing below the surface for over 12 months.

Surely every member of the fancy ought to have had the opportunity of knowing what all this suppressed turmoil was about. Where is the use of the London Club sending one or two delegates under such conditions, and thereby incurring expense difficult to bear in these war times? There is no more open-minded set of men than those on this Committee, and if any definite line of policy is discernible in the propositions of the other clubs or any suggestions are forthcoming of a practical nature and of general benefit to the fancy, even if they be of a fundamental nature, the parent club would not only welcome them, but adopt them. Let our motto be each for all, not each for himself, as some would have it, and if there has been any feeling of combativeness let us have done with it. "Let the dead past bury its dead."

HENRY GUTIERREZ.

The Matter to Stand Over.

SIR,—A meeting was held at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, Feb. 12, the clubs represented being Leeds, Bolton, Bacup, Wigan, Walkden, and Provincial; Mr. Best, of Leeds, in the chair. The chairman read out the proposal of the Leeds Club and then the meeting was open for discussion. Every delegate was sorry that the Southern clubs had not sent delegates. As a delegate of the meeting, I am thoroughly of the opinion that an agreement would have been arrived at satisfactory to all concerned; and in due fairness to the Bolton and Provincial Clubs, as secretary of the Leeds Club I can honestly say that never since this business was brought before the Fancy have the clubs mentioned had a word to say in the matter. They left it to the delegates, which was the proper course to take. From letters I have received it would appear that an idea has got abroad that we in the North are going to try and alter the judging standard right away. Far from this being the case, it was moved at Leeds that no alteration at all should be entertained for at least the next twelve months, unless there was a demand for it throughout the Fancy. I merely mention these facts to dispel any idea that the clubs mentioned have had anything to do in this matter beyond making the mistake of calling the meeting instead of leaving it in my hands to do so. However, they candidly admitted their mistake, and were ready to conform to any scheme that was acceptable to all parties, so much so that after a discussion lasting more than two hours, in which all matters were thoroughly thrashed out, the following was proposed by Mr. Kilshaw (Bolton), seconded by Mr. Wantling (Bacup), and carried unanimously—"That we go on as usual, as it is so near the breeding season. Each club to get rings either from the B.R.C.C. or P.R.C.C., and Mr. Best to write the clubs not represented at the meeting. A meeting to be called at a later date if in favour of a Central Board. All rings and moneys from same to be pooled for this season if favourable replies are received from the clubs not represented. Failing this, the above clubs pledge themselves to meet at the next Leeds show and draw up rules to be rigidly adhered to by all the above clubs."

H. BEST.

CLUB REPORTS.

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ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Miners' Hall, Jan. 29, Mr. W. Dunning chair. There was a very poor attendance of old members, but four new members were enrolled—Messrs. Ed. Gair, Jas. Smith, Senr., Jas. Smith, Junr., and C. Knowles. Election of officers: Chair, Mr. W. Dunning; sec., C. F. Tapson; treas., Mr. Jos. Miles; Committee, Messrs. J. Armstrong, J. Whillis, F. C. Baker, Ed. Edwards, Win. Fox, and J. Smith, Senr.; auditor, Mr. J. Dunn. I would like to ask all the old members to try to attend the meetings so as to make them a bit more interesting. A hearty invitation to anyone wishing to become a member. Next meeting Feb. 20, at 7.—C. F. Tapson.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Annual meeting, Feb. 3, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market; Mr. W. Espie, chair. Balance sheet for 1915 showing balance £5 4s. 8d., and assets, £12 9s., adopted. Annual open show fixed Oct. 20 and 21. Decided to continue to hold our meetings first Thursday in March. Election of chairman postponed to March meeting. Officers elected:—Pres., A. J. Hagie, Esq., J.P.; vice-pres., Ald. A. Scott, Esq., Connell Adams, J.P., Messrs. F. Ford Melling, J. Parrish, W. F. Henderson, J. Merton, G. Reid, R. Wellford, J.P., J. Currah, W. Cochran Carr W. J. Taylor, T. Tindale, H. B. Wilson, T. Anderson, T. Todd, W. B. Ellis, W. Anderson, J. Shepherd, T. Chapman, J. Stephenson, T. C. Crawhall; patrons, Mrs. W. F. Henderson, Mrs. A. H. J. Cochrane, Miss M. B. Ellis; vice-chair, Mr. W. Espie; auditors, Messrs. M. Cossar and C. Farrer; committee, Messrs. W. Mackenzie, A. C. Young, J. Maddison, W. Curry, J. Irving, H. Wellbury, A. Holden, F. W. Laidlaw, C. G. Patterson, C. Farrer, T. Smith, A. Monaghan, J. Johnston, J. McGuire, T. Hall, H. Bird, W. Lyst, J. B. Bell, G. Dolson; sec. and treas., Mr. J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Road, Benwell Grove; hon. assist. sec., Mr. J. Craig, 68, James St.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Sixth annual general meeting, Jan. 28, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. A. Hendry presiding over a good attendance. Balance sheet for 1915 was discussed, and compared with former balance sheets, was considered very satisfactory, and adopted unanimously. Office bearers for 1916 elected: Hon. Pres., Mr. W. Gibb Macnaul; Pres., Mr. P. Allan; vice-pres., Mr. W. G. Hamilton and Mr. G. McGowan; sec. and treas., Mr. W. Proudfoot; Committee, Messrs. A. Mitchell, J. Young, A. Spie, J. Campbell, D. Lunn, G. Robertson, and J. Far; auditors, Messrs. Geo. G. Henderson and A. Hendry. Rules were gone over and passed and agreed to delete April table show, also to alter pairs show from the Friday at 8 to Saturday 4. Classes:—Crests, Nor., Cl. ditto Marks; Border, Cl., Marks, Greens and Cinn.; Yorks., Cl. ditto Marks; A.O.V. Can., Mating pairs, Hyb. pairs. Specials were kindly intimated from Messrs. P. Allan, G. G. Henderson, A. Gillespie, A. Mitchell, D. Downie, G. Robertson, C. Sollars, J. Campbell, and W. Proudfoot. New members enrolled, H. Hislop, A. Proctor, J. Sanderson, Junr., J. Fisher, and J. Brown. Dates of table shows, etc.: Pairs, 19th Feb.; British bird, 10th Mar.; F.F. show, 8th July; annual members' 18th Nov. Intending members please note that we cater for all varieties of cage birds. Annual sub. is 4s., 2s. when admitted and remainder on or before the F.F. show. Any other particulars with pleasure from W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas., 145, Henderson Street, Glasgow.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Seventh annual general meeting, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglinton Toll, Jan. 26, Mr. R. Heggie in the chair, and a large attendance of members. Treas. submitted financial statement for the past year, which had been a most successful one for the club. There is a membership of 53, 14 being new members, and a credit balance of £9 2s. Chairman, Mr. Heggie, did not seek re-election, having removed out of the district. This was a blow to the members, as Mr. Heggie was the most energetic worker the club had, having been five years' sec. and treas., and one year in the chair; he brought the club along in fine style, and placed it in the forefront of City clubs. Office bearers: Hon. Pres., Mr. R. Heggie; Chair, Mr. R. B. Cairns; Vice-chair, Messrs. A. Foreman and A. McLellan; sec. and treas., A. K. Hunter, 142, Aitkenhead Road; auditors, Matt Steward and W. S. Ross; committee, R. Hamilton, Hattie, Halliday, Lees, Fulton, Jeffrey, Connelly, Thomson, and Black. Decided to hold a pair show of 8 classes at next meeting: Mr. A. Maxwell, Partick, judge. Champ., Nor. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen; Buff do. and Yell. do.; Nov. A.V. cock and hen; Bord. Yorks., Crest or C.B. ditto, Mules, Hybrids. Rule as before, no double yellows or double buffs; judge to judge the best as stock birds. Application by 10 gentlemen for admittance to club had to be held over till next meeting, the hour being too late to allow ballot being taken; amongst them we were pleased to see our former chairman, Mr. Andrew Hunter. Prize money for confined birds at annual show was paid out.—A. K. Hunter, Sec.

WELSH NORTHERN COUNTIES.

Annual General Meeting, Colwyn Bay, Jan. 26, Mr. H. M. Brigg (Chairman for 1915) presided. Report for 1915, and audited statement of accounts, read by Hon. Sec., Mr. G. E. Cragg, and confirmed, the general opinion being that considering circumstances arising out of the war, the result of the year's workings was as good as could be expected. Owing principally to the falling off in subscriptions, a considerable financial loss had been sustained, but fortunately the Association can show a surplus of almost £50, composed of their silver challenge cups, benching, and other assets. Mr. James Arundale was elected chairman for 1916, and Mr. Geo. Hughes vice-chairman the committee and other officers being re-elected en bloc. Decided to invite Col. Sandbach to become president for the year. After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided to carry on, and run the annual show as usual in November, at Llandudno in the Hippodrome, negotiations for securing the latter to be made at once. Rules were revised, the most important alteration decided was that in future the membership of the association was made open to all with open competition in all sections, instead of being confined to North Wales as heretofore. By this means it is hoped to largely increase the membership, and provided the association are favoured with adequate support, they can promise a very attractive show next November. Sec. will be glad to hear from any fancier or club sec. who wishes to guarantee classes, and will be pleased to receive any suggestions re classification for next show.—G. E. Cragg, Hon. Sec., "Rocklands," Rhos, Colwyn Bay.

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The Shows.

ILKESTON.

Annual show of the Ilkeston C.B.S., Jan. 8, Rutland Hotel. Entries came up fairly well. The birds were nicely staged, and all could be easily seen. The judge had a very hard morning's work. Placing the awards in 54 classes made it well into the afternoon before he had finished. The British classes were quite a feature, and were a show in themselves. Nor. and Yorks. were a little disappointing. The absence of catalogues made things rather awkward for visitors and reporters, each name being written on the cards. Messrs. Smith and Sid-down, the secretaries, had things well in hand, being ably assisted by Messrs. Henshaw and Hickinbottom. Mr. E. Wilcox judged and gave satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Fox, grand col. and shape, nice head, well filled in neck, rare qual. and feather, fit; 3rd, nice body and shape, rather longer; 2, Vardy, very cobby shape, neat head, A1 col. and cond. **BUFF** (2): 1, Vardy, grand shape, size and qual., rare head, good front, very nice cond.; 2, Thomas, nice wings and tail, rare body and cond. **UNFLIG. YELL.** (6): 1, Thomas, beautiful cl., lovely col. and qual., perfect cond., nice head and neck, A1 type, wins; 2, Vardy, grand col., shape and size, neat head, nice wing carr., beautiful feather; 3, Draper, eye and head mkd., rare type, splendid feather and cond., close up; vhc, Smedley; he, Hurst; c, Fox. **BUFF** (5): 1, Vardy, grand shape and size, A1 col. and qual., perfect feather and cond., wins well; 2, Thomas, lovely col. wing mkd., perfect type and qual., faultless cond., close up; 3, Fox, cl., capital body and shape, rare size, col. and qual.; vhc, Handsly; he, Hickin. **YELL. MKD.** (4): 1, Thomas, noted face, looking fit and well, lovely shape, col. and size; 2, Smedley, tail and eye mkd., nice body and shape, good col.; 3, Vardy, neck and eye mkd., lovely shape and bloom; vhc, Walton. **BUFF** (5): 1, Vardy, wing mkd., rare shape, size, col. and qual., nice broad head, well filled in neck, A1 cond. and feather; 2, he, Smedley, eye and wing mkd., lovely hot col., grand feather and bloom; 3, Butler and Barlow, varieg., good feather, rare shape, faultlessly staged; vhc, Fox. **YELL. HEN** (5): 1, Vardy, noted cl., grand col. and shape, lovely qual. and bloom; 2, Fox, cl. unfig., good feather, nice carr., rare head and neck, close up; 3, Hawksley, head and wing mkd., not so good in head, smaller build, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Thomas; he, Wilson. **BUFF** (3): 1, Thomas, cl., beautiful feather, col. and qual., neat head and neck, A1 style and type; 2, Vardy, eye mkd., beaten in head, grand shape and col.; 3, Smedley, cl. ground, hit long in body. **HEAVY MKD.** (1): 1, Vardy, large massive varieg. yell. ft. **NAT. COL.** (6): 1, Smedley, cl., grand col. and shape, nice body, good subs., A1 feather and cond.; 2, Jorden, good shape, col. and size, lovely qual., nicely carried wings; 3, Morrell, varieg. yell., good col. and shape, nice head and body; vhc, Lucas; he, Morrell; c, Hawksley. **PATRS** (6): 1, Vardy, splendid pair, yell. ck., buff hen; 2, Hawksley, yell. ck., varieg. buff hen; 3, Watson, varieg. ck., buff hen, grand pair; vhc, Hickinbottom; he, c, Eaton. **NOR. NOV. YELL.** (8): 1, Bradley, tail mkd., grand col., shape and size, nice head, splendid cond. and subs., very fit; 2, Lycett, eye mkd., good col. and shape, nice head and neck, grand shape, in rare fettle; 3, Eaton, head, neck and tail mkd., lovely col. and qual., nice shape, good size, A1 feather; vhc, Bradley; he, Evan; c, Booth. **BUFF** (5): 1, White Bros., head and neck mkd., splendid col. and cond., A1 body and shape, nice size, well shown; 2, Bradley, clear, good col. and shape, nice body and wing carr., A1 cond. and qual., close up; 3, Lycett, lovely colour and qual., nicely frosted, well staged; vhc, Dean; he, Bradley; c, Ashton. **YELL. HEN** (6): 1, Bradley, green, nice col. and shape, rare head, good neck, back, and front, popular win; 2, Morell, varieg., nice shape, smart and typical, good feather and cond.; 3, Booth, cl., good shape and col., wee bit narrow in head, rare feather and qual.; vhc, Ashton; he, Eaton; c, Dean. **BUFF** (8): 1, Dean, beautiful shape and col., very cobby, neat head, nice body and wing carr., very good feather and cond.; 2, Watts, varieg., neat shape and size, nice wings, head and neck, A1 feather, close up; 3, Eaton, varieg., grand col. and cond., nice shape; vhc, Hickinbottom; he, Lucas; c, Else. **UNFLIG.** (6): 1, Booth, lovely col. cl., rare shape and size, good broad head, well filled in neck, well staged; 2, Bradley, green, grand shape and col., very fit, nice wing and body carr.; 3, Hickinbottom, cl., rare shape, lovely col. and qual.; vhc, Marriott; he, Hunt. **YORKS. YELL.** (2): 1, Lauchman, splendid length, good shape and col., neat wings, very fit; 2, Bingham and Furniss, lovely shape and col., A1 cond. **BUFF** (2): 1, Thomas, noted winner, pink of cond.; 2, Eaton. **MKD. YELL.** (4): Twin, head and wing mkd., grand col., shape and pos., good feather and wings; 2, Jeffery Bros., varieg., grand shape, nice head and body; 3, Bingham and Furniss, lightly mkd., grand col. and shape; vhc, Lauchman. **BUFF** (2): 1, Bingham and Furniss, grand length and shape, nice head, well up on leg, A1 cond., and feather; 2, Thomas. **UNFLIG.** (4): 1, Pass, cl. buff, lovely trim, very slim and upstanding, nice head and neck, good shape and qual.; 2, Thomas, yell., lovely feather, grand style and pos., very typical; 3, Twin, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Eaton. **HEN** (3): 1, Thomas, buff, good length and style, nice col. and qual.; 2, Pass, buff, nice length, shape and pos.; 3, Lincicum. **PAIR** (2): 1, Hawksley, good order; 2, Dawe, very close up. **GREEN, ETC.** (1): 1, Kew, nice colour. **NOVICE YORKS. YELL. CK.** (6): 1, Kew, tkd. head, nice shape, fine style and pos., well staged; 2, Brewin, eye and head mkd., grand col. and shape, A1 form; 3, Hickinbottom, cl., nice col. and feather, lovely style and qual., close up; vhc, Stewart; he, Nash. **BUFF** (5): 1, Ashton, neck tkd., grand col. and shape, nice feather and cond., A1 pos.; 2, 3, he, Stuart, nice pair, in lovely cond., A1 style and pos.; vhc, Brewin. **YELL. HEN** (6): 1, c, Nash, cl., very slim and upstanding, grand col. and shape; 2, Wace, cl., nice length, style and pos., good col. and cond.; 3, Stuart, cl., good style, very nice shape; vhc, Marriott; he, Kew. **BUFF** (2): 1, Nash, eye, head and tail mkd., good col. and shape, fit; 2, Stuart. **UNFLIG.** (5): 1, Ashton, good yell. cl., nice length, neat head, good style and pos., very fit; 2, Kew, yell. cl., A1 pos., well up on leg, nice head; 3, he, Wall, cl. buff, rare cond. and qual.; vhc, Booth. **CREST** (4): 1, vhc, Holmes, green, nice shaped crest, good centre, A1 feather; 2, 3, Dodd, grand leading, good feather and cond. **C.B.** (3): 1, Twine, nice shape col. and body, rare type; 2, 3, Dodd, grand birds, we rather preferred 3 to 2, very massive, good style. **BORD. YELL.** (3): 1, 3, Marriott, green, grand col. and style, very smart, rare feather and cond.; 2, Gamble, green, nice shape, very stylish. **BUFF** (3): 1, 3, Marriott, head and wing mkd. and cl., both grand

cond. and feather, well shown; 2, Gamble, cl., good feather, nice shape. **LIGHT MULE** (5): 1, Blanchon; 2, Douglas; 3, Wilson; vhc, Woods and Freeman. **DARK** (5): 1, Evans; 2, Douglas and Martin; 3, Parrell; vhc, White Bros. **BRED 1915** (5): 1, 2, Blanchon; 3, Gregory and Lucas; vhc, Else. **BRED-ING PAIR** (3): 1, Kew, Canary and Goldf. nice pair; 2, 3, Else, Bullie and Goldie and Canary-Goldie. **GOLDF.** (13): 1, Feilding, grand size, nice neat square-cut blaze, good buttons and bars, nice col. and cond.; 2, Wads and Truman, good size, nice col., neat head and blaze, good wings, very typical; 3, Butler and Barlow, nice shape and size, lovely tanning, rare cond. and feather; vhc, Wads and Truman; he, Taylor; c, Hexter. **BUFF.** (9): 1, Alexandra, good cap and bars, nice breast, beautiful feather and cond., rare qual.; 2, Keightley, rare size, nice shape, A1 feather and bloom; 3, Hexter, grand shape and body, nice head, breast and bars, beautiful feather; vhc, Keir; he, Gomersal, Wads and Truman. **LINNET** (15): 1, Hailstone, lovely size and shape, beautifully pencilled, nice col. and qual., A1 cond.; 2, Gregory and Lucas, lovely col., very steady, nice head, good body, faultlessly staged; 3, Else, good shape, nice size, rare feather and bloom, A1 cond., well pencilled; vhc, c, Alexandra; he, Feilding. **GREENF.** (15): 1, 2, Blanchon, large, nice quality, rare feather and cond., good heads, very little between them, well staged; 3, Hexter, very large, nice head, good body, rare wing carr., very fit; vhc, Gomersal; he, Henshaw; c, Keightley. **LESSER REDPOLL** (11): 1, 2, Henshaw, lovely birds, grand cond., nice size, very typical shape, either could have won; 3, Keightley, good feather and cond., nice size, good marks, A1 qual., well placed; vhc, Sims; he, Watts; c, Gregory and Lucas. **TWITE.** Etc. (12): 1, Blanchon, sweet little Siskin, grand feather, qual. and cap, in the pink; 2, Hailstone, Twite, good feather and pencilling, nice body and shape, rare trim; 3, Gregory and Lucas, Siskin, nice col. and qual., lovely feather and cond., well staged; vhc, Parnell. **BRAMBLE, ETC.** (7): 1, vhc, Henshaw, lovely Bramble, nice marks, good body, neat head, A1 feather, beautiful cond.; 2, c, Macpherson, Bramble, good shape, nice col. and qual.; 3, Alexandra, Chaffinch, good shape, col. and feather; he, Hexter. **A.O. HARDBILL** (5): 1, Bull, well-known Hawfinch, fit as ever, grand bib and head, walk over; 2, Taylor; 3, Macpherson; vhc, Evan; he, Butler and Barlow. **SOFTBILL** (1): 1, Bearder, Waxwing, in real good feather. **HEN** (1): 1, Keightley, Bullie, nice col. and size.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

Annual members' show, Jan. 22. About 200 birds were staged in a spacious room in Oxford Road. All the best Norwich were to be seen, and the section turned out in goodly numbers. Yorks also were good in both quality and numbers. British and Hybrids were not so good as we are used to seeing at Manchester, and we noticed that several well-known British fanciers were not exhibiting. Special for best bird went to Mr. Turner's unfledged yellow Nor. cocks, a well-known winner, and the second special to an unfledged yellow Yorks. cock by Mr. P. E. Wilson in the amateur section, a bird of rare length and style, and one capable of winning in the open. Special best British went to a very nice Siskin belonging to Mr. W. Shaw. This show was the initial venture with the reins of Sec., Mr. J. Green, and he acquitted himself well, and we noticed that the old warhorse, Mr. Raynes, was in his place—always where the work is. Mr. T. Johnson, Southport, judged.

YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Brown, a beauty, cl. in rare fettle; 2, Taylor, longer cl., exquisite feather, beaten waist; 3, Tansey, var., lovely bird; 4, Kearns; vhc, Burke. **BUFF** (7): 1, vhc, Dooley, cl., grand feather and pos.; 2, Kearns, rare length and feather, grand legs; 3, Wilkinson, grizzle cap, head trifle too broad; 4, Green; he, Burke. **YELL. HEN** (3): 1, Dooley, cl., nice length and style; 2, Wilkinson, bigger cl., not the pos.; 3, Green. **BUFF** (7): 1, 2, Dooley, clears, rare length and style; 3, Brown, head tick, grand hen, rare legs, well filled in; 4, Taylor; vhc, no name; he, Wilkinson; c, Green. **UNFLIG.** (4): 1, Taylor, cl. yell., long and sliq., rather pointed breast; 2, Brown, cl. buff, rare length and pos., feathers short in neck; 3, Dooley; 4, Hubbard. **UNFLIG. HEN** (9): 1, Wilkinson, cl., lovely hen, grand feather, stands well, neat head; 2, Brown, bigger cl., trifle stouter, good stock hen; 3, 4, Tansey, smaller, nice bloom and style; vhc, Burke; he, Taylor; c, Brown. **AMAT. YORKS. YELL.** (5): 1, Drew, grand cl., rare length, good head and col., lovely stock bird; 2, 3, Wilson, very useful, rare order; 4, Radford; vhc, Williamson. **BUFF** (4): 1, 2, Wilson, clears, rare legs and pos.; 3, Drew, cl., only beaten in finish; 4, Dewar. **YELL. HEN** (6): 1, 2, Appleton, clears, grand qual. of feather and pos.; 3, Drew, cl., not far behind; 4, Wilson; vhc, Dewar; he, Williamson. **BUFF** (4): 1, Wilson, grizzle back; is it evidence of the Lizard cross? 2, Wilson, similar type; 3, Drew, nice exhibit; 4, Shaw. **UNFLIG. YELL.** (6): 1, 2, Wilson, var., rare length, grand feather, neat oval head and well-filled neck; 3, Radford, cl., nice pos. and style; 4, Drew; vhc, Williamson. **BUFF** (4): 1, Lane, mkd. wing and head, sweet exhibit; 2, Wilson; 3, Drew; 4, Dewar. **HEN UNFLIG.** (9): 1, Radford, sweet cl., nice length and qual., neat head, yell.; 2, Dewar, buff, nice slim cl., grand qual.; 3, Wilson, rare length, grand back, hasn't the shapely head; 4, c, Appleton; vhc, Williamson; he, Shaw. **NOR. YELL.** (7): 1, vhc, Cook, well-known var. yell., grand size, qual. and type, neat head and neck; 2, 4, Turner, big cl., massive head and body, wing carr. not so good; 3, Green, very taking, good wide head; c, Raynes. **BUFF** (4): 1, 3, Turner, var. buff, grand Nor. type, wide head, thick neck, grand qual.; 2, Cook, cl., lovely col. and qual., rare shape, not quite the head; 4, Dooley. **YELL. HEN** (5): 1, 3, 4, Smith, well-known var. yell., possibly best yell. hen on show bench; 2, Cook, Glasgow winner, not the subs., grand hen though; vhc, Turner. **BUFF** (9): 1, 3, Cook, var., Glasgow winner, monster, like a cock and the col. of one; 2, Green, beautiful hen, hardly the size, grand type; 4, Smith; vhc, Mitchell; he, Raynes. **UNFLIG. YELL.** (4): 1, 2, Turner, well-known var. yell., lovely type, rare broad head and full neck; 3, 4, Mitchell, cl., nice size and type, beaten head properties. **BUFF** (6): 1, Cook, new face, exquisite qual. and col., bred from two buffs; 2, vhc, Smith, well-known cl., drawn up for breeding; 3, Mitchell, nice Nor. properties, could win in many a class; 4, Turner; he, Hubbard. **HENS** (5): 1, Cook, cl. buff, exquisite type, col. and qual.; 2, Green, yell. cl., lovely qual., beaten cond.; 3, he, Turner, var., nice type, neat head and neck; 4, Raynes. **GREEN CK.** (5): 1, Bruce, massive buff, rare head, neck and qual.; 2, 3, Raynes, right stamp; 4, vhc, Hayward. **HEN** (6): 1, 2, Hayward, very useful hens, good type and qual.; 3, Bruce, rather bigger yell., bit square-chested; 4, he, Raynes; he, Mitchell. **A.O.V.** (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Cold-bird, Borders, nice type and qual. of feather, greens, best type. **DARK MULE** (5): 1, Turner, Goldie, Can., yell., nice size and col., could do with more

head; 2, Shaw, Siskin, nice size, rare cond.; 3, vhc, Hubbard, Goldies, beaten only size; 4, Mitchell. **HYB.** (2): 1, 2, Hubbard, light Goldie and Goldie-Bullie, in rare cond. **GOLDF.** (1): 1, Burke. **SISKIN, ETC.** (3): 1, Shaw, nice Siskin, in rare bloom; 2, vhc, Fletcher, mealy, rare col. and markings; 3, 4, Green, Siskin, bars on face. **LESSER 'POLL** (4): 1, Bruce, nice marks and cond.; 2, Green, not quite so steady; 3, Fletcher; 4, Hubbard. **LINNET** (1): 1, Hubbard. **F.M. LINNET** (5): 1, Turner; 2, Green; 3, Hubbard; 4, Burke; vhc, Fletcher. **A.O.V.** (5): 1, Turner; 2, Hubbard; 3, 4, Fletcher. **FOR.** (2): 1, Shaw; 2, Hubbard. **NOV. NOR. YELL.** (2): 1, Shaw; 2, Dickinson. **BUFF** (2): 1, Lane; 2, Hayward. **YELL. HEN** (2): 1, Dickinson; 2, Lane. **BUFF** (3): 1, 2, Shaw; 2, Dickinson. **BRED 1915:** 1, Shaw. **BUFF** (2): 1, Dickinson; 2, Lane. **HENS** (3): 1, Dickinson; 2, 3, Lane. **A.O.V.** (2): 1, 2, Moorhey, Lizards.

EAST HAM, LEYTON & POPLAR.

Combined show at the East Ham Liberal Club, Jan. 15. The show proved to be quite a success, and was taken advantage of as a splendid meeting place for the fanciers of East London, for although the hall was roomy, it proved none too large for the gathering of exhibitors and their friends. To make a combined show was a happy idea, and it proved so successful that a big open combined show is possible on a future occasion when affairs are more settled. The collection comprised Yorkshires, Norwich, Cinnamons, Borders, Hybrids, and British, and there were some very fine examples of each staged. As a collection the Norwich were the cream in the Canary section, although some good Yorkies were on view. Specials were won by Mr. Collinge's yell. cock, Messrs. Hunt Bros. yell. unfledged, and Mr. Purdy's yell. for best 2nd bird in the Novices. In Borders the special for best young bird went to a charming yellow green put down by Mr. F. Onslow. Mr. Kybert staged an exceptionally good yellow, and Mr. Stevens an equally good buff. Mr. Archer exhibited two lovely light Greenhead Mules. British were an exceptionally fine collection; the principal winners were: Mr. Bayliss, with a good Goldf. and Greenf.; Mr. Oliver, with a Siskin, Hawfinch, Mistle Thrush, and a charming hen Chaffinch; Mr. Parker staged a good Hawfinch, Blackbird, and a hen Bullie, taking spl. for best with the Hawfinch. Special best bird in the show was secured by Mr. Newton with a capital yellow Norwich, a bird of good substance and quality. Mr. Webb acted as show manager, and Mr. F. Onslow looked after the clerical work, and the perfect order prevailing was a proof of their efficiency—no show could be better arranged or managed. Stewards and helpers were Messrs. Kybert (chairman), Burrows, Oliver, Gedge, Ferridge, Prisman, Lang, Collinge, Steward, and Fleet. Mr. H. Norman judged.

Champ. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Jones; 2, Parker. **BUFF:** 1, 3, Parker; 2, Jones; vhc, Hunt Bros. **Varieg.** 1, 2, Parker. **Unfig.** 1, Hunt Bros.; 2, Jones; 3, vhc, Parker. **Varieg.** 1, 2, Parker. **HEN:** 1, 2, Parker; 3, Jones; vhc, he, Hunt Bros. **AMAT. YELL:** 1, Wilkins and Son. **Nov. Yell.:** 1, 2, Bayliss; 3, Baxter; vhc, Bell; he, Collinge; c, Park. **Bud:** 1, Collinge; 2, Bell; 3, Baxter. **Varieg.** 1, Purdy. **Unfig.** 1, Collinge; 2, Purdy; 3, East; vhc, Park; he, McDougall. **BUFF:** 1, Collinge; 2, East; 3, Baxter. **Varieg.** 1, Purdy; 2, vhc, Baxter; 3, Rawlings; he, McDougall. **HEN:** 1, c, Bell; 2, vhc, Park; 3, Collinge; he, East. **HEN:** 1, Collinge. **NOR. CK:** 1, 2, 3, Leech. **Unfig.** 1, 2, 3, Leech. **HEN:** 1, Fowler and Adams; 2, Leech. **AMAT. CK:** 1, Fleet; 2, Dalton; 3, Gedge. **Unfig.** 1, 2, Fleet; 3, Manning; vhc, Dalton. **Varieg.** 1, Marshall; 2, Fleet; 3, Dalton. **HEN:** 1, he Gedge; 2, 3, Fleet. **Nov. Yell. CK:** 1, spl. Newton; 2, Hunsdon; 3, Ferridge; vhc, Steward; he, Tippler. **BUFF:** 1, McDougall; 2, Webb; 3, Braithwaite; vhc, Staggs. **Varieg.** 1, Hunsdon; 2, Steward. **Unfig. Yell.:** 1, Bloomfield; 2, Webb. **BUFF:** 1, Burrows; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Webb; vhc, Hunsdon; he, Boshier; c, Ferridge. **Varieg.** 1, 2, Newton; 3, Burrows; vhc, Staggs. **HEN. Yell.:** 1, Webb; 2, Burrows; 3, Staggs. **BUFF:** 1, Newton; 2, vhc, Webb; 3, Bloomfield; he, Braithwaite; c, Hunsdon. **Non-Fed:** 1, 2, Steward. **Bord. CK:** 1, Kybert; 2, Withers; 3, vhc, Stevens. **Unfig.** 1, vhc, Stevens; 2, 3, Onslow. **Varieg.** 1, Onslow; 2, 3, Kybert. **Green, Etc.** 1, c, Onslow; 2, vhc, Kybert; 3, he, Withers. **HEN. Yell.:** 1, Stevens; 2, Kybert; 3, Withers. **BUFF:** 1, Onslow; 2, Stevens; 3, vhc, Kybert. **Cinn. CK:** 1, 2, Fowler and Adams; 3, vhc, Parker. **HEN:** 1, Fowler and Adams. **Goldf.:** 1, Bayliss; 2, Pine; 3, Oliver; vhc, Boshier; he, Iron; c, Rawlings. **BUFF:** 1, Kybert; 2, Boshier; 3, Fleet; vhc, Leech; he, Ferridge. **Lumet:** 1, Fleet; 2, Boshier; 3, Leech; vhc, Bloomfield. **Greenf.:** 1, Bayliss; 2, Rawlings; 3, Parker; vhc, Irons; he, Prisman. **Chaff. Etc.** 1, Oliver; 2, vhc, Prisman; 3, East; he, Ferridge. **Hawf.:** 1, Parker; 2, Oliver. **Thrush, Etc.** 1, Parker; 2, Oliver. **HEN:** 1, Parker; 2, Oliver; 3, vhc, Prisman. **Mules:** 1, 3, Archer; 2, Parker; vhc, Marshall; he, Rawlings. **Hybrids:** 1, Archer. **FOR:** 1, Oliver.

NORWICH.

The show of the Norwich Alliance C.B.A., held Dec. 16, 17, at the L.L.P. Institute, was a complete success; many entries came from outside Norwich. The chairman, Mr. J. J. Smith, with 12 exhibits in 5 classes, got 4 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds, and a fourth. There were also showing Messrs. Haward and Sons, and Keymer Bros., of Gorleston-on-Sea. **Champ., Nor., Yell. CK.** (6): 1, Smith, var., good head, full neck and chest, very hot col., well shown; 2, 3, Keymer, clears, good col. and feather, nice round heads; 4, Handley and Sons; vhc, he, Haward and Sons. **BUFF** (9): 1, 2, vhc, Smith, cl., tremendous size, well known, needs no comment; 2nd, tkd. neck, big broad head, good front, must have been pressed; 3, Handley and Sons, splendid feather, worth its place; 4, he, Keymer; c, Shearny. **HEN** (14): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Smith, heavy mkd. buff leading, round as an apple, grand head and neck; 2nd, cap and wing mkd. yell., good feather and qual.; 3rd, cl., unfig., might have won, tremendous size, not a feather amiss; 4, Haward; he, c, Handley and Sons; c, Keymer. **AMAT. Yell. CK.** (12): 1, he, Keymer, eye mkd., lovely type, good col., tight as wax; 2, vhc, Lacoeche, well-known winner, heavily mkd., good front, must be getting on in years; 3, Shearny, bouncing cl., good chest, well over; 4, E. A. Smith. **BUFF** (13): 1, Keymer, cl., good round head, nice wedge shape body, won comfortably; 2, George, 2nd, big bird, grand head and neck, patchy, or could have won; 4th, one of its youngsters, very like its parent; 3, Whitmore, unfig. cl., grand col., not one of the largest, but will make a good bird; vhc, E. A. Smith; he, Davison; c, Pye. **Yell. HEN** (10): 1, King, grizzle head mkd., grand type feather and qual., well over the perch, a little better head and it would be a champion, claimed; 2, Holmes, cl., good head, shown well; 3, Keymer, eye mkd., grand qual. and type; 3, E. A. Smith, cap and wing mkd., big round head, fails a little in neck, well-braced wings. **BUFF** (16): 1, 2, Whitmore, clears, 1st, lovely feather, well over the perch; 2nd, must have pressed hard, splendid type,

good wings and tail; 3, Dunn, good feather, well shown; 4, he, Lacoeche; vhc, Davison; c, E. A. Smith. **Nov., Yell. CK.** (17): 1, Thorne, cl., wedge-shape body, good chest, well over; 2, c, King, good col. and front, wings tip a bit; 3, Holmes, cap and wing mkd., big bouncing bird, well moulded, rather too long; 4, Clough, cl., nice size, rather long in leg; vhc, King, he, Cozens. **BUFF** (13): 1, c, King, round as a dumpling, splendid feather, good wings and tail; 2, vhc, Holmes, full neck, little rough on back; 3, Cozens, nice exhibit, cl.; 4, Whitmore, heavily var., grand col., good head and neck, might have gone up one; he, Wilson. **HEN** (16): 1, Holmes, cl., good size, fit for best of company, quickly claimed; 2, Whitmore, cl., sweet little hen, well over the perch, well moulded; 3, 4, Thorne, very nice exhibits; vhc, he, King; c, Wilson. **Unfig.** (10): 1, Dunn, cl. hen, nice type and feather, good wings and tail, earns its place; 2, Keymer, splendid feather, rather small; 3, 4, J. J. Smith; vhc, Ebbage; he, Handley and Sons; c, Shearny. **BUFF** (15): 1, 2, J. J. Smith, 1st, eye and wing mkd., superior col. and qual., grand head, neck, and chest, not a feather amiss; 2nd, varieg., big broad head and full neck, good shape; 3, Davison, varieg., tremendous size, beautiful feather, earns its place well; c, Handley and Sons; vhc, Keymer; he, Grou, Non-Fed (7). 1, Stake; 2, 3, Haze; 3, he, Cox; 4, Howard; c, Ebbage. **Limit, 25/-** (10): 1, he, E. Smith; 2, vhc, Ebbage; 3, Davison; 4, Keymer; c, Langford. **15/-** (20): 1, 2, King; 3, Keymer; 4, Pye; vhc, Ebbage; he, Shearing; c, Dunn. **Crest, CK.** (12): 1, vhc, Brundell; 2, 3, he, c, Linder; 4, Carlton. **HEN** (5): 1, 3, Cubitt; 2, Brown; 3, vhc, he, Linder; 4, Howard; c, Carlton. **Crest, Unfig.** (9): 1, 3, Brundell; 2, vhc, Linder; 4, Cubitt; he, Russell; c, Carlton. **C.B.** (6): 1, vhc, he, Brundell; 2, 4, Linder; 3, Carlton. **Goldf. or Bullf.** (9): 1, Ling; 2, 3, Pigin; 4, he, Cooper; vhc, Johnson; c, Donoughoe. **Linnets**, etc. (12): 1, 4, he, Johnson; 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, c, King.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Annual show, Royal Street Hall, Dec. 27, with over 400 entries, fine entry for a Members' Show. Six silver cups, six gold-centre medals, and a host of other money and valuable articles as special prizes in addition to three money prizes were given. Mr. Holden (Hon. Sec.), Mr. Frankham (Hon. Treas.), with Messrs. Rowlands, Wilkins, Ritchie, Bratherton, Atherton, Battersby, Kew, Leadbetter, Roberts, McLoughlin, Wilson, Grice, Rothwell, Brown, etc., all helped to their utmost to make the show a pronounced success. They all did admirably. The special prizes were laid out most artistically on a beautifully decorated stand at the top end of the hall. This work was carefully done by Mesdames Holden and Frankham. Mr. John Smith opened the show and eulogised the members' efforts and care in producing such a splendid show. Mrs. Smith presented the prizes in the evening. There was a large attendance of fanciers and visitors. Judges, Messrs. Helliwell (Yorks.), Harrison (Nor. and Bord.) and Houlton (Hyb., Brit., etc.), and performed their tasks well. Yorks. came up very well and quality was in abundant evidence. Nor. were also better than usual at Liverpool. Brit. were quite nice, Goldfinches especially good for a Members' show. Indeed better than many open shows earlier in the season. Competition throughout was of the keenest and closest description.

Cl., etc. Yell.: 1, 3, Rowlands, leader finely drawn, both good style, carr. and pos.; 2, c, Rothwell, cl., bit more shoulder, fine stand and cond.; vhc, he, Brown. **BUFF:** 1, spl. best champ. Yorks.; 3, vhc, Rothwell; 2, Rowlands, finely drawn cl., A1 cond.; he, Holden; c, Brown. **Varieg. Yell.:** 1, Huxton, had many admirers, a gem all over, as good as any in show; 2, Rowlands, finely drawn, rare pos. **BUFF:** 1, 3, Rowlands, leader best cond.; 2, Huxton, very clean through and tight; vhc, he, Holden. **Cl., etc.** Yell. Hens: 1, 8, vhc, Rothwell, pretty trio, in good order; 2, Rowlands, very fine and neat; he, Holden; c, Frankham. **BUFF:** 1, 2, he, Rothwell, all fine drawn; 3, vhc, Rowlands, rather heavier feathered; c, Broadbent. **Varieg. Yell. HEN:** 1, 2, Rothwell, both good style and breed; 3, Rowlands, cinn. varieg., bit softer cond.; vhc, Holden; he, Broadbent. **BUFF:** 1, Brown, good type, carr. and pos.; 2, 3, vhc, Rothwell, nice trio. **Yell. Gr. CK:** 1, Rowlands, real Yorks., grand col.; 2, c, Smith, level col., nice type; 3, Richardson; vhc, Huxton; he, Evans. **BUFF:** 1, 2, Rowlands, grand level pair; 3, c, Smith, fond on head, good body col.; vhc, he, Richardson. **Yell. HEN:** 1, Rowlands, very tight, grand col.; 2, Evans, good type, level col., nice order; 3, vhc, Smith, good tail, nice col. and type; he, Richardson; c, Frankham. **BUFF:** 1, he, Rowlands, A1 col. and type; 2, c, Richardson, foul, grand col.; 3, vhc, Smith, smaller self, beaten in col. 1915. **Cl., etc.** Yell. Yorks.: 1, vhc, he, Rothwell, very good team; 2, 3, Rowlands, larger, grand type; c, Frankham. **BUFF:** 1, he, Rothwell, leader deep col.; 2, Huxton, grand type, spic as a new pin, a gem; 3, vhc, Rowlands, larger, good type; c, Brown. **Yell. HEN:** 1, vhc, Rowlands, cl. leading, A1 bird; 2, he, c, Rothwell; 3, Huxton, full of breed, grand type and pos. **BUFF:** 1, Rowlands, cl., fine and breed, A1 form; 2, Brown, cinn. tkd. wing, grand style and carr.; 3, Huxton, bit thicker through; vhc, Frankham; he, c, Rothwell. **1915 Yell. Gr. CK:** 1, Richardson, good level col., nice type; 2, Evans, ditto; 3, Rowlands; vhc, Frankham. **BUFF:** 1, Richardson, level col., dark legs and beak; 2, vhc, Smith, self, nice col., coarser head; 3, Rowlands, grand col. and type all over; he, c, Frankham. **Yell. HEN:** 1, Rowlands, A1, wins easy; 2, Richardson, nice col. and type; 3, Frankham, finer drawn, nice level col. **BUFF:** 1, Rowlands, lovely soft bloom, fine col. and type; 2, Evans, paler, nice type; 3, Richardson, paler and rougher. **Nov., Yorks. Cl., etc.** Yell.: 1, Smith; 2, Leadbetter; 3, he, Roberts; vhc, c, McLoughlin. **BUFF:** 1, Nowlan, fine drawn; 2, McLoughlin; 3, Wilson; vhc, Leadbetter; he, Hammond; c, Foxcroft. **Var. Yell.:** 1, Hammond; 2, 3, Foxcroft. **Yell. HEN:** 1, vhc, Kew; 2, 3, Leadbetter; he, Wilson; c, Percival. **BUFF:** 1, Kew, fine length, A1 cond.; 2, McLoughlin, pale, grand type; 3, Howard, upstanding bird; vhc, he, c, Leadbetter. **Bar. BUFF HEN:** 1, Kew; 2, Frenz. **Yell. Gr.:** 1, 2, Wilson, grand pair; 3, Hammond; vhc, c, McLoughlin; he, Leadbetter. **BUFF:** 1, 3, McLoughlin; A1; 2, Kew; vhc, Gordon; he, Quick; c, Leadbetter. **Yell. HEN:** 1, 3, Leadbetter, foul and self, grand col. and type; 2, Wilson, fine self; vhc, he, Foxcroft; c, Percival. **BUFF:** 1, 2, Leadbetter; 3, Wilson; vhc, McLoughlin; he, Gordon; c, Percival. **1915. CK., etc.** Yell.: 1, Grice; 2, vhc, Leadbetter; 3, he,

Nests of Birds. Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harbours to everything else.

McLoughlin; c. Kewn. Buff: 1, Leadbetter; 2, he. McLoughlin; 3, Wilson; vbc. Woodcock; c. Cattle. Yell. Hen: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, McLoughlin; vbc. Grice; he. Leadbetter. Buff: 1, Wilson; 2, Roberts; 3, Kewn; vbc. Nowlan; he. Woodcock; c. Blaylock. Var.: 1, vbc. he. McLoughlin; 2, Kewn; 3, Percival; c. Quick. Yell. Hen: 1, Quick; 2, Leadbetter. Gr. Yell.: 1, Kewn; 2, Wilson; 3, Blaylock; vbc. c. McLoughlin; he. Leadbetter. Buff: 1, Leadbetter; 2, Roberts; 3, Wilson; vbc. Gordon; he. c. McLoughlin. Yell. Hen: 1, Wilson; 2, McLoughlin. Buff: 1, Kewn; 2, he. c. McLoughlin; 3, Wilson; vbc. Roberts. A.O.V. Ch.: 1, Leadbetter; 2, Juick. Hen: 1, Gordon; 2, Juick; 3, he. Foxcroft. Champ. Nor.: Cl., etc. Yell. Nor.: 1, Wilkins, grand size, shape, rare head, col. and cond.; 2, he. Atherton, cobby varieg., beaten in head; 3, vbc. Hoiden, tsk. ear, grand type; c. Frankham. Buff: 1, 2, Wilkins, pretty pair, nice bloom; 3, vbc. Frankham, paler, longer sided; he. c. Atherton. Yell. Hen: 1, Atherton, nice shape, clear; 2, 3, Hodson, fair birds. Buff: 1, 2, he. Wilkins, good trio, 1st best head; 3, Atherton, cobby cl.; vbc. Hodson; c. Frankham. Yell. Gr.: 1, vbc. Hodson; 2, Ball, best head; 3, he. c. Frankham, cinn. foul leading. Buff: 1, Ball; 2, 3, vbc. Frankham. 1915, Nor. Ch.: 1, 2, 3, Wilkins, good trio; vbc. Hodson; he. Atherton. Hen: 1, 3, he. Wilkins, yell. leading, takes spl. best Nor., neat bird; 2, vbc. Hodson, cobby buff, nice bloom. Bord. Cl., etc. Yell.: 1, 3, he. c. Bratherton, four of his well-known birds; 2, vbc. Ritchie, compact, jaunty varieg. A1. Buff: 1, Ritchie, very neat; 2, vbc. Bratherton, larger, good type; 3, Smith, fine type, qual., carr. and cond.; he. Grice. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Bratherton, pretty trio; vbc. Ritchie; he. Grice. Buff: 1, 2, Ritchie, 1st best cond.; 3, Smith. Yell. Gr.: 1, Bratherton, bit long, good sound col.; 2, vbc. Ritchie, shorter, compact. A1 col.; 3, Battersby, smaller, fine col.; he. Grice. Buff: 1, Grice, foul tail, A1 col. and shape; 2, Battersby, bit pulpy; 3, vbc. he. Frankham, nice team. Goldf.: 1, spl. best Brit. 2, 3, Wilkins, all in good condition of feather; vbc. Hammond; he. Keenan; c. Frankham. Buff: 1, Battersby, nice mounted bird; 2, vbc. Keenan, F.M., good; 3, Lloyd, right wing, full down a bit. Greenf.: 1, Lloyd, the big yell., full of col.; 2, T. W. Kelly, buff, smaller, neat cond.; 3, vbc. Keenan, nice yellows, smaller. Chaffinch: 1, Rothwell, best cond.; 2, 3, Kelly, deep col., 3rd paler, nice shape; vbc. Rothwell; he. Keenan. Bramble: 1, 3, Keenan; 2, Rothwell, all nicely spangled, leader best col. Linnet: 1, Rothwell, fine size, shape, markings and cond.; pale col.; 2, Keenan, smaller, nice cond.; 3, Hammond, chubby, heavy marks, like a hen; vbc. Kelly; he. Lloyd; c. Howard. Twite, etc.: 1, he. Keenan, very nice Twite; 2, 3, Lloyd, fine Redpoll and a fair Siskin; vbc. Hoiden; c. Kelly. A. O. V. Hard: 1, vbc. Keenan, pair Yell. Buntings; 2, Lloyd, a good Yell. Bunting; 3, Kelly, nice shape Lapland Bunting, in fair cond., wants taming a little. Hens: 1, vbc. Keenan, two good Buffinches; 2, Lloyd, cinn. Greenf.; 3, he. Kelly, good Redpoll leading. Mule: 1, Lloyd; 2, Keenan; 3, he. Kelly; vbc. Ball.

Special winners: Premier cup, Rothwell, 229 points; Champ. Yorks. cup, Rowlands, 181; runner up, medal, Rothwell, 168; Nov. Yorks. cup, McLoughlin, 171; runner up, medal, Leadbetter, 147; Champ. Brit. cup, Lloyd, 132; runner up, medal, Rothwell, 61; Novice, Keenan, 199; runner up, medal, Kelly, 102; Bord. cup, Bratherton, 86; runner up, medal, Ritchie, 80; Nor. Club medal, Wilkins, 96; runner up, medal, Hodson, 51.

BARNSTAPLE.

One of the finest displays of local cage birds ever seen in North Devon was given in the Co-operative Rooms, on Dec. 13, in aid of the Barnstaple War Supply Depot Fund. The hall is admirably suited for such, being well lighted and free from draught. 150 birds were staged. Belgians and Scotch Fanciers were disappointing, numbering only nine in four classes. Other sections were well supported. The committee had all the arrangements well in hand, and the sec. Mr. C. F. Dart, assisted by chairman, Mr. Collins, had the birds staged in good time. Mr. R. J. Blackmore judged Belgians and Scotch Fanciers; Mr. J. D. Horrell, Brit. and Hybrids; and Mr. G. Dix, remainder. As a result of the show the fund will benefit to the extent of nearly £4. Belgians: 2 in each of 3 classes, all to Horrell, put down in faultless style. Scotch Fanciers: 1, 2, 3, Dix, a fine trio, well shown. Crest (3): 1, Dart, large and well formed crest, very neat; 2, Bale, cl. body dark, good size, not quite so dense or shapely. C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, Lane, good team, leader var., plenty of size, 2nd cl., rare body, good entrance, 3rd foul green, rare shape skull, wide entrance, grand turn over, might have won; vbc. Wart; he. Bale. Crest, 1915 (6): 1, 2, 3, Lane, 1st var., crest of good size and formation, good frontal, wins, 2nd foul green, scarcely so neat, 3rd wing mkl. dark, neat and shapely crest, fails to density; vbc. he. Dart. C.B. (5): 1, Dart, var., grand entrance, nicely domed skull, head feather of good length; 2, Mogridge, var., rare subs. of body, well lashed, scarcely the length; 3, Dart; vbc. he. Lane. Nor. Yell. Ch. (6): 1, 3, Richards, 1st yell. gr., great size, splendid shape, lovely col. and qual.; 3, var., good head and body, nice shape; 2, Moon, var., good shape, fails size to winner; vbc. R. Taylor; he. J. W. Turner; c. A. Newcombe. Buff (5): 1, 2, Richards, 1st var., ink. cheek and wing, grand head and body, nice full cheeks; 2, clear, very large head, hardly so full at front; 3, Jones; vbc. Turner. Yell. Hen (7): 1, 2, Richards, clears, 1st good head and body, lovely bloom, 2nd not quite so large, good shape and qual.; 3, Lemon; vbc. Lemon; he. Jones; he. Newcombe; c. West. Buff (7): 1, 3, Richards, 1st grand shape, nice head, excels in body, grand bloom and sheen; 2, Taylor, larger, not quite so good in shape; vbc. spl. Loosmore; he. Newcombe; he. Lemon. Yell. Ch. (1915) (8): 1, 2, Richards, 1st ink. wing, grand shape and qual., feather, like silk, front round as a ball, nice full head and cheeks, 2nd extra qual., fails only in body; 3, Taylor, mkl. cheek and wings, rare qual., grandly fed, we bit long; vbc. Jones; vbc. Lemon; he. Loosmore. Buff (11): 1, 2, Richards, 1st varieg., grand qual., very hot for a buff, nice head and body, not over large, but very shapely, 2nd varieg., larger, fine head and body; 3, Walker, varieg., good shape and size, we bit black at thighs; 2, vbc. Moon; he. Mogridge; c. Turner and Newcombe. Yell. Hen (1915) (5): 1, Moon, 1st. wing and chest, lovely shape, good head and body, but pale in col., some thought lucky; 2, vbc. Richards, grand shape and fine cond., hardly so full in head and neck; 3, Turner; he. Newcombe. Buff (10): 1, Turner, dark tail, one of the best out this season, beautiful shaped head, round as a ball, nice full cheeks, body full, nicely cut away underneath; 2, Richards, cl. beautifully moulded, fails head to winner; 3, Moon, mkl. wing, nice cobby body, good qual., pressed hard; he. Jones; he. Turner and West. c. Loosmore. Nat. Col. (9): 1, Williams, spl. grand size, good head and body feather, very silky; 2, Thorne, nice head and body; 3, Thorne, similar; vbc. Thorne; he. Hunt and Annis. Yorks. Yell. (5): 1, 2, 3, Pitt, 1st standard length, lovely qual. of feather, well up on leg, nice head and neck, correct pos. 2nd and 3rd similar; vbc. he. Reynolds.

Buff (2): 1, Pitt, plenty of length and good qual.; 2, Reynolds. Mule or Hyb. (6): 1, Collins, noted Linnet-Buff, making his 37th win, still in grand form, better col. than ever; 2, 3, c. Potter, 2, Goldf-Buff, blaze of col., nice shape, some preferred to win; vbc. Hoyle. Goldf. or Buff. (11): 1, 2, Collins, 1st Goldf., Cardiff and Bristol winner, excels blaze and tannings, wins, 2nd Buff, good cap, breast and back, lovely qual.; 3, Halls, Goldf., fails blaze to winner; vbc. Dart; he. Dix. A.O. Brit. (4): 1, 2, 3, vbc. Collins, Hawfinch, tip-top cond., good bilh, will make a champion; Linnet, nicely pencilled; Whitethroat, a grand exhibit, put down in masterly style, many thought should have won.

OPENSCHAW, GORTON C.B.A.

3rd annual show, Dec. 27, Mr. A. G. Davies judged and gave satisfaction. The birds and the prizes made a grand display, and the show was well patronised. Peters won trophy with 67 points, and it becomes his own property; 2, Gilbert, 54, a very neat rosebowl as runner-up; Newton won amat. medal with 60 points; Gilbert runner-up, 59; Green most points all shows and most points this show, 125 and 91 points: best bird in show: 1, Green; 2, Gilbert; Daley, best Brit.; Gilbert, best unlig.; Green, best unfgr. Nor. and hottest fed; Dixon, novice medal; Beddall, runner up; James, least points with four or more entries.

Amat. Yorks. Buff Cock (3): 1, 3, Green; 2, Gilbert. Hen (7): 1, 2, 3, vbc. c. Green; he. Gilbert. Cock Unlig. (7): 1, 2, 3, Gilbert; 4, vbc. Green. Hen (6): 1, 2, 4, he. Gilbert; 3, vbc. Green. Nor. Ch. (6): 1, 4, Green; 2, 3, vbc. Chilton; he. Richards. Yell. Hen (5): 1, vbc. Peters; 2, 4, Chilton; 3, Green. Buff (5): 1, Green; 2, 4, Peters; vbc. Chilton. Cock Unlig. (5): 1, 2, he. c. Peters; 3, vbc. Chilton; 4, Richards. Hen (7): 1, 2, he. Green; 3, vbc. Chilton; 4, c. Richards. Nov. Yorks. Buff Ch. (2): 1, 2, Beddall. Nor. (10): 1, 4, Giles; 2, Evanson; 3, vbc. he. c. Dixon. Nor. Yell. Hen (7): 1, Evanson; 2, 3, 4, vbc. he. c. Dixon. Bord. Ch. (2): 1, 2, Newton. Hen (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vbc. he. c. Newton. Cock unlig. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vbc. he. c. Newton. Linnet (4): 1, Daley; 2, 3, J. Green; 4, James. Buff and Bramble (3): 1, Daley; 2, Newton; 3, James. Goldf. (3): 1, 2, Daley; 3, James. Siskin (4): 1, 3, Green; 2, Daley; 4, Newton. Tedpoll (3): 1, James; 2, Green; 3, Daley. Chaff and Greenf. (4): 1, 3, Newton; 2, Daley; 4, Newton. Mule (5): 1, 2, Daley; 3, Green; 4, vbc. Giles.—A. W. Newton, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD (East) O.S.

Last show of the season, Dec. 27; 96 birds staged; Mr. F. Self, Clayton, judged, giving entire satisfaction.

Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, vbc. Walker; 2, 3, Farrar; 4, Midgley. Buff: 1, Farrar; 2, Walker. Unlig.: 1, 4, Walker; 2, Farrar; 3, Laycock; vbc. Midgley. Even, etc.: 1, 2, 4, he. Taylor; 3, vbc. c. Stables. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Midgley; 2, Walker; 3, c. Laycock; 4, Taylor; vbc. he. Stables. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Stables; 4, Midgley; vbc. c. Walker; he. Laycock. Even, etc.: Hen: 1, 3, Stables; 2, he. Laycock; vbc. 4, Midgley; c. Taylor. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 4, vbc. Wheelwright; 2, Spencer; 3, Naylor. Buff: 1, 3, Naylor; 4, vbc. Wilman; 2, Wheelwright. Unlig. Yell.: 1, Wheelwright. Buff: 1, Wheelwright. Even, etc.: 1, Wilman; 2, Spencer; 3, 4, Wroe. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, vbc. Wheelwright; 3, Wroe; 4, he. vbc. Spencer. Buff: 1, Wheelwright; 2, 3, 4, vbc. Wroe; he. c. Spencer. Even, etc.: 1, Spencer; 2, 4, vbc. Wroe; 3, Wheelwright. Sell.: 1, J. Farrar; 2, 3, C. E. Walker. Hen: 1, 2, E. Walker; 3, Farrar; 4, Spencer; vbc. H. S. Naylor.

Results of competition for season:—Mr. A. Farrar's silver cup; J. Taylor, 108 points; Walker, 87; Wroe, 82; Wheelwright, 79; Farrar, 78; Midgley, 67; Laycock, 63; Spencer, 62; Cruise, 60; Stables, 60; Hargreaves, 50; Northrop, 43; Naylor, 35; Bousfield, 30; J. S. Taylor, 21; Rushworth, 15; Verity, 14; Wilman, 7; Briggs, 6. Mr. J. Farrar's silver cup: C. E. Walker, 171 points; Wheelwright, 153; Wroe, 142; J. Taylor, 139; Farrar, 113; Hargreaves, 108; Stables, 90; Laycock, 90; Midgley, 83; Spencer, 83; Cruise, 68; Northrop, 40; Bousfield, 36; Naylor, 35; Rushworth, 23; S. G. Taylor, 21; Verity, 16; Wilman, 7; Briggs, 6; W. Walker, 6. Mr. J. Taylor's silver medal, Champ. Section: J. Taylor, 77 points. Nov.: J. Wroe, 54. Members' Specials Competitions, Champion:—Walker, 99; Taylor, 96; Laycock, 70; Midgley, 67; Farrar, 64; Stables, 60; Northrop, 43; Novice: Wroe, 43; Wheelwright, 91; Hargreaves, 72; Spencer, 57; Naylor, 28; G. S. Taylor, 21; Verity, 14.—J. Spencer, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual members' show, Mallet Line Hotel, Dec. 27; 114 birds faced the judge, Mr. A. Jewett, of Queensbury, who gave every satisfaction. Mr. S. Hepp won champ. special with 15 points; 2, D. A. Macpherson, 14; Nov. section, Horsman and Ambler shared 17 each. Champ. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Sharp; 2, Dunn. Buff: 1, 3, Sharp; 2, Dunn; vbc. Pilling. Mkl.: 1, 3, Sharp; 2, he. Dunn; vbc. Pilling. Yell. Hen: 1, Sharp. Buff: 1, Pilling; 2, Dunn. Nov. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (9): 1, Ambler; 2, vbc. c. Thornton; 3, Barnes; he. Horsman. Buff (8): 1, Horsman; 2, Cockroft; 3, Thornton; vbc. Ellis; he. Rushworth; c. Sladdin and Baldwin. Mkl. Ch. (11): 1, Horsman; 2, 3, c. Ambler; vbc. Ellis; he. Whitham. Yell. Hen (10): 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Thornton; vbc. he. Horsman; c. Ambler. Buff (13): 1, 3, c. Ambler; 2, Horsman; vbc. Whitham; cl. Smith. Green Ch. (7): 1, vbc. Sladdin and Baldwin; 2, Thornton; 3, Ellis; he. c. Scruton and Harris. Hen (7): 1, Leach; 2, Ellis; 3, vbc. Rushworth; he. c. Scruton and Harris. Yell. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, vbc. Hepp; he. Lloyd. Buff: 1, 2, Clegg; 3, Lloyd. Hen: 1, 2, 3, he. Hepp; vbc. Lloyd; c. Clegg. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Rolfe. Buff: 1, 2, Rolfe. Yell. Hen: 1, Rolfe. Buff: 1, Rolfe. Brit. Finches (7): 1, 2, vbc. Macpherson; 3, he. c. Benn. A.O. Brit.: 1, 2, Benn; 3, vbc. he. Macpherson. Sell.: 1, 3, Clegg.

Special winners at members' shows are:—Nov. gold medals: Yorks.: Horsman, 76 points; Sladdin and Baldwin, 71; Nor.: Rolfe, 305. Most points each show: June 19: Burdick Bros., 58; Sladdin and Baldwin, 58; July 17: Burdick Bros., 58, and 28. 6d. spl.; Sladdin and Baldwin, 58, and 28. 6d. spl.; Oct. 6: spl.; Burdick Bros., 58; Riley, 28; Thornton, 58; Horsman and Ambler, 14, each; Oct. 30: Helliwell, 58; Burdick Bros., 28; Horsman, 58; Benn, 28; Dec. 11: Macpherson and Corney, 38. 6d. each; Horsman, 28; Whitham, 28; Dec. 27: Hepp, 58; Macpherson, 58; Horsman and Ambler, 38. 6d. each. Mr. Ross's specials:—Burdick Bros., champ. Yorks., 58; points; Horsman, Nov., 76; H. Clegg, champ. Nor., 30; S. Rolfe, Nov., 30; Macpherson, champ. Brit., 60; R. Benn, Nov., 39; Burdick Bros. win 58, 2nd most points in champions with 58; points; Sladdin and Baldwin, 58, 2nd most points, 71; Horsman, 28. 6d., 20 points, with vbc. birds; Scruton and Harris, 28, 6d., with he. birds, 8; Ambler, 28, 6d., with c. birds in champ., 17 points; Horsman, 58, ditto novice, 26; Whither and Clegg share 28. 6d. most points in sell. 6; Scruton and Harris win Helliwell's show cage, 17 points.—H. Clegg.

BINGLEY O.S.

Annual members' show, Dec. 27, Assembly Rooms; 24 birds faced Mr. J. Hartley, Micklethwaite. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 2, 4, Bailey; 3, F. Craven. Buff: 1, he. J. Craven; 2, 3, A. M. Craven; 4, vbc. Butterworth and Hardy; c. Bailey. Yell. Hen: 1, 4, A. M. Craven; 2, 3, vbc. J. Craven; he. c. Butterworth and Hardy. Buff: 1, 2, 4, F. Craven; 3, vbc. he. A. M. Craven. Points for seasons shows:—1, F. Craven, 78; 2, A. M. Craven, 71; 3, S. H. Bailey, 55; 4, Butterworth and Hardy, 48; 5, K. Townley, 19; 6, J. Allan, 6. Gold medal most points with three starred birds: F. Craven, 55 points; runners-up, A. M. Craven 50, S. H. Bailey 40.—F. Craven, Sec.

SELBY C.B.S.

Second annual members' show, Museum Hall, Dec. 28. One of the best yet held by the society, exhibits coming up well both in number and quality. Mr. T. Wright, York, judged, and gave general satisfaction. Specials: Best Yorks., J. (Bill); Nor., A. Parvin; Brit., G. Hallett; 2nd best Yorks., c. S. Wetherell; hen, J. Chiff; 2nd best Nor., S. Wetherell; Brit., A. Parvin.

Yorks. Ch.: 1, spl. 2, Chiff; 3, Parvin. Hen: 1, 2, Chiff; 3, vbc. Puleyn; he. Puckrin. Ch., Unlig.: 1, spl. Wetherell; 2, 3, he. Chiff; he. Puckrin. Hen: 1, spl. 2, Chiff; 3, he. Puleyn; vbc. Parvin. Nor.: 1, spl. he. Parvin; 2, spl. Wetherell; 3, vbc. Hallett. Unlig.: 1, Wetherell; 2, Hallett; 3, Parvin. Brit.: 1, spl. Hallett; 2, spl. Parvin; 3, Wetherell; vbc. Puleyn.—J. Chiff, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Last members' show, Dec. 27; 61 birds were staged. Champ. Yorks. Ch.: 1, 2, 4, Hartley; 3, Lingard. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Hartley; 4, Ormonroyd. Uneven Mkl. Ch.: 1, Hartley; 2, Lingard; 3, Lister. Hen: 1, Hartley; 2, Lister. Unlig. Ch.: 1, 2, 3, Hartley; 4, Ormonroyd. Hen: 1, Ormonroyd. Yell. Hen: 1, Hartley. Buff: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hartley. Novice Classes:—Yell. Ch.: 1, Collins Bros. Buff: 1, Sutcliffe. Uneven Mkl. Ch.: 1, Sutcliffe. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Collins Bros. Cinn. Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, Collins Bros.; 4, Firth. Unlig. Ch.: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, 4, Firth; 3, E. Self. Hen: 1, 3, 4, E. Self; 2, Firth. Yell. Hen: 1, Sutcliffe. Buff: 1, 2, 3, 4, E. Self. A. W. Hartley wins champion's cup and specials with 157 points; 2, W. Ormonroyd, 103; 3, G. Midgley, 72; 4, S. Lingard, 53; Collins Bros. win novice cup and specials, 136 points; 2, E. Self, 126; 3, S. Firth, 74; 4, J. Shackleton 66.—A. W. Hartley, Sec.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

Show, Dec. 27, Black Horse Hotel; 113 birds faced the judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, whose awards were well received.

Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. Ch.: 1, Bower; 2, Middleton; 3, Smith; vbc. Scaife; he. Fawcett; c. Nemes. Buff: 1, 2, Middleton; 3, Booth; vbc. Bower; he. Fawcett; c. Smith. Uneven or Foul Mkl. Ch.: 1, 2, 3, Middleton; vbc. Smith; he. Burnett; c. Smith. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Middleton; 2, Fawcett; 3, Booth; vbc. Scaife; he. Nemes; c. Middleton. Buff: 1, J. Middleton; 2, c. E. Middleton; 3, Smith; vbc. he. Booth. Uneven or Foul Mkl. Hen: 1, J. Middleton; 2, Fawcett; 3, Smith; vbc. Mitchell; he. Burnett; c. Booth. A.O.V. Ch.: 1, 3, Burnett; 2, Scaife; vbc. Nemes; he. Fawcett; c. Crowther. Hen: 1, E. Middleton; 2, Fawcett; vbc. Burnett; he. As. cough. Nov.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Ch.: 1, Potterton; 2, Godwin; 3, W. Smith; vbc. c. J. Smith; he. Earl. Buff: 1, W. Smith; 2, D. C. Potterton; 3, Earl; vbc. Clough; he. Godwin. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen: 1, Godwin; 2, W. Smith; 3, Potterton; vbc. Boit; he. Clough; c. Earl. Buff: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Boit; vbc. Farrar; he. Godwin; c. Clough. A.O.V. Ch.: 1, Boit; 2, Farrar. Hen: 1, 3, Earl; 2, Godwin; vbc. Boit; he. Farrar; c. Smith.

Season's Specials:—1, J. Middleton, 76 points; 2, S. Smith, 62; 3, W. Fawcett, 60; 4, G. Booth, 39; 5, R. Burnett, 34. Novice: 1, W. Smith, 48; 2, O. Potterton, 48; 3, S. Boit, 41; 4, A. Godwin, 39; 5, T. Earl, 37.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Members' show, Miners' Hall, Monkwearmouth, Dec. 27 (in conjunction with Sunderland Tipplers' Association); exhibits numbered 195, including birds that had held their own in the Northern open shows. The chairman arranged a guessing competition at the Hall, a bird and cage which he kindly provided, for guessing correct weight (or nearest). Eight competitors got to within 1oz., and on being drawn for, Mr. T. P. Brown (Southwick) was declared the winner. The show manager (Mr. Farrer) and the sec. would like to thank those who gave so much time to make the show successful and for valuable help during the day. Judges were J. Johnston (Wallsend), and J. V. Clark (Sunderland). Mr. C. Waters won special best bird (given by Mr. Mann) with a H.M. Linnet; runner-up, Mr. Smith, with a young C.B.

Nor. Yell.: 1, Rishborough; 2, Barnes; 3, Johnson. Buff: 1, 2, Snowball. A.O.V.: 1, Barnes; 2, Snowball; 3, Johnson. Dark Crest: 1, Swan; 2, Rishborough. C.B.: 1, T. Smith; 2, Rishborough; 3, Swan. Crest. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Rishborough; 3, Swan. Cinn. Yell. Self: 1, 2, 3, Rishborough. Buff: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Rishborough. A.O.V.: 1, Rishborough. Bord.: Three classes, all Davidson. Yorks. Yell. Cl.: 1, W. Smith; 2, T. Smith; 3, Gray. Buff: 1, W. Smith; 2, T. Smith; 3, Gray. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Swan; 3, W. Smith. Liz. Gold C.C.: 1, Johnson. Silver C.C.: 1, G. Davidson. A.O.V. Liz.: 1, G. Davidson. Old Birds.—Nor. Yell.: 1, Proctor; 2, Walker; 3, Snowball. Buff: 1, 3, Barnes; 2, Johnson. Crest: 1, T. Smith; 2, Farrer; 3, Swan. C.B.: 1, 3, Rishborough; 2, Swan. Cinn.: 1, Barnes; 2, Maclin; 3, Walker. Bord. Yell.: 1, 2, Davidson; 3, Barnes. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Davison. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Walker; 2, Swan; 3, T. Smith. Buff: 1, W. R. Smith; 2, Swan; 3, Walker. Liz.: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Proctor. Linnet, H.M.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Maclin. Goldf. or Buff, H.M.: 1, T. Smith; 2, 3, Waters. A.O.V. Finch, etc.: H.M.: 1, Waters; 2, Swan; 3, T. Davidson. Linnet, F.M.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Peacock. A.O.V. Finch, etc.: F.M.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Peacock. Mule: 1, Rishborough; Foreign: 1, 2, 3, Peacock.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

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CLUB REPORTS.

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WAKEFIELD.

A table show was held at headquarters, January 29, with a good turn up of birds, especially in the British Section, which produced some excellent specimens. Mr. E. Norton, Leeds, judged, and his awards were favourably received. A special feature were the very good exhibits put down by several new members, who will no doubt benefit by picking up the little details necessary when staging for keener competition at our coming shows.—J. Isherwood.

CITY OF CORK C.B.S.

Meeting Jan. 28, 31, Dunbar-st., statement of accounts submitted. Our open show, 15 and 16 Dec. turned out a success. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Prize money was paid within four days, and local winners were paid on the second day of show. We have to our credit the sum of £10 18. 10d. Members were more than pleased with report. Vote of thanks was passed to treas., Mr. Neville, for placing room at committee's disposal.—Chas. Greene, Hon. Sec. Please do not write on both sides of the paper.—(Id.)

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

General meeting January 26, Shield's Cafe, Mr. T. C. Crawhall chair. Balance sheet was read and adopted, showing a balance in hand of £7 11s. 11d., which was considered very satisfactory. Officers elected for 1916: President, T. C. Crawhall; chair, W. Mather; vice-chair, J. H. Leach; sec. and treas., R. Havis; added to Committee, R. Tindall, W. Studholme, R. Studholme, G. Willis, W. Frost, E. Johnson; auditor, R. Tindall. Agreed to give Mr. R. Tindall a small present for his valuable services to the club during the time he has held the secretaryship. Unanimously agreed that Mr. J. Stewart, Whitehaven, was entitled to the cup won at our last show, held Dec. 4. During the discussion on the disqualified bird at Bishop Auckland Mr. Crawhall vacated the chair, Mr. W. Mather taking his place. Resolved that the Chairman endeavour to get closed rings, stamped N.F.C.C., for members who wish to use them. Members who require these kindly apply to Mr. Crawhall, stating quantity they require. Agreed that points gained at the N.F. shows to stand for cup and specials. Winners of silver spoons at shows receiving our patronage:—Novice section: Newcastle, T. Leck; Hartlepool, R. Havis; N.T.C.C., W. Studholme; Blaydon, J. H. Leach; Hattwhistle, R. Topping; Gateshead, M. Natrass; Whitehaven, Wm. Crowther. Champions: Newcastle, T. C. Crawhall; Carlisle, E. Deighton; Hartlepool, J. Stewart; Blaydon, J. Stirk; Hattwhistle, R. Tindall; N.T.C.C., G. Tweedie; Gateshead, W. Mather; Whitehaven, W. Wells. New members elected: A. Buck, Newcastle; W. Robson, R. R. Graley, Wallsend; C. Graham, W. Collins, Blaydon; J. T. Reed, Leadgate.—R. Havis, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

The Fifth Annual Dinner of the Sheffield O.S., was held at Stephenson's Restaurant, Jan. 27, when well over one hundred fanciers and friends had a most enjoyable evening. As soon as the menu was got through Mr. Dawn (chairman) set the ball rolling by proposing "The King, Queen, and Royal Family." Mr. Wm. Foxon then sang "God Save the King," in which the gathering heartily joined. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, in proposing the S.O.S., said he had very great pleasure in proposing the toast of what he considered the society of the kingdom, as far as the cage bird fancy was concerned. He did not know any society with the enthusiasm of Sheffield. They had the right men at the head, when they ran their shows, they were not afraid of speculating, and their ventures always proved really successful. One member, Dr. Craig, had made rapid strides, and in his experience of over 30 years Dr. Craig was the only man in a mucky hole like Sheffield who had achieved such success at Yorkshire Union shows.

Dr. Craig in replying soon sent the audience into laughter in his usual style. Although visitors usually said pretty things, in this case he thought Mr. Cowgill's praise of the Sheffield O.S. was fully justified. The members and officials have grit, determination, and plenty of that great asset "cheek." In spite of adverse conditions, last year was a record, not only through our own efforts, but by the assistance of our friends. Many may think that we ought to be successful without outside financial aid, but they forget that no society gives the value we do at our annual open show; our schedule last year was second to none. All this, he said, was not accomplished without the co-operation of our sec., who gives us the benefit of his long experience, and never spares himself or his family to keep everything in order and up to time. He hoped and believed he expressed the general wish that he may be with us for many years, to assist us in retaining the position we have achieved in the fancy world, and, last, but not least, to always present us with a financially sound balance sheet.

Mr. Woodall proposed "The Majesty's Forces on Land and Sea," remarking it was quite apparent that we must be top dog, or we should not be enjoying ourselves in such a hearty manner. He looked forward with hopeful anticipation to an early and successful ending. Lieut. Rice suitably replied. Mr. T. Ridal, in proposing "Visitors and Kindred Societies" was very amusing. Singling out Mr. Towers, he hoped he had paid his sub., and that he would get his Bradford pals to join too, it was 2s. 6d. still, in spite of the war. Mr. W. Foxon, on behalf of the visitors, thanked Mr. Ridal for his kind words and Dr. Craig for his invitation. In congratulating Mr. Job upon the splendid programme, he eulogised the artists engaged to the fullest appreciation of a lifelong professional musician. The toast, "The Chairman," was proposed by Mr. Towers, Keighley, who considered himself a member of the society, having been rushed into it whilst on the popular Wootley ramble. He could not express in words his opinion of the fitness of Mr. Dawn for the position he occupied. With such a leader the S.O.S. could not fail. They were to be congratulated on having a record show in abnormal times. One of their members, Dr. Craig, in winning two of the premier prizes in the Bradford district, had done something which was thought impossible. I can go back 30 years, he said, and know of no one who has tackled the Yorkshireman in the Bradford district, and come out successfully. Even an old fancier of Thackeray's days who was talking to me at the first show said it was impossible for a Sheffield man to run a whole season, as the atmospheric conditions were against it. I prophesied otherwise, and my prophesy has come true. Now these are the type of members which make a society, and you are fortunate in having several. The artists having been thanked for their services, one of the most enjoyable evenings was brought to a close by again singing the National Anthem.—J. A. T. Woodall.

Queries Answered

(FOR RULES SEE LAST WEEK'S ISSUE.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ACCOMMODATION (G. L.).—Your query is very vague. You first say the aviary is 5ft. wide, and then that it is 7ft. by 7ft. If you have 5ft. by 5ft. of floor space, and wish to turn the birds in to fly loose for breeding, three cocks and six hens should be sufficient to stock it. On the other hand, if you have 7ft. by 7ft. of floor space you may turn in four cocks and twelve hens. The height is not important, but should not be less than somewhere around 4ft. The number of nesting sites should exceed the number of hens by about one half. If this is not what you wish to know, please write again, and be more definite, and I shall be pleased to be of any assistance to you.

A WHEEZY NOISE (Novice).—I am afraid a young Canary which is in such a state of "wheeziness" as your query implies, must have been badly used in the way of management, or have inherited this trouble. Such a bird should never be mated for breeding. The following treatment should make a material improvement in its condition. First of all thoroughly examine its cage and appurtenances to see if it is pestered with red mites, and if so, take the necessary steps to eradicate them, as you may have often seen in this column. Also see that it is not exposed to cold direct draughts, or rapid and extreme changes of temperature, such as may occur between day and night in a room where a fire is kept only by day. Do not hang it high up near the ceiling, nor near or over burning lights in the evenings. Having attended to these points, give in addition to its staple seed diet, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre. At the end of the fortnight stop these extras and medicines for a week, and then resume them and give for another fortnight as before.

SAMPLE OF RAPE (B.B., Ohio, U.S.A.).—The sample of seed sent was much crushed when it reached me, so I cannot express any opinion as to its cleanliness or otherwise. A large proportion of the seed was crushed practically to a powdery substance. As far as I am able to judge the seed is a type of rape which is sometimes sold as real summer rape and at other times as cole. To be quite definite in naming it one would need to grow the seed and identify the plant and blossom. It is mild in flavour, and is very well matured, and should form a valuable item in the Roller's bill of fare if mixed with an equal bulk of the small red-tail coloured summer rape. As a staple diet solely it would probably prove too relaxing. Anyway, that is my experience of this type of seed.

A ROOM AVIARY (A.S.).—(1) You would be quite on the safe side in putting one cock and four hens in the portion of room you have turned into an aviary for breeding. For this number of hens six to eight nesting sites should be provided. The hens might be turned in at once, and the cock kept caged in the room until about the end of next month, and released when you saw signs of the hens wanting to nest. The window space should be covered with half-inch mesh netting, fixed on frame, to guard against any loss of birds if the window was accidentally broken, and also to allow of its being opened during favourable weather. I am, of course, assuming that you mean to have the birds flying loose in the room, though I cannot quite understand the purpose of the corner space you have marked on your plan as a flight line. (2) Many fanciers have used the food you name with success for rearing young, I believe, but I cannot speak from practical experience on the point. Still, with good feeding hens kept under the conditions you propose, there is no reason whatever why you should not succeed with it, either solely, as you suggest, or with a third part of its bulk of desiccated egg yolk added to it. You would find much information on this matter in last year's and the forthcoming CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. There remarks will apply equally to the Yorkshires. (3) Certainly, you could use small twiggy branches about the room, instead of adhering entirely to the hackneyed straight perches. By fixing securely such branches to the walls at intervals, and in the corners you may both add to the appearance of the room and afford many excellent nesting sites. The small penny rush basket nests are very useful for this purpose if fixed securely in the branches, not more than one in each.

SOME APPETITE (Lecture).—The bird is probably suffering from malnutrition due to inability to assimilate nourishment from the food it eats. Try what this treatment will do for it in a month or so, and then report result. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily over-heated, nor yet on the chilly side, and see that it is not exposed to extreme changes of temperature between day and night. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible, free from red mites, and see that the floor is well strewn with clean gritty sand. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every third day for a month a piece of bread the size of a small walnut soaked in cold milk, drained, three drops of cod liver emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana and half a teaspoonful of well-scalded summer rape, and next a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, broken groats, and either linseed or chopped sunflower seed. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the next week give instead 20 drops of Chemical Food. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the dosage of the two first weeks in the same order. Then report result and repeat particulars.

TWO DISSIMILAR (Coggshall).—(1) As you seem to know that the hen is well past her youth, I think you would be well advised to entirely discard her as a stock bird and thereby avoid disappointment, the chances of which are by no means small. If she was in quite good condition and had plenty of energy when the season comes to mate up, the best chance of success with her would be to mate her with a lusty, vigorous cock bred last season. But only the actual test would prove whether the mating would be a success, and meanwhile the season may be lost. (2) When I advise dilute sulphuric acid I refer to the standard article which is sold by all chemists. I do not advise you to attempt to dilute the pure acid yourself, as it requires some little skill and knowledge of dispensing to add the correct quantity of pure acid to give the proper proportions of acid and water at a certain temperature.

The proportions I could give you, but as the properly prepared article is sold at about a penny a fluid ounce by any chemist you will see it is not really worth your while to risk making an unsatisfactory article.

AN OVERSIGHT (F. W. C.).—(1) I am afraid your aviary does not admit of any quite satisfactory method of overcoming the difficulty you now have in view. It is just one of those points which should have prior consideration in the planning of an aviary, so that it may be provided for in the structural design. The only method I can see short of shutting all the birds in one compartment while you did anything in the other is to cut out a small space in each top corner of the wire front large enough to introduce your arm easily, and then make small wire doors to fit in these spaces. Then, by not placing any nests quite close to the back, and using a handkerchief or something similar to shield the open space whilst you inserted your arm any time it became necessary you may be able to get at all the nests, with the minimum disturbance to the birds. Or you might keep the nests sufficiently near the front to remove anything from them with one of the long handled egg lifters which are on the market. But taken altogether I would rather let things take their own course, and trust to luck. Should a young bird die in the nest, and the hen is a good reliable sort she will throw it out herself, and if she did not you need not worry about it unless it became offensive; then you could only risk the disturbance by shutting the birds up whilst you removed it. (2) See reply to "A.S." in this issue re egg food.

A PECULIAR JOINT (B.P., Auckland).—I really cannot tell from your description and attempt at a sketch what is wrong with the bird, or which joint it is that acts as you describe. Could not you make it a little more clear by using a picture of a bird cut out of our paper and marking on it the position of the abnormality, and then say how it works. The only thing that seems to apply to your description so far is that the bird may have broken the limb near the joint, and formed what is known as a "false joint," but this surmise may be open to correction in the face of a more clear description, or if one saw the bird. As it seems to be in such good health I would not advise you to tamper with this trouble without more definite knowledge.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

EVERGREENS FOR AVIARY (Bush).—It is a most difficult matter to procure any kind of evergreen that is safe from the attacks of birds. Finches are, of course, the most destructive, the Bullfinches perhaps as bad as any, but I think Canaries head the list. One can sometimes prevent complete destruction by giving green-food in abundance. Of all the evergreens I have tried, box has been the best; it is a good grower and small in leaf; but the best plan is to have three or four in large pots or tubs, and constantly change them. If the back or sides of an aviary are roughly lined with branches of furze and heather, the growing trees are not interfered with quite so much. I do not know of a laurel growing red berries, but as the juice of the common laurel is not free from poison, I should be doubtful about the wisdom of using the one you have.

MORE COCKS THAN HENS (L. Scott).—It is not at all a wise plan to have more cocks than hens in an aviary; such is sure to cause a good deal of quarrelling, when the birds are in breeding condition. Had it been the other way, namely, more hens than cocks, it would not have mattered. As regards the birds you have in, I would advise you to take out at least one of them, but I notice you have among them a cock Canary, and, if you leave him in, the probability is that you will only breed young Canaries, so if your object is to get Mules, you had better remove him. Whatever you decide, you need not trouble about caging them up for pairing purposes; if you did so they would probably choose other partners when loose again, so simply make your choice and leave them together.

GREENFINCH AILING (Cynro, Wolverhampton).—I do not think there can be very much the matter with your Greenfinch, or he would not eat well and sing. His opening his beak occasionally may be a sign of nervousness, which he will get over in time; he has been caught so recently that he cannot be expected to settle down at once. If it is not nervousness, it would be due to liver trouble. If an experienced fancier saw the bird he would know to which it was due. Anyway, you cannot do wrong in giving him the following: Dissolve as much glauber salts as will cover a threepenny-piece in two tablespoonfuls of water, and add to it three drops of syrup of rhubarb; let him have this for one day, then miss two days and repeat. Give dandelion leaves as green-food as soon as you can get them. (2) Your Brambling Chaffinch pair look to be going on well; continue to feed them as you are now doing, adding insects to their diet as soon as you are able to get any. Our Nuthall booklet on the Chaffinch should help you.

BREEDING GOLDFINCH MULES (J. C. R., Preston).—The best Mules are bred from yellow Norwich Canary hens, and the one you select should be large, of good shape, and nice quality of feather. You can please yourself as to using a clear or marked bird; in using the latter you are most likely to breed dark birds of good colour without white feathers, one or two of which are quite sufficient to spoil an otherwise good specimen for exhibition in a class for Dark Mules. You should procure your hen at once and let them fly together for a time until they are used to each other it is then as well to part them for a time and put them together again when they are both ready—that is, when the cock is in full song with a clear beak, and the hen calling, flying from perch to perch, and flapping her wings, looking very fit and healthy.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT VOMITING (A. Elliott).—The bird is in rather a bad way, and you do not tell me how you have been feeding it; you had better write again giving me this information, together with what details you can as to how its previous owner had treated it. In the meanwhile give it for one day only, in lieu of the drinking water, a mixture consisting of equal parts Dinneford's Magnesia and water; follow this by lightly colouring the drinking water with chemical food, excepting every fourth day, when in place of the chemical food put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the water. Also get a box of honey and borax from your chemist and put a little into its mouth once or twice daily; this will help to keep the mouth and throat

clear, but you must only put a little in at a time or it will produce a choking sensation and alarm and exhaust the bird. You can give it from the end of a stick, or spread on a crust of bread, piece of biscuit or plain cake, or anything else similar the bird will readily take.

GREY PARROT EATING ITS FEATHERS (Gourcock).—I cannot help you till you give me some details as to how long you have had it, fed it, and generally treated it. Is it dull? You might also state generally what its demeanour is, and its capacity as a talker, and for taking an interest in what goes on around it. It is impossible to form even a guess as to cause, or to suggest a remedy without some such details as above.

AVIARY QUERIES (Forest Novice).—(1) Nine to twelve pairs would be sufficient, though perhaps best breeding results would be obtained with six pairs. (2) Zebra, Bib, Fire and Spice Finches, Long-tail Grassfinches, Bronze Mannikins, Bengalese, St. Helena, Grey, Orange-cheek, and Gold-breasted Waxbills, and Avadavats. If the aviary were empty, you could put in a pair of each of the above, as some of them are quite minute. (3) Budgerigars will sooner or later mischievously maltreat the Finches, etc. (4) This is a matter of choice; at any rate, you must address this query to our Mr. Norman. (5) If it gets some sun it will be all right, as the room is artificially heated, but every aviary should be light. The coloured plates you enquire about are twopence each, or one shilling and sixpence per dozen, post free.

TO BREED FREELY (E. Simpson).—If you had described your aviary I could perhaps have given you a more helpful reply. A good many Foreign species are irregular in their behaviour, i.e., they will breed freely in one aviary but not in another. Diamond Doves are beautiful, and fairly free breeders in most aviaries, so are Cutthroats (Ribbon Finches), Silverbills, and Long-tail Grassfinches. Black-cheeked and Madagascar Lovebirds, Cordon Bleus, and Firefinches do well in some aviaries but not in others; having the luck to get a breeding pair means a great deal towards ultimate success. I am afraid the element of uncertainty cannot entirely be got rid of. Peach-faced Lovebirds some have done well with, and others have had no luck at all. Give me a few details of your aviary and past successes, then I shall be in a position to tell you what prospects you may have with any given species. White Java Sparrows do well with some, and they are very attractive birds. Have you tried them?

AMAZON PARROT DULL (R. W. Cockburn).—There certainly does not seem much the matter with it. Are you varying its dietary sufficiently for it to take an interest in living? Blue-fronted Amazons are certainly not usually so dull as you describe, but you really tell me nothing, so I cannot give you any definite help. The dietary of an Amazon should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, pieces of biscuit, plain cake or stale crusts, with water regularly, and cuttlebone, grit, and a chunk of wood continually in the cage. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water twice a week. Keep it where it will share the life of the house, talk to it at intervals, and aim at getting it to take an interest in what is going on around—ennui generally ends in real indisposition. Is it a new acquisition?

EGG-BOUND BUDGERIGARS (Bound).—I never found it necessary to give soaked bread to these charming birds; they ought to do well with you, but as you are getting these annoying losses I should advise another season separating the sexes—keep them out of sight of each other for the winter months, and even now, unless some are incubating, it would be well to separate them and not put them together again till about the first or second week in April. If there is any weakness among your hens

it would give them a chance to tone up again, and very little, if any, time would be lost; probably the total results of the season would be better for it.

TURNING A GREENHOUSE INTO A BIRD-ROOM (W. B.).—As regards the structure itself it must be thoroughly wind and rain proof; the ventilation must be arranged so as to secure fresh air without draught. The roof must not be left glass; you must either strip out the glass and put on a solid roof of wood and felt, or else securely fasten felt over the glass. This is a necessity if you wish to have any luck with it, though you might leave one strip of glass uncovered from top to bottom of the roof, but not more. As regards fitting it up for the cages, this is a mere matter of staging, and of course convenience; position of door, etc., must regulate their placing, but the main staging should face so that it gets a good light and some sun. It is well that there should be a separate stage for each row of cages, so that each cage can be handled and removed without interference with the cages above or below it.

TREATMENT OF GOULDIAN FINCHES (Bird Lover).—As regards the general care and treatment of this beautiful Finch you had better get our Nuthall "Gouldian Finches," 21d. post free from our manager. The larger their cage the better are your prospects of breeding success. Your cage is roomy, but it would be well to screen the end in which you place the nest receptacle. You can easily make a loose screen to fit over one end, either of metal or three-ply wood. (2) Gouldians are bred most years in outdoor aviaries, and in some of them they are left out all the year round. They have been bred flying loose in an unheated room. (3) It is just a matter of taste, but most seem to prefer the Red-headed as being more showy than the Black; as regard suitability, there is no difference between them. (4) Canary and white millet seed, millet sprays, and paddy rice if they care for it, some do—seeding and flowering grass is the best green-food as long as it lasts; in the winter canary seed, and also grass, can be grown in pots on any sunny window sill, and a triple set, by being changed about, will last a long time, as they soon grow again after being eaten almost to the soil. (5) All kinds of birds are scarce now; you must watch adverts, and then seize your opportunity by wiring for them. About £3 or more. (6) Twiggy sprays will suffice; the fancy dressing would be a mistake. (7) This is a matter of luck; no reason why they should not, but there can be no certainty—you must chance your luck.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Magazines (F. F. Penwortham).—"Bird Notes" is published by J. H. Henstock, Avian Press, Ashbourne. It is sent monthly to members of the Foreign Bird Club, the annual subscription to which is 10s. Its price to non-members is 15s. per annum, or 1s. 6d. monthly. The Avicultural Magazine is published by West, Newman and Co., 64, Hatton Garden, London, E.C. Free to members of the Avicultural Society, who pay a membership subscription of 10s. per annum, price to non-members, 1s. 3d. per month (2s. 6d. in Oct.), or 15s. annually.

Food for Thrush and Blackbird (F. Holt).—Instructions which would fully meet your requirements are given in our Nuthall No. 26, "The Larger Insectivorous Birds," which our manager would send you post free for 21d.

A Reader and Breeder.—If you will repeat your query, stating the kind of birds you keep, i.e., whether Canaries, British, or Foreign birds, and at the same time will send your name in accordance with our rules, we shall be pleased to get your questions answered by one of our specialists.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Station Cafe, 8. Members "Pairing Competition," in four sections.—C. Bailey.

Burnley O.S.—Feb. 22, Star Inn, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Broxup on British and other birds. Fanciers invited.—R. Hines.

National British Bird and Mule Club.—Feb. 25, Headquarters, 8. Annual general meeting.—E. Stephens.

Barrow C.B.A.—Feb. 23, Gardner's Restaurant, 7.30. Table show of British, Mule, and Hybrid pairs.—D. McFarlane.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 23, Paddington-st., close to Baker-st., 6. Annual Pair, British and Foreign exhibition.—F. J. Martin.

Denton C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Sec.'s residence, 8. Election of officers for 1916; any other business.—A. Wright.

Darlington C.B.S.—Feb. 23, George Hotel, 7. Arrange for Pair Show, and other important business.—Wm. Hearfield.

East Ardley.—Feb. 19, Black Swan, 7.30. Fixing show dates and judges, and other business.—A. Walton.

East Ham F.S.—Feb. 24, Earl of Wakefield, 8. General business, etc.; subs. due as from Feb. 1.—W. A. Harwood.

Grimby O.S.—Feb. 24, Slatter's Room, 8. General business; Pair Show.—D. C. Thornton.

Glasgow and W. Counties C.B.S.—Feb. 19, 122, Ingram-st., Glasgow, 7.15. Election of office bearers; show of matched pairs, 2 classes Nor., Crest or C.B., 3 Bords., 2 Yorks; new members invited.—J. H. Adam.

Green C.A.—Feb. 24, Oldham Hall, 8. Discussion on patronage 1916 and 1917.—F. R. Jones.

Ilkeston.—Feb. 19, Erewash Hotel, Station-rd., 7. Election of officers, and other important business.—G. Siddown.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 23, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Special ballot paper and other important business.—L. Hodgson, jun.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Pair Show, 3 classes, Nor., Yorks., A.O.V., entry fee 4d. per cage; judge Mr. R. Charleson; other important business.—R. Charleson.

Leyton C.B.A.—Feb. 19, Headquarters, Pair Show; birds staged 3.30; judges, Messrs. C. H. Bennett and J. A. Bartlett.—A. W. Farmer.

Newcastle-on-Tyne East End C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Blue Bell Hotel, Shields-rd., 7.30. Rules; show date; judges.—J. W. Coutts.

Northern Crested Club.—Feb. 23, Shield and Son's Cafe, Big Market, Newcastle, 7.30. Balance-sheet; election of officers.—G. Dobson.

Midland Roller C.C.—Feb. 24, Seven Stars, St. John's-st., Wolverhampton, 7.30. Monthly meeting; important business. Fanciers wishing to join should apply

to J. W. Thomson, 9, Gorsebrook-rd., Wolverhampton.

Manchester and N.C. O.S.—Feb. 21, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Pair Show of Yorks., Nor., and Muling Pairs; judge, Mr. E. Dooley. Please note other notice in this issue.—F. Wilkinson.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Election of officers and alteration of meeting night.—G. Mills.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Alhambra Club Room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Gen. bus.; nomination of new members, etc.—A. W. Newton.

Poplar C.B.S.—Feb. 24, All Hallows' Club Room, East India Dock-rd., 8.30. Lecture by Mr. A. E. Leech on "Pairing and Breeding of the Norwich Canary"; open discussion. Fanciers welcome.—H. Priesman.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Headquarters, 7. Special business fixing dates for shows for 1916 N.F., and open.—H. H. Vaughan.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Ballot paper and other very important business.—R. Kell.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7. Pairs Show, 3 Nor., Yorks., Crest, Borders, Mules, and Hyb.; judge, A. Maxwell, Partick.—A. K. Hunter.

St. Quintin Park F. and F.S.—Feb. 24, St. Traders' Institute, Portobello-rd., 8.15. Pair Show. Visitors invited. Judge, J. Dewhurst.—A. S. Tarrant.

South Shields Always Ready C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Hunt's Shop, Ocean-rd., 7.30. Fanciers wishing to join come to meeting or write to J. Watson, 75, Leighton-st.

S.East London F. and F.A.—Feb. 19, Headquarters, North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent-rd., 4.30. Any Age Show, all sections, and Pair Show; admission free; catalogue, 2d.—R. Jackson.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—Feb. 23, Eagle, Chobham-rd., 8. Arrange 1916 programme.—A. Wasey.

St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green, F.A.—Feb. 21, Men's Club, St. James-rd., N.E., 8.30. Much important and urgent business.—T. G. Mansford.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Feb. 22, Liberal Club, 8. Election of officers and revision of rules; also judges for Yorkshire Union.—W. Everett.

S. London Col. and F.A.—Feb. 24, Headquarters, Druids Head, Broadway, Deptford, 7.30. Concert and distribution of cups and prizes won at the annual show.—J. Luckham.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Special meeting; Yorkshire Union ballot paper, and other important business.—W. Walker.

Warrington C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 7.30 (early closing). Judging competition, British; special for most entries.—H. Warburton.

Windhill C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Yorkshire Union ballot paper and Union judges.—Taylor and Halliday.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Queen's Hall. Pair show, 6 to 9.30. Mr. J. Robson, judge. Specials in every class. Chairman's trophy and the Thynne Border Cup competitions start.—G. Griffiths.

Wigan Roller C.C.—Feb. 19, Legs of Man, 6.30. Club business.—P. Greenall.

West Stanley Patriotic F.F. C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Union Club, 8. Taking entries and other show business.—R. Hutchinson.

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CLEAR buff hen, feathered like boxwood, free breeder, prize-bred, 7/6; Cooper, Judge, Norwich. (287)

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STRONG, healthy Norwich hens, 3/-, yellows 3/6; splendid condition; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterloo-st., Hove. (284)

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WANTED, Norwich Canaries, for cash; same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (287)

WANTED, approval, unlighted, variegated yellow Norwich hen, must have size, with big head (muling): Wallace, 664, Pollokshaws-rd., Glasgow. (294)

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BUFF cocks, 10/- each, pairs from 12/6; yellow hens, 6/- each; heavily marked buff hens, 5/- and 6/- each; on approval: J. Green and Sons, 236, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs. (283)

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CLEARING out Norwich, large clear buff cock, winner, 50/-; large variegated buff cock, 50/-; even marked buff cock, 20/-; clear yellow cocks 15/- to 20/-; other cocks from 7/6 to 10/-; hens, yellow and buff, from 5/- to 30/-; two Crested-bred hens 20/- each; these are all birds kept for my own use, having to sell through being called up: Joseph Dodd, Vicarage-st., Whitwick, Leicestershire. (290)

NOTICE, special offer, monster 1915 clear yellow Norwich cock, immense size, large head and good chest, only 12/6, honestly worth 30/-; also choice 1915 yellow hen, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, only 8/6; also large, typical 1915 buff hen, good size and substance, rare type and quality of feather, only 6/6; all cold room bred; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warming, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (298)

BREED YOUR OWN WINNERS

Marvellous Pairs at prices: 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-.

HENS

such as no one can procure elsewhere, at prices: 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 up. Cages for one 2d., for two or three 4d. For others—either in pairs or odd birds at lower prices—(bear in mind I say lower prices)—not cheaper, for quality is the

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READ ONE PROOF out of scores upon scores received during past week: "Jarrow, Feb. 19, 1916.—Bird arrived in best of condition this morning. I could not have picked a better myself.—Jas Dean."

RUDD, Specialist, Norwich.

W. ROGERS, Crosstree Cottage, Gresford, Wrexham. Extra large Buff Norwich Plainhead cock, heavily marked, bulldog for size, short, thick set, bred 1914, from champion birds, 15/-; also 1914 ticked buff cock, grand bird for type, quality, bred from same stock, 15/-; unlighted clear buff, short, thick set, good head, son of No. 1, 12/6; unlighted yellow marked hen, full of quality, short, thick set, on small size, 8/6, approval; cash or deposit. (290)

JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH

Grand unlighted yellow cock, 12/6; buff hen to match 12/6, 30/- the pair; a hargain, worth 40/-; unlighted buff cock, 15/6; yellow hen to match, 10/6, 25/- pair; odd cocks from 12/6; hens from 10/-; inspection invited; approval; cash, or deposit Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds. (292)

W. N. TURNER

BREEDER OF CHAMPION NORWICH has a few birds bred from his well-known strain of winners still for disposal; see this season's show reports; inspection invited; approval; prices from 10/- each, pairs from 15/-: 3a, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester. (266)

J. C. BARNES

Norwich Specialist, well-known stud, Sheffield challenge cup winner outright; magnificent collection to select from; pairs correctly matched, 30/- upwards; cocks, 20/- upwards; few buff hens, 10/- upwards, true type, lovely feather, rich colour and substance; approval; inspection invited: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (287)

9/- PER PAIR

Will give 9/- per pair for large colour-fed Norwich; I am also open to purchase any number (large or small) of Yorkshires, Borders, Crests, or Rollers; will give highest prices, and will deposit cash; send particulars of what you have for disposal, and price to

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HIGH-CLASS NORWICH

Grand selection, cocks and hens, from our well-known winning strain; winner of 5,000 prizes this last 30 years at all leading shows; cocks from 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each. Any on approval. Breeder 56 years: Sandford, Bird Specialist, Preston. (286)

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale. THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred from prize winning specimens of high rank; full particulars free: Heathfield, Sussex. (180)

RHODES noted Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, winners of cups, gold, silver and bronze medals, etc., latest wins, 1st and special Leeds, two seconds, fourth, 1c, 5 specials, International; 5th, two c's, Wolverhampton; fourth, c, Bacup; winners bred and sold by me this season, first and special Bacup, champion class; fifth, special, Leeds; fifth, special, International; cocks from 25/-, hens 7/6; 40, James-st., Bilton, Staffs. (286)

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, breeder and trainer purest Seelters, Glucke, etc., 110 bred 1915; stamp. (86)

WANTED, surplus stock, British bred Rollers: Kremmer, Tib-st., Manchester. (287)

WANTED Rollers, both sexes. See other wants: Roehl Bros., 400, Edgware-rd., W. (294)

SEVERAL well-bred Roller hens, accept 2/6 each to clear: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (287)

FEW young Roller cock Canaries, grand songsters, 4/-, two 7/6: Haries, 96, Wardour-st., London. (271)

GRAND day and gaslight songsters, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (263)

IVES-RANDALL Glucke cocks, 15/- each; hens, 6/-; B.R.C.C. rung: Blacker, 20, Victoria-sq., Clifton, Bristol. (285)

DEEP Glucke hens, Randall, Nengbauer strain, 15 rung, 4/6 each; approval: Knowles, 19, Princess-st., Dukinfield. (290)

GENUINE bargains; Randall's deep Glucke Roller cocks, 15/6, hens 3/6, B.R.C.C. rung: Buckley, 10, Hargreaves-st., Bacup. (291)

WANTED Roller shutter cages, Roehl stamp complete; also good 4 and 6 carrier for above: Tomlinson, 66, Pool-st., Wigan. (291)

GIVING up: deep water Glucke birds (B.R.C.C.), rung, cocks 12/6, 15/-, hens 4/-; exchange: Holgate, 4, Broadbent-st., Rochdale. (288)

TURNER strain; 1915 bred, 19 points Wigan, 6 tours, 9-toured bird, 26/-; approval: J. Adams, 8, Park-st., Dukinfield, Cheshire. (290)

ROLLER cocks, good songsters and breeders, 6/6 each; no hens to spare: Harrison, 246, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (282)

TWO Glucke hens left, 1915 rung, Reed and Randall's strain, better impossible to get, 4/- each: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham. (290)

THREE genuine Glucke and Water Glucke Roller schoolmasters, same strain as my own winners, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-: Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup. (291)

NOTICE, grand lot Rollers, day and gaslight songsters, reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (270)

TOMLINSON strain, three 1915 cocks, healthy, to clear, best offer cash; approval: Will separate. A. Downes, Mount Pleasant, Rye, Mon. (288)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Rollers, offers cocks at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-.

A FEW high-class B.R.C. 1915 Roller hens to part with, 4/- each; packed free and carriage paid: E. Stanton, Cycle Stores, Swan-st., Alcester.

DEEP Glucke and water Glucke Rollers, two pairs, 25/- and 30/- pair; Hocking's strain, winners at principal shows: Walker, 106, Leamore-lane, nr. Walsall.

SURPLIS English-bred Roller hens, clear, variegated, and greens; sell cheap or exchange for songsters, any variety: Sterling Seed Co., Liverpool. (282)

CHAMPION Rollers, Schoolmasters, contest singers, 26/- to 35/-; hens, 5/-, 7/- each; few breeding pairs, cheap; approval: Thos. Walton, 6, Cross Green Crescent, Leeds. (274)

ST. ANDREASBERG Roller cock Canary, 1915 bird, quite healthy, singing pure rolls and water-bubble runs and trills, etc.; accept 49/-: Davenport, Hay Mills, Birmingham. (295)

WIFE and 20 points Wigan, 20 points Bolton (in Champion Class, £1 10/-; also 10-point bird, £1 5/-; stock birds, Randall's strain, from 15/-: R. Bumbay, Bridgewater Arms, Pendlebury. (282)

BEST quality rape, 32/- and 33/- per cwt.; samples sent; also few hens, same strain as my winners of 11 cups, 23 medals, 7 diplomas, and special gallery: Ives, 85, Leys-drive, Grimsby. (248)

H. RAWCLIFFE, 48, Lord-st., Grimsby, has for sale birds bred from his noted winners of over 60 prizes and specials; cocks from £1, hens 10/-; approval: will accept; exchange entertained. (284)

HIGH-CLASS Roller, best strain, perfectly trained cock, with wonderful length and variety of song, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; hens 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (295)

ONLY one class of bird kept, and that wins me 3rd Bolton, 3rd and 4th Birmingham, ex. 4th London, etc.; suitable birds for stock or Schoolmasters from 15/-; hens, 5/- and 4/-: Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds. (273)

GLUCKE and Water Glucke Rollers, Ives' noted strain, 4th Midland 3rd Wigan, 35/-; 16th Leeds, 27 points, 30/- two hens, sisters to above, 7/6; approval: deposit: B.R.C.C. rung: Wilson, 421, West-lane, Grimsby. (285)

POLLER Canaries, cold room, English bred, parents and young ones for sale; hens, 3/6; all young hens guaranteed unfledged; inspection invited: travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, Roller Breeder, 25, Wilmington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, nothing better in England, all on full rolling song, day or gaslight, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, a few noisy songsters, suit public-house, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens 2/6, 3/6 each, 30/- doz.; only 56 cocks, and 73 hens left; cash or deposit: Day, The Aviaries, Porters-st., Hull. (289)

K. PRICER Champion Rollers, has few cocks for disposal, bred from his well-known winners, also winner of the champion young birds point competition, 1915 season of the P.R.C.C. Gluck and Water Gluck strain, 20/-, 25/- each; approval: "Akropolis," 37, Palatine-rd., Wittington, Manchester.

CASH OR EASY PAYMENTS. Splendid Roller cocks, full song, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; hens 5/- upwards; Yorkshires and Norwich, same price; stamp reply: Russell, 85, Whittier-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (284)

ROLLERS! Randall's Strain

The finest blood in the Fancys; cocks, 15/-, 20/-; hens to match, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; on approval: Sandford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

THE CHAMPION STRAIN OF THE DAY

High-class Roller cocks from £2 to £5 each; deposit: stamp: Address: A. Neugebauer, 11, Elmsener-rd., Dollis Hill, N.W. (287)

Scotch Fancies.

TWO Scotch Fancy cocks, 10/6 each; feeding cocks 5/-; Strachan, 30, Maule-st., Arbroath. (293)

I HAVE two pairs left which I will sell cheap; also a good buff cock, Clyde, Moray-st., Wick. (283)

EXCHANGE pair Black Magpies for Scotch Fancy Canaries: Townsend, Aberavon, Port Talbot. (294)

SCOTCH Fancies, yellow cock, buff pied cock and hen, young; approval: C. McLean, 57, New-rd., Ayr. (285)

YELLOW Scotch Fancy hen, good one, sell 10/-, or exchange good Crest hen; approval: cash way: Twigg, 11, Oxon-st., Spondon. (289)

SCOTCH Fancies, yellow cock, 30/-; buff cock, 20/-; buff hen, 40/-; yellow pied cock, 30/-; young birds; approval: James McGregor, 31, Canar-rd., Tayport. (295)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS AMBLERS, the old Bradford firm, breeders of biggest champions ever staged, and winners of highest honours possible for 25 years; many championships Crystal Palace, including championship last Palace Show; few of the best Yorkshires living for sale, wonderful length, shape, feathered like wax; the Yorkshires that do breed champions; approval: satisfaction guaranteed; note new address: 3, Rawson-st., Bilton Harrogate.

BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20 Guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.U. 30 Guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.; 45, South View-terr., Sandy Lane, Bradford.

E. CHESHIRE, Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich; inspection cordially invited: 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

L. DYKES, the present-day champion (see show reports), breeder and exhibitor of the finest Yorkshires that have ever graced the show bench. Some grand birds for sale for show, or stock birds to breed them; prices reasonable; state wants; satisfaction assured; reliable aviaries: 16, Shaugh-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford. (190)

ODDEN BROS., Breeders, Exhibitors, and Exporters of the best the world has produced: Thornton, Bradford.

WANTED, one yellow Yorks hen, unfledged; Hage, Gamcooper, Woodford, Branham. (291)

YORKSHIRE hens, 2/6 to 6/-; cocks 7/6; healthy birds: 13, Lancaster-terr., Northy. (294)

SLIM, stylish, pairs from 20/-; approval: Robson, 28, Camden Grove, Peckham, London. (209)

WRIGHT, 11 Montrose-st., Darlington, has 1915 yellow hen, also 1914 buff hen; price 10/- each.

WANTED any quantity of cocks in full song, also hens: Jones, 120, Plaiton rd., West Ham, E.

1,000 PAIRS YORKSHIRES.

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair

I have some splendid specimens of Yorkshires at above prices; every bird is in perfect health and condition; cocks in full song, hens in perfect feather and full of life. My rooms contain over 2,000 Yorkshires at the present time, and I invite you to come and make your own selection. If that is not possible I will send one or more pairs to any address in the kingdom, on 10 days' approval at my sole risk, on receipt of cash or deposit with editor. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to everyone.

Single birds as follows: Cocks, in full free song, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; hens ready for pairing, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 to 20/- each.

Travelling cages 3d. extra; see my advt. on page 108. The above can be supplied in yellows or buffs, clear, ticked or marked, also self greens.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder, Exhibitor and Exporter, **AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.**

CANARIES, large 1915 Yorkshire cocks, singing, 4/- and 5/- each; Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (288)

WANTED any quantity Yorkshires, cocks and hens. See other wants: Roehl Bros., 400, Edgware-rd., W. (294)

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, bred from my winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, upwards: Cross, 41, North-st., Dowlais. (281)

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, best blood obtainable; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TWO good buff Yorks, hens, 7/6, exchange good Roller cock; yours first; offers: Turner and Roberts, Ripley, Derby. (289)

SELL a few good unfledged Yorks-hire hens, good length and feather, 4/- each: Dean, Highgate, Glusburn, Keighley. (292)

GRAND buff Yorkshire, stock bird, over 7ins., 25/-; approval: Dromondroyd, 17, Aberdeen-terrace, Lidget Green, Bradford. (291)

T. C. CRAWHALL can spare two or three more pairs as selected for himself: 121, St. Georges-terr., Newcast-on-Tyne. (292)

FINE buff and yellow Yorkshire cocks, 15/- each; grand yellow hen, 10/-; buff one 5/-: Sharp, Roxburgh-pl., Alnwick. (282)

FOUR Yorkshire cocks, yellows, cold room bred, 1915, 8/- each, two 15/-: Dodson, 7, North-aven., Letchworth, Herts. (281)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire cocks, full song; inspection invited any time: J. Shrimpton, 7, Links-rd., Tooting Junction, S.W. (284)

TWENTY good class upstanding buff and yellow hen Yorkshires, 4/6, 5/6, 6/- each: Harper, 21, Hlan-over-rd., Kensal Rise, London. (292)

GIVING up, few good Yorkshires cheap, room wanted for Norwich. See advt.; state wants: Black, 3, Westbourne-terr., Hove. (287)

HOWESON, Violetbank, Thetford: lengthy, erect, typical Yorkshire hens, 1915 yellow, 2nd Thetford, 12/6, foul green 10/-.

BUFF Yorkshire cock and two cinnamon-marked hens, unfledged, cash 12/6; room wanted: George Cotton, Market Place, Northallerton. (295)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for cash, same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton.

YELLOW cock 6/-, buff hen, 1914, 3/-, yellow ticked cock, 1914, 7/6, yellow hen, 1914, 3/-: A. 46, Tower-rd., West, St. Leonard's-on-Sea. (287)

VIGOROUS Yorkshires 6/6 and 8/6, would exchange Yorkshire cock for lengthy Yorkshire hens: L. G. G. Wynne, Upton, Southwell, Notts. (280)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/6; Binn's strain; approval: inspection invited: Harris, 9, Whitcross-rd., Richmond, Surrey. (292)

BUFF Yorkshire hen, grand type, winner, accept 12/6; first P.O. gets it; also few good Norwich: R. W. Gray, 6, Ouley-terr., Hopton, Darlington.

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, for show or breeding; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (270)

GRAND unfledged yellow cock 10/6, good unfledged yellow hen 7/6; ditto buff hen 6/-; approval: Young, Mechanics Institute, Alford, Lincolnshire.

WANTED, Yorkshires, either sex, large or small quantities; high prices paid, according to quality; also cock Mules: Walsh, 10, Wallacess-st., Halifax.

LENGTHY Yorks, cocks, buff and yellow, in full song (1915), 8/6 each, hens 6/-; beautiful songsters: Colley, 60, High-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (282)

MR. COTTAM, Shoemaker, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, can spare one clear buff cock only, natural colour, 7 1/2 inches; splendid stock bird, Dykes' strain, 12/6. (292)

P. JOHNSTON, 128, Ferme Park-rd., Strand Green, London, N., offers some choice Yorkshires, mostly 1915; straight typical hens, very reasonable; stamp reply. (193)

TWO pairs Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow hen, 15/-; yellow cock, buff hen, £1; Bailey's strain, good stock birds; approval: Woodley, 2, Franklin-st., Exeter. (291)

EXCHANGE six Black Leghorn hens, just coming into lay for four Yorkshire cocks, in full song; birds first please: Lester, 753, Lea Bridge-rd., Watlington. (292)

JALFORD, 134, Prince of Wales-rd., Kentish Town, clear yellow cock, 15/-; buff variegated cock, 12/6; long high-class stock birds, full song; healthy; guaranteed. (289)

GOOD selection of young typical coloured Yorkshires, cocks, full-song, 10/-; pairs 12/6; inspection invited Saturdays, Sundays: Breder, 222, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham. (223)

LONG, leggy, upstanding Yorkshire cocks, over 7 inches, from 15/-; buff cock, grand stock bird, 35/-; yellow ditto, 20/-; few smart hens: Richards, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. (296)

FIVE York-hire hens (3 buff, 2 yellow), 12/6 the lot, worth double; also twelve box eggs, 16 x 16 x 9 1/2, with rack complete, 30/-, a bargain: Atkinson, 124, Stanford-st., Old Trafford. (291)

SMART cocks, full song, 7/6 upwards; hens, 5/- and 7/6; pairs matched to breed winners from 12/6; warranted healthy; approval: deposit: Gaubie, 9, Prison Quarters, Winchester. (244)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Norwich from my noted strain, cocks at 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; on approval: E. Cheshire, 24, Crawford-st., Bradford. (194)

EXCHANGE good buff pied Scotch Fancy cock for a good buff Yorkshire cock, must be good position and tight in feather; yours first; approval both ways: John Hainey, 230, Annbank-by-Ayr. (298)

REDUCING stock, reasonable, of high-class bred Yorkshires; buff or ticked hen and yellow cock, or vice versa; unfledged; all birds rung with V.C.C.: Ross, 21, Garlick-st., Govaull, Glasgow. (279)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, green variegated yellow cock, 1st East Ham, 2nd Leyton, 1st Wainstead, 17/6; also another at 10/-; the at Leyton; bargains: T. Purday, 174, Ashville-rd., Leytonstone.

KING'S celebrated Yorkshire, splendid length, type and quality; cocks 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; hens 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Helsdon Bridge, Yorkshire. (295)

THREE buff Yorks hens, one clear and one marked, both unfledged, other clear, proved most excellent feeder, ideal stock birds, must sell, attested; first postal order for 15/-: Stuart, 14, Shepherd's Bush Green, London. (291)

WANTED, unfledged, clear or ticked stock yellow Yorkshire cock, fin. or over, will exchange pair young self green Yorkshires, and cash for extra good bird; mutual approval: Smithers, Builders, Hadlow, Tonbridge. (292)

SEVEN inch yellow cock, grand wings and quality, bred winners, unfledged grizzle wing, yellow, son, same length, feathered like pot, bargains 20/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: W. Broughton, Westholme, Wiltshire. (287)

UNFLIGHTED yellow-marked cock, unfledged buff hen, 12/6; 1913 buff cock, unfledged yellow hen, 13/-; nice ticked 1914 yellow hen, 12/6; also 1914 marked yellow Norfolk hen, 5/-; approval: Anton Bros., 5, St. Thomas-rd., Spalding. (295)

GRAND yellow cock, splendid stock and show bird, 35/-: Sadler, 33, Preston-ave., Hale End, Essex. (293)

FEW pairs Yorkshires, also odd hens, grand quality, seen any time: (Scudder), 45, Ashland House, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W. (293)

CHAMPION buff cocks and hens, large, good birds, from 10/- to 40/-; bargains; also champion yellow, 2nd Burton, 45/-; not dealers' birds; through Army restrictions compelled to clear; approval: Sharp and Hibbitt, 19, Melton-rd., Oakham. (284)

ONLY six cocks left, 4 buff, 2 yellow, 1915 ticked buff winner twice, grand quality, position, 15/-; yellow, brother, 12/6, winner; others make grand stock birds, 9/6 each; approval anywhere, cash or deposit: Dewar, 9, Cyclonest-st., Blackrock-st., Bradford, Manchester. (274)

PRIZE bred Yorkshires, unfledged cocks, 3 yellow, 1 buff, 2 buff 1 yellow, winner of Novice silver cup, runner up for valuable trophy, 4 1sts and 1 2nd, and vbe at Hastings Show, November 1915; cocks 12/6, hens 7/6: Slack, 25, Wellington-square, Hastings. (287)

CHAS. MORRISON, the Yorkshire breeder and exhibitor, has some splendid pairs, for sale from 15/6 upwards; all bred from my winners; satisfaction or money returned; stamp reply: Clifton-rd., Brighouse. (293)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, including cup winners, Clears, Cinnamon, marked green, marked pink eyes; pairs or singles; inspection invited; also Yorkshire-Belgian crosses: R. Welsh, 33, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (195)

TWO pairs handsome Yorkshires, best blood possible; deep yellow cocks, clear, long, grand shape, two splendid buff hens, 25/- pair, cost more each; one yellow green hen, one yellow hen, 10/6 each, worth double; all ready for breeding; old age cause of selling; also first class breeding cages: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (290)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, a few exceptional big stock cocks, over 7ins. long and all in full song, as straight as arrows, in clears, ticks, green marks, price 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; lovely hens to match at 6/6, 7/6 each; cold-room bred; six days' approval: cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (294)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1/11, by H. W. Battye (Past President of the Yorkshire Union); absolutely the best handbook dealing with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties. Contains complete instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, and successful exhibiting; also how to treat in both health and disease: CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

CHAMPION Yorkshires—G. A. Parker has some of the best; winners of nine cups 1914 and 1915; cocks, 10/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; pairs, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-; cash or deposit; reasonable approval; inspection cordially invited: 17, Litchfield-aven., Stratford, E. (285)

O. BULMER can now spare the following unfledged York cocks, two clear yellow 20/- each; neck and wing ticked yellow, 17/6; two clear buffs, 20/- and 12/6; these are all good birds and closely related to my winners; also several good buff hens, same strain, 5/6 and 7/6 each; approval: 7, Corn-wall-ave., Broom-ave., Levenshulme, Manchester.

E. WILSON has a few good Yorkshire stock birds for sale, 1914 yellow green marked cock, good length, 15/-; two ticked buff, good length and quality, 15/- each; 1915 green marked yellow cock, brother to 2nd best bird at Manchester, 12/6; two 1915 buff marked cocks, grand feather and quality, 12/6 each; 1915 Cinnamon marked yellow hen, 8/6; 1914 clear yellow hen 8/6. See report in last week's "Cage Birds": 120, Oldham-rd., Miles Platting, Manchester. (288)

H. J. CHITTENDEN invites you, if in Bradford, to call and inspect his stock of Yorkshires any time. Having to reduce his stock of well-known winning Yorkshires that have produced so many winners consistently for years, if not able to call will send on approval. Yellow or buff cocks, clear or variegated, fit to win, at 15/-, 20/- to 35/-; hens 8/6, 10/-, 15/- to 25/-, for quick sale; they must be sold and are really good birds: 53, Carlisle-st., Manningham. (295)

FOR immediate sale (owner attested), 10 Yorkshire show birds; 3 clear buff cocks, (1) 3 champion 1sts, £3 10s.; (2) 1st and 2nd, cost £2 10s., take 25/-; (3) 1st, 2nd, accept 18/6; clear yellow, cup winner last year, £1 (last 2 birds little loose in feathering at present); hens, marked buff, 2nd, two 3rds, cost £2, accept 17/6; yellow clear, hen, cost £2, accept £1 15s. (taken 1st and 3rd), also 1 marked and 2 clear buffs, 6/6 each, and 1 clear yellow, 10/6; unfledged, make excellent stock birds; also for sale pair red cheeked Waxbills and show cage, highly commended Holborn, 17/6; 2 pairs Budegiergs, 5/- paid: the Yorkshires between them have since taken two 1sts, 2nd, two 3rds, vbe, 2 specials, and diploma (L.C.B.A.) at Holborn show. Birds sent on receipt of first postal order: Stuart, 14, Shepherd's Bush Green, London. Eight new show cages, 10/- lot; 1 double breeder, 4/6; 3 single breeders, 3/6 each.

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington C.B.S.—March 2, Crown Hotel, 8. Distribution of prize-money (members' show, Jan. 29); receive subs.; decide new hour of meetings, etc.—A. Noble.

Asnington and Hirst C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Miners' Hall, Asnington, 7. Classification and judge for annual show; date of show; and to consider extension of radius.—O. F. Tapson.

Bizenavon C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Crown Hotel, 6.50. Egg-food making exhibition, by C. S. Latham, and question night. Hope members will bring new members with them.—G. Broome.

Bulwell F.A.—Feb. 26, Headquarters, 7.30.—L. Mellor.

Bramley O.S.—Feb. 26, Carnival Rooms, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers, etc.; subs. overdue.—F. Page.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 29, Park Chapel School-rooms, 8. Lecture by W. Cruise on Pairing; ballot paper, and revision of Union Rules; judges for Union shows.—J. Spencer.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Co-op Library, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers, etc.; local fanciers heartily invited to join.—Geo. Havver.

Coventry O.S.—Mar. 1, Dolphin Inn, Market Sq., 8. N.E. show; members note change of headquarters.—J. Kent.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 7.30. Balance sheet; selection of judges for open show and Roller table show.—A. C. Shirley.

City of Bristol C.B.S.—Mar. 1, City Arms Hotel, Narrow Wine St., 8. Enrolment of new members; matched pair show (champions and novices); judge, Mr. I. Haynes.—J. A. Wilbers.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 28, 60, Paddington St., Baker St., W., 8. Pay prize-money and general business.—F. J. Martin.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Lamb Hotel, 8. Judging competition, Norwich; final judge, Mr. G. Stubbs.—A. S. Treasure.

Chorley C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. New members invited.—R. Hatch.

Coventry Codiva C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Sydenham Palace, 8. Table show, 9 classes.—F. A. Green.

Clackmannanshire C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Townhead Tea Rooms, 8. Auditor's report; appoint judges for annual show; motion re holding young bird show.—W. F. L. Bremner.

Dorby C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Normanton Hotel, Drawing up schedules for season; washing station by Mr. Drakeley.—F. W. Jordan.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Reid Hotel, Ivy Lane, S.E., 7.30. Judging competition; final judge, Mr. J. Robson; all welcome.—A. Cant.

East Ardley.—Feb. 26, Black Swan. Table and prize distribution; judge, Mr. J. Owen; start at 6. Prizes presented by Mrs. Kendrew; Family cordially invited. A. Walton.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Mar. 2, Riego St., 8 p.m. New members wishing to enroll can get particulars at meeting or from sec.—N. Grant.

Edinburgh Horwich and Mule B.S.—Mar. 2, High St., 6. Table show, breeding pairs; lines; general business.—A. Bell.

Ecclehill C.B.C.—Feb. 26, Fountain Inn, Yorkshire Union rules, etc.; fixing dates and judges for members' shows.—S. Wilcock.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Feb. 26, Congregational School, All Saints Road, 7.30. Sp. meeting; Yorkshire Union ballot paper, and jud. members' specials, etc.—A. Firth.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Mar. 1, St. George's Hall, Annual subs. due.—Watson and Wright.

Hebden Bridge C.B.A.—Feb. 29, Ye Olde Brig 8. General meeting; election of officers, etc.—Roberts.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 28, Headquarters, Yorkshire Union ballot paper, drawing up the conditions for the new cup, and other business. Lawford.

Halifax C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Trafalgar Inn, 8. General meeting, syllabus, and Union ballot paper voting.—A. Sutcliffe.

Idle C.B.S.—March 1, Springfield Hotel, 5. Important; arranging competition for shield, etc.—Chippindale.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 4, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5. show; judging starts 5 prompt.—T. J. McGreghan.

Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, 8. Nat. Col. cock, ditto hen.—J. Hardhat.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Feb. 26, The Blue Bell Inn, Pair show and other business.—We have extra our radius to ten miles for Long Eaton, and should be pleased to make as many members as possible this season.—J. Turner.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 27, Headquarters, Y.U. ballot paper; election of judges.—H. Gray.

Northern Border F.C.C.—Mar. 1, Pillar's C. Pink Lane, Newcastle, 7. Balance sheet; election of officers; distribution of point specials.—C. Far.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Shields C. Egg Market, 7.30. Election of chairman, etc.—W. Reed.

North Liverpool and Dist. C.B.S.—Mar. Headquarters, 7.30. Pair show and general business.—H. Holden.

North-West Glasgow C.B.C.—Feb. 29, Amalgamated Musicians' Hall, 44, Napiershall St., Glasgow. Pair show and show of British Judges, Messrs. Jeffrey, Laurie, and Dunlop.—P. Houston.

Open Norwich P.H.C.—Will members of the still owing subs. please forward same as soon as possible and oblige.—Sam Wilcock.

Reading C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Palmer Hall, 7. Lecture by Mr. A. Silver, on "British Birds." Members requested to turn up in good numbers and bring a friend interested in British birds.—O. C. Smith.

Richmond C.B.S.—Feb. 25, St. John's Hall, 7. Pair show. Members send in record entry please.—Colin Brown.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Temperance Club, Tead Lane, 8. Exhibition in bird washing, benefit the novice; also general business.—J. Jackson.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Feb. 26, Old Bear's Head, Manchester, 6. Club business.—J. T. Smith.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Little Regent Inn, 7.30. Pair show. Members please stay for show; some very important business.—J. W. Low.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

June 10-12.—**Liverpool Grand National British Bird Show.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).
Nov. 17-19.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.** (W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes St.).
Nov. 29-30.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

Twitterings.

Mr. J. Ramsay, Partick, writes in respect of the voluntary offering for the Widow Fulton and family that the draw is postponed until March 25.

Mr. W. G. Andrews, hon. sec., West Bromwich C.B.S., writes that the society has changed its headquarters to the Ivy House Hotel, Handsworth.

Mr. W. J. Kewn writes that his unflighted yellow-green Yorkshire which won 1st in the novice class at the North Liverpool C.B.S. show won also special for best bird in show.

I have received the beautifully bound volume of CAGE BIRDS, and I was surprised to find such a splendid book, writes Mr. R. McKeon, and I am delighted with it. I have been lucky with your specials, for I also won your 10s. championship special two years ago.

Please mention that I have removed, and that my private address, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, is 6, Wyatt Park Road, Streatham Hill, S.W., to which all letters should be addressed—excepting orders for pepper, which should be sent to my Brixton address as usual.

By a printer's error the advt. of Mr. J. Dewar, Bradford, Manchester, was last week inserted under Norwich instead of Yorkshires. We are asked to reply to those who have written for Norwich Canaries that the advertiser does not keep this variety. The advt. appears this week under Yorkshires, its proper heading.

Please accept my thanks for the placing of my buff cock on the front of CAGE BIRDS, Feb. 4 issue, writes Mr. A. C. Shirley. It is an excellent drawing, and am sure it gives great credit to your artist. This bird has won for me two firsts, three seconds, and two thirds, besides several members' 1sts and specials. He has just recently changed hands for a good sum, and am sure I wish his new owner the best of luck with him.

In "Bird Notes" for February, the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, Mr. Shore Bailey gives an account of the past breeding season in the Boyers House aviaries; Mr. G. E. Rattigan writes on the nesting and rearing of Landrails in captivity; the hon. editor, Mr. Wesley T. Page, continues his notes on "The Endurance of Birds," and the Marquis of Tavistock concludes the article on "Psephenus Parakeets at Liberty."

What is the Best Singing Bird?

Readers are invited to answer the question here propounded, and give reasons for their preference. Replies should not exceed 500 words in length, and should give short particulars as to the proper caging and feeding of the bird selected, which may, of course, be either a Canary, a British or Foreign bird, or a Mule or Hybrid. For the best answer received, not later than Monday next, Feb. 28, we shall award a prize of five shillings, or books to value, at the winner's option. The editor's decision as to which is the best answer must be accepted as final, and we reserve the right to publish any of the replies sent in. Copies of the issue containing the first selections will be sent to the matrons of military hospitals to guide them in their choice of a singing bird to brighten the hours of our wounded heroes. Envelopes should be addressed "The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Dates of 1916 Bird Shows.

Further shows for which dates have been fixed are: City and Suburban A.C.B., F.P. show, July 5, Annual, Nov. 8, 9; Leicester Hand-in-Hand, Nov. 4, 6; Abertillery, Oct. 18, judge, Mr. J. Robson, Coventry O.S., Nov. 15, judge, Mr. J. Robson. Secretaries should make a note of these and other dates as they are published, so that clashing may be avoided as far as possible.

A Red-throated Diver is reported to have been seen swimming in the Thames near Charing Cross Bridge, probably driven in by the recent storms, for although the Red-throated Diver often ascends rivers and sometimes visits inland waters, it is certainly a rare visitor to Charing Cross.

"British Birds," for February, one shilling monthly, Messrs. Witherby, High Holborn, opens with an account of the progress of the British Birds marking scheme, with some interesting statistics, from which we gather that nearly 68,000 birds have been ringed and liberated during the seven years' existence of the organisation. Miss Maud D. Haviland writes of the Lapland Bunting on the Yencsei. Mr. Witherby continues his notes on the "Moulting of the British Passeres," and the rest of the issue is occupied by the usual interesting "Notes."

Stonechats in the Calder Valley.

A pair of Stonechats which have frequented a reservoir in the Calder Valley since October have now been joined by a third. This is said to be the first record for more than twenty years in the district.

What Soldiers Read.

Miss Beatrice Harraden, the well-known novelist, says that a book on bird life, or CAGE BIRDS, is among the books asked for by the wounded soldiers at the military hospital, Endell Street, London, at which she is joint librarian.

Winter Visitors.

Of the Fieldfares and Redwings, the two Thrushes which come to us from northern climes for the winter, the former are usually by far the more numerous, large flocks coming to our northern counties between September and November, and spreading west and south-west to their winter quarters. During the past autumn, however, the proportions have been reversed, large numbers of Redwings having been noticed from September onwards, while the Fieldfares were later in arriving and the flocks have been smaller.

NOTES FOR NOVICES.

There is plenty of room at the top in the hobby of Mule or Hybrid breeding.

A novice who is lucky may get there at one step.

But he doesn't do it always.

And he is not likely to beat the old hands at producing Hybrids of varieties which have already become popular.

His chance is in producing something novel, and there are many possible crosses that offer such a chance.

British hens are the more likely to go to nest the more closely their natural surroundings are imitated.

For Canary hens an ordinary breeding cage will answer.

Do not hurry in pairing up for Hybrid breeding; there is plenty of time yet.

In the meantime read all you can about the subject; there is no time to be lost in this direction.

A Robin in a Bird-shop.

A Robin recently entered the shop of an Edinburgh naturalist through the back-window, and has refused to vacate his comfortable quarters. It has the free run of the premises, flying from cage to cage, and even taking excursions into the street, but never failing to return. Its favourite place is the mat at the door in the front shop, which is usually left open, so that it has every chance to effect its liberty if it cares. It now answers to the name of "Joey," and comes quite readily to pick a mealworm held in the hand. It showed great displeasure when two other Robins attempted to enter the shop by the back window, and successfully beat them back.

The Rook Reasoned it Out.

A piece of suet was suspended by a long string, from the branch of a tree for the benefit of the Tits. A Rook approached, and endeavoured clumsily to emulate the smaller birds by "flying dives" at the suet, but without avail. A little later, it alighted upon the branch above, and endeavoured to gain the desired morsel by gathering up the string in its bill. When, however, it opened its mouth to seize the suet, the string escaped and the prize was left dangling tantalisingly out of reach as before. Again the Rook seemed to be trying to size up the problem. At last, it began to haul again with its bill, this time placing its feet upon each length of string recovered, and in this manner was able to grasp the coveted food.—"The Scotsman."

Another Half-Sovereign to be Won.

Six questions are here submitted, and a prize of ten shillings, or books to value at winner's option, will be awarded to the sender of the best answer to any one of them. Replies to any or all of the questions may be sent in, but each separate answer must be on a separate sheet or sheets of paper. The editor's decision as to the best answer must be accepted as final, and we reserve the right to publish any of the replies sent in. Answers must be addressed to the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and must reach us not later than Friday, March 3.

1.—What variety of Canary is the best for keeping as a household pet; why is it the best, how should it be caged, and how should it be fed?

2.—If you had a friend who wished to start Canary breeding with one pair of birds, without any previous knowledge, how would you advise him to begin, and how should he proceed throughout the breeding season?

3.—What is the best British seed-eating bird for a novice, and how should he cage and feed it?

4.—What is the best British insectivorous bird for a novice, and how should he cage and feed it?

5.—What is the most likely pair of birds to produce rare or unique hybrids, and how should they be housed and fed? If young should result, what special treatment would they require?

6.—What would be a nice small collection of foreign birds that might be kept by anyone without especial skill, and how should they be treated?

The Crests at the Holborn Hall Show.

A Few Independent Observations by Mr. A. J. Watcham, sec. of the London C.B.A.

WHAT a wonderful show! Who dares to speak of decadence in the "King of the Fancy"? If any are now bold enough to so assert I can only say I am sorry they did not visit the Holborn Hall show, for they would most assuredly have had their erroneous opinions dispelled. Certainly praise and admiration for the Crest and Crestbred classes reverberated throughout the show.

I spent as much of the time as I could afford in the aisle in which this variety was staged, and the comments of fanciers alone were an education. They varied, and some even made me feel sorry for the judge. It is always thus.

I tender sincere congratulations to Mrs. Montagu Scott, who has so quickly reached the top rung of the ladder with what cannot but be described as a wonderful stud. However, in pondering on this, the fact occurs to me that in three classes the palm had to be handed to three other individual exhibitors, which only goes to prove the fallacy of stating—as I have heard it stated—that the best are only in the hands of a few, for let it be remembered this was but a "members' show."

Many birds stood cardless with merit sufficient to gain premier honours at most "open" shows, and in respect of this I have in my mind's eye a monster of a Grizzle that had to be satisfied with but a small mention, and a most splendid Crestbred, which had unfortunately to be relegated owing, I think, by reason of the amount of "John Knights" that had been allowed to remain in its plumage. At least so it appeared to me. These are but two instances. Many more could be quoted. I venture to think the "Crest Classes at the Holborn Hall" will be a subject often quoted in years to come. The adult hen Crest class was perhaps not quite the equal of the other classes, which fact is no doubt due to most fanciers hesitating to risk their best hens at so late a period.

Two well-known Crest men were having the proverbial "Hammer and Tongs" over the placing of the 1st and 2nd awards in the Crested cocks. Well, I vouch myself an opinion on these. The judge has it all the way, the winning bird undoubtedly possesses a far superior quality of crest feather, better radiation, greater density and droop.

What a superb hen was Mr. Bale's unflighted Crestbred, and what a gem Mr. Smith's 1915 Crest! Miss Onslow also deserves the greatest credit for her exhibits, and her 1915 Crest hen will yet prove something of a stormer. Although facing defeat here, yet not disgraced. The thought occurred and recurred to me as I gazed on the successful specimens, the product of human selection in breeding—"Alas," the ladder is of great length, but surely I may be forgiven for covetousness. Verily, I claim that the joint societies have contributed considerably towards "Keeping the Home Fires Burning."

The Importance of Taking Care of the Finch in Mule Breeding.

By JOHN JEFFREY (Battersea.)

IS it art, or is it luck? Well, I would say it is both, for without luck it could not be done, without art you would not be able to get your breeding Finches into condition, and if you don't get your Finches into condition you will not get the luck. So you must have art and luck to be a successful Mule breeder.

I have been successful with Goldfinches, Greenfinches, and Siskins. With the Yellowhammer I twice had full eggs, of which one hatched and I kept the young one alive for five days. I may say that was the second Yellowhammer I had full eggs from.

If you want to breed Mules you must study your Finches. Find out what they do best on, for you cannot get all birds to come into condition on the same food. Experience has taught me that what one Finch will thrive on will starve another, so to be successful you must study each bird you intend to breed from.

The Goldfinch I find is the worst bird to get into condition. I give mine a good stock mixture of equal parts hemp, flax, teazel, and canary, all seeds of good quality, and twice a week I let them have half a teaspoonful of thistle and dandelion seed. If I find a Finch does not thrive on this mixture I put him on a diet of nothing but hemp. I have brought backward Finches into condition with flax and rape only, but I am not a great believer in rape seed.

Always place a large piece of cuttlefish in the wires of your cages for your Finches to pick at, it keeps their digestion in grand order. In the winter I let my British birds have a little bit of sweet apple, and as the breeding season comes on I let them have lettuce, watercress, and dandelion leaves.

I have now a Finch from which I tried to breed, and was unsuccessful while he was fed on a mixture, so I changed his food to hemp and nothing else, and last season he had ten young from the same hens he was up with the year before. I am convinced that all Finches will breed if the owners will only study them and find out what suits them.

The Greenfinch is very easy to get into condition; he will thrive on almost any mixture with a little oats and sunflower seed added. If you are going in for light Mule breeding, I should advise you to have a clear yellow hen, Norwich type preferred, with a touch of Cinnamon blood in her. You may have the luck to get a light Mule or two; if you do not you will get good coloured dark ones. I always keep my Finches in breeding cages, for I don't like small cages. If you want your birds to be healthy, you must give them room, and when the breeding season comes round you will have no need to disturb your Finch by changing his cage.

Nomads of Resident Species.

Among the interesting records in the February issue of "British Birds" of the recovery of ringed wild birds, there are several which mark the travels of individual birds of species which as a whole are resident. Of these, a young Linnet marked in Kent in July last was found in the Basses Pyrénées four months later; a nestling Song-Thrush ringed in Lancashire in April 1914 was recovered in Pontadillo, Spain, in October, 1914; and a Robin marked in Berkshire, in May, 1912, was found in South Holland, in November 1914.

Rough on Rollers.

In an article, "Bismarck in the Bird-room," in the London "Graphic" of Jan. 15, Mr. Frank Finn says of the Roller Canary: "The Canary has naturally an exuberant disposition and a great variety of notes of various pitches, as everyone knows. The Germans liked its abundant output, but were offended by so much originality. Accordingly, they set themselves to prune, reduce and regulate the Canary's voice; they took him young and educated him under highly qualified Canary-professors; they supplemented the tuition of these feathered pedagogues by a hydraulic organ; and they instituted public competitions—you could have seen and heard such before the war even at our bird shows—where the Canaries, each in a tiny cage enclosed in a box with two air-holes in the front, to ensure concentration and reduce exuberance, performed before the judge. This functional, grim and blue-pencilled, had before him a scoring sheet, on which he marked down all false notes. Any Canary which so far forgot himself as to "schmitter" or "schnatter," or indulged in an "Aufzug," got his bad mark accordingly; this was the breed perfected to such a pitch that the song has become an absolutely mechanical trill, so that one wonders why the admirers of such refined Canaries did not all buy bird-organs and save the cost of cages and canary-seed."

HYBRID BREEDING IN A CAGE.

By H. BURROWS, Southall.

A successful fancier gives his method of breeding Hybrids, and shows how the fascinating hobby may be taken up with little trouble or expense.

I AM writing my experience of Hybrid breeding in the hope that it may benefit some young fancier who is thinking of taking up this branch of our hobby. I have been fortunate enough to breed quite a few crosses, including Redpoll-Bullie, Greenie-Bullie, Goldie-Bullie, Goldie-Greenie, Linnet-Canary, Goldie-Canary, Redpoll-Canary, and several others.

I have always used cage-moulted birds until last season when, being short of these, I decided to put up field-moulted pairs, with this result—seven Goldie-Bullies from one pair, five from another pair, same cross, and three Goldie-Greenies. These pairs were all young birds caught during the previous season, but I got them very steady and in good breeding condition, the two essentials.

To bring my birds up in condition I rely on watercress and young dandelion leaves. I get them just as they are shooting up through the earth, when they are full of juice, and there can be no doubt that they are a real good tonic and conditioner. As the season gets older I give plenty of shepherd's purse and other wild seeds.

A Useful Cage.

Here perhaps I had better give the dimensions and a description of the cages I use; they are Japanese camphor cases, 29 inches long, 20 inches high, and 15 inches deep. The perches, three, I put level with the top of the bottom rail, and only the middle of the front is open wire. The centre panel, 17 inches long, is wire netting of half-inch mesh, and the space left at each end is boarded nearly half-way up with a door hinged to the side of the cage, the top portion being wire-netting. These doors ensure

a considerable amount of privacy for the hen, and afford easy access to the nests when such is necessary.

For my British hens to nest in I use flower-pots half filled with garden mould and give nesting material to suit the species I am breeding with, as near as possible the same as they would use in their wild state. If the hen will not build I make the nest for her.

For the cage-bottom I use sawdust liberally, and when the hen is nesting I strew the bottom with dried grass to prevent the eggs from breaking if they are dropped from the perch, as is very often the case with British hens. For grit I use the ordinary cage-bird sand, mixing with it some old mortar well smashed up. If I get a hen laying soft-shelled eggs I add a little lime-water to the drinking water, and find this does the trick.

Canaries as Foster-Mothers.

For incubating the eggs hen Canaries are the best, as British hens are not reliable sitters. With each Canary I put a cock Finch, and get a round of Mules off before my Hybrid pairs are ready, and as young Mules are always saleable through CAGE BIRDS, this helps to pay the seed bill.

Now when my British hens have laid their clutch of eggs, I put them under the hen Canaries, and the Canaries' eggs I give to the British hens to play with and to keep them amused for a day or two.

As the Hybrids hatch off I give the hen Canary egg-food mixed with insectivorous food to feed her young, with plenty of cracked hemp and an abundance of shepherd's purse. I have reared all my Hybrids on this green food, and they have it as soon as they are hatched. When the young leave their foster parents I still give plenty of wild seeds and gradually wean them off the soft food, as there is no doubt a Hybrid cannot be got up to its proper colour without an abundance of natural food. I give them a good large flight so that they may take plenty of exercise as this develops the frame and shapes them up. In conclusion I would say to those who intend to take up Hybrid breeding, you will get many disappointments, but stick to it, and you will be rewarded.

My First Attempt at Mule Breeding.

By
J. A. P.

MY first attempt to breed mules was made in 1910. I was an absolute novice at bird keeping, but having seen a copy of CAGE BIRDS, I began to buy the paper regularly, and soon determined to try my 'prentice hand at mule-breeding.

During the Christmas Holidays I entered a bird shop to buy a Linnet. The proprietor called my attention to three Linnets in separate small cages, pointed out these as steady, house-moulted birds, and said they had been caught a year before when only a few weeks old. I bought the largest for half a crown, and it turned out a very good one. My advice to beginners who want steady, reliable Linnets is to buy two or three large young birds in their first feather, and then treat them as advised in the "Nutshell" on the Linnet.

About Christmastide, too, from a local fancier, I bought a crested hen Canary for which I paid three and sixpence. She was recommended to me as having bred mules the previous year, and was, to all appearance, in splendid health. Having carried this prize home, I had now my first pair.

A Breeding Pair for One and Ninepence.

In February I was told by a friend that he had a cock Greenfinch, which had been caged since November, and so I bought this bird, paying sixpence for it. The Greenie was big and steady, but dark in colour, and one that I would not keep for breeding now, as it seems foolish to breed with poor coloured Greenfinches when good birds can be obtained so easily and cheaply.

Of course I must find a wife for the Greenfinch too, and, as the breeding season was fast approaching, I hid me to a neighbouring town where I had found a dealer who kept a cage of "common Canaries." I bought a clear buff hen for the immense sum of one and threepence! You must understand I had been told by local Canary fanciers that mule breeding was a very difficult game to play, and I was not risking much on my initial experiments. Above all, don't laugh at my one and threepenny common hen, for she proved one of the best feeders I ever had. But of that anon.

I fed my birds separately. To the Linnet I gave canary, rape, teal, and hemp, with

an occasional titbit of linseed, niger, maw, and gold of pleasure; the Greenie received the above-mentioned stock mixture, with the addition of sunflower, of which he became extraordinarily fond. Both received a liberal supply of dandelion heads; it is surprising how early this plant blooms under sheltered banks.

Of course, like most beginners, I was very impatient to put the birds together, and in March fancied it was quite time something was done. I therefore "paired up" the birds. My word, what matrimonial struggles there were! The Greenfinch and the buff hen Canary were by far the worse in this respect, and I felt constrained to separate them for a time.

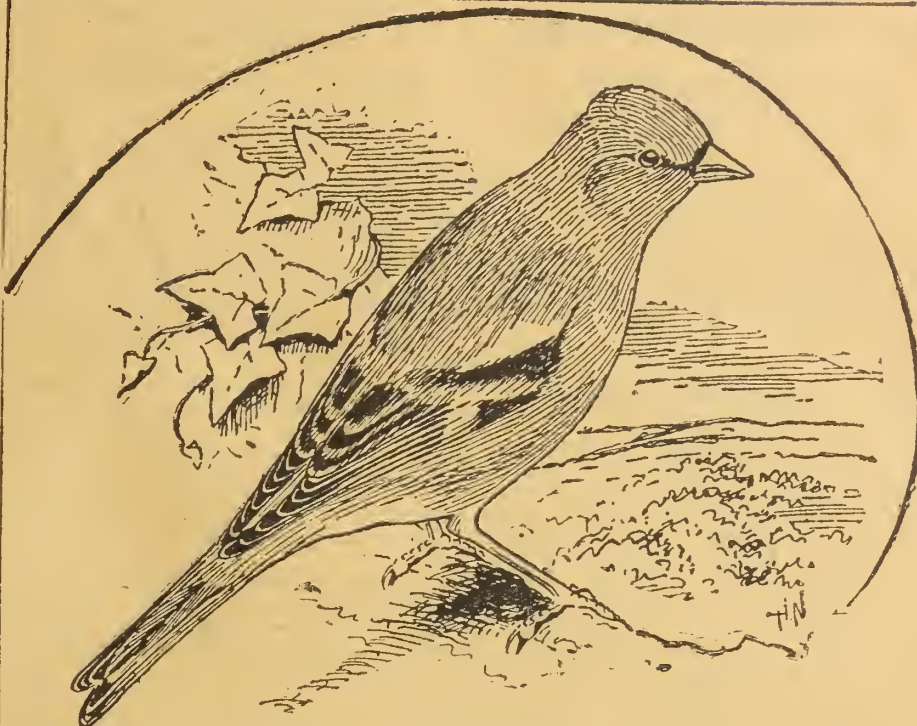
Matters Progressing.

Now let us follow the fortunes of the Linnet and Crested Canary. I allowed them to remain together, and the quarrelling grew less by degrees, until by the end of April they were on better terms, and the hen began to carry about a feather and some nesting material I had inserted in the cage. I therefore gave her a whole nest bag, and, to my delight, she began to build in earnest in her earthenware nest pan.

The Linnet was now on his best behaviour; he seemed very pleased when his mistress sat in the nest pan, and would hop in front of her (especially when he thought no one was about), and feed her with egg-food which I made from prepared yolk of egg. This pair seemed indeed a model couple, and I have never seen a better husband than that Linnet.

The nest built, the hen laid, and I allowed the Linnet to remain until the evening of the day when the second egg was laid, when I removed him for fear of accidents. The hen laid four eggs and sat well, but, to my dismay, none hatched out, and on breaking the shells I found all clear.

This was a disappointment, but, after a few days, I put the birds together again, and the same course was followed. I watched the birds very carefully, gave plenty of dandelion heads, groundsel, etc., and felt sure that better things must follow. In a sense I was right, but, alas, another bitter disappointment awaited me. On the very day before the eggs were due to hatch, the hen



This very typical Chaffinch has won for its owner, Mr. F. A. Marriott, of Nutfield, 1st and 2 specials Wimbledon, 2nd Reading, 3rd Reading, and 3 firsts and 2 seconds Redhill, the only times shown.

deserted them, and I found them quite cold. I left them a short time in order to be sure, but she did not return to the nest. On breaking the shells, what was my mortification to find that three eggs contained fully-formed young which must surely have seen the light the next day. Success had been so near and yet so far.

Naturally I tried to discover a reason for my failure, and came to the conclusion that I ought not to have left the Linnet within hearing distance, but subsequent events told me that there must have been something wrong with the Canary's health, for I tried the pair a third time, and, to my sorrow, after laying only two eggs, she was found dead in the nest. I now think there must have been some internal trouble which had prevented her carrying out her maternal duties in full.

Now let us return to the other muling couple. After having separated the birds, I fed both carefully, giving the hen a good supply of prepared egg food with lettuce, groundsel, and chickweed. Now she began to show signs of readiness to mate, for she flew restlessly about the cage, and flapped her wings persistently. I therefore put the Greenfinch into her cage again, and once more several tussles took place, but on this occasion the birds soon settled down, though they were never on the same footing as the couple previously described.

An Escape and a Re-capture.

The hen then began to build, and Mr. Greenie tried to help in his clumsy way, but the hen seemed to consider that he was infringing her rights, and would sometimes alter things again when he put his finger (or rather his beak!) into the pie.

After the nest was finished, a day or two elapsed and no egg appeared, and the thought occurred to me that I might as well give the cage a good cleaning before operations proceeded further. I took out both birds and put them in a small travelling cage. The work was soon accomplished, and I hurried to return the birds, but in my haste, the Canary somehow escaped. I looked instinctively towards the windows and so apparently did the bird; one, alas! was open, and in a twinkling that hen was flying outside, while I watched her disappear in the garden of my neighbour on the left.

At first I was inclined to let her go, but on second thoughts determined to make an effort to retake her. I therefore went quietly along my garden, and, after a time, heard the familiar "tweet tweet" about twenty yards beyond my eastern boundary. I was proceeding in that direction when to my surprise the truant came flying into my own hedge comparatively near to me. A friend came to my help, and between us we managed to secure her, and soon carried her in triumph back to her husband. She seemed mightily pleased to be in her cage once more.

May I digress here to advise beginners to use falso bottoms (or draw-outs), and cover them with a sheet of paper. Cleansing is then a simpler matter, and such contrivances as the above less likely. Above all, don't handle birds with your room windows open.

How the Linnet Spoilt Things.

The foregoing incident did not encourage my hopes, yet the hen laid next morning. I took out the egg and put in a dummy, chiefly because the Greenie seemed inclined to interfere with the nest. The hen laid

three in all, and sat well without the presence of the Greenfinch. When she had been sitting about a week I happened to find a wild Linnet's nest with five eggs. The thought came to me that it would be a splendid thing to breed Linnets in a cage, and so I carried two eggs home, and put them into the Canary's nest, making five in all.

To my surprise, in four days I saw the hen feeding, and then guessed that one of the Linnet's eggs must have hatched. I let matters alone until the full fourteen days, when I found one young Linnet, one mule just hatched, and three clear eggs. I removed the eggs and all went well for a time, the hen feeding capitably until one day when the Linnet left the nest and a new difficulty arose—one indeed which I ought to have foreseen when I introduced eggs of unknown age. The young Greenie mule was a long way from leaving the nest, while the Linnet would not stay in it, but persisted in hopping about the cage floor and opening his beak for food. The mother seemed quite puzzled at this, and the consequence was that she gradually left off mothering the mule in order to look after the Linnet. By the time I realised this, however, the mule was too far gone, and it died soon afterwards. The young Linnet flourished, and was soon able to look after himself, though I was disappointed in him for he was small, and as wild as any field-caught specimen.

Success After All.

After the hen had rested for a week, she showed signs of nesting again, and once more I introduced Mr. Greenfinch. On this occasion things went smoothly, chiefly perhaps because I had learnt more, for nothing teaches like experience. The hen laid four eggs, and this time I introduced no outsiders. Three young ones hatched out, and to satisfy them the hen worked very hard, for three healthy mules can eat! They grew apace, and at about sixteen days were ready to leave the nest. I allowed them to remain much longer with the hen, as July was far advanced, and I thought it too late for another nest. There were two cocks, both dark, and one variegated hen, which was very pretty.

You see then that the season's work resulted in three Greenie mules. On the whole I was pleased with the result, and, above all, I had gained much valuable experience. I think I have set out my errors at least fairly fully; beginners may note and act accordingly.

A Tip for Breeders of

Goldfinch Hybrids.

Writing in the "Avicultural Magazine" for February, Dr. A. G. Butler says "In disposition the Goldfinch is a restless bird, and he delights in picking things to pieces; if he cannot utilise this impulse in extracting the seeds of thistle, teal, sow-thistle, or dandelion, it is well to provide him with millet sprays, or flowering grasses, which are an equal attraction. I think it is chiefly the lack of such means of employing his restlessness which induces a cock Goldfinch when confined in a small breeding cage to interfere with his wife's nest, and pierce her eggs. In a fair-sized flight-cage, where groundsel could be twisted in the wires at about a foot from the nest, I did not find the nest or eggs were interfered with."

Correspondence.

The Canary's Song.

SIR.—The song of all birds is simply imitation, witness the Roller Canary, the Skylark, etc. I could give reams of matter proving this, the Rev. Soames will agree that man, too, is simply an imitation. We learn our mother tongue not from within, but from environment. Thus an Englishman born in France imitates only or mostly French sounds. Later in life he can feel himself unconsciously apeing others in articulation, gesture, or in extending his vocabulary. All is imitation, and so in birds.

EDWARD WILLIAMS.

Why Not a Sheffield Roller Society?

SIR.—As a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, and also a lover of the Roller Canary, I cannot help noticing the absence of a Roller society in the city of Sheffield. I have seen the distinct success of the show birds' societies in the cutlery city, and what I want to know is why Sheffield has not a Roller society of its own. Are there enough fanciers to start one, and, if so, will they put their house in order and do so? It is three years since I was introduced to Mr. Jobson, of Penryn Road, and bought a cock and two hens from him. He remarked at the time that it was a pity Sheffield had not a Roller club. From that time my interest has never waned, but has increased, though I am still only a novice, never having seen a Roller show. My object in writing is to learn more, see more, and further the interest in the singing beauties, and I hope this will catch the eye of your Sheffield readers, so that they may air their views, get to work, and in due time have a Sheffield and District Roller Society. Thanking you for the many valuable hints gathered from CAGE BIRDS.

F. ROWE.

A Talented Budgerigar.

SIR.—I have had now for two years an aviary-bred Green Budgerigar, which I consider as good as many talking Parrots. Here are a few of his sayings, most of which he has learned from me: "Hello Joey," "Come on Joey," "Oh, he was a pretty boy," "Naughty Joey," "Come on then," "No mistake," "Don't be stupid," "Oh he was a Joey, Joey, Joey," "Wait a bit," "Oh its shocking," and often he muddles up a saying, like "Oh he was a naughty pretty Joey, Joey, Joey." Practically all these sayings I have taught him, but there is one he has got hold of, I don't know how, that is, "To be or not to be"; sometimes he turns it into "To be or was to be." How he got hold of this I don't understand, as I do not pretend to recite Shakespeare, and I have never said the sentence to him. I've tried him on such as "Good morning Joey" and "Good night," but up to now no response. Of course he is very tame, and comes on my finger, and runs up my arm, on to my shoulders, and whenever I enter the room he dodges up and down his perch until I go over and speak to him. Really it is wonderful to think a little bird, in body not much bigger than a Canary, can talk so well. Now please, believe what I have said. It is not like the "Story of the Parrot's operation" in this week's issue.

C. T. SPRAY.

Egg Bread versus Eggs.

SIR.—In reply to "F. W. James" and "A Novice," I should like it to be understood that I do not use egg bread because it is superior to egg for rearing young, but because it answers quite well, saves the time of a busy man, and does not go sour if left for 24 hours. I have never made egg bread, so cannot give a recipe. I use a well-known egg bread which is to be purchased anywhere in 1d., 2d., 3d. packets and 6d. tins.

I am quite satisfied by experience that greenstuff is far more important in the successful rearing of Canaries than egg food. Keep a large bunch of green food always in the cage, and the birds will not quarrel about the nature or quality of the egg food. I have used stale sponge cake, sweet biscuits, and dried sweet cake with satisfactory results. Look at the neck of any young unfeathered bird after a meal, and you will notice that the bulk of the food swallowed is green food. Given plenty of green food, an occasional running short of egg food will not be noticed, but let the supply of green food run out and you will find some of the most reliable feeders give up the game.

There have been good recipes for egg bread in CAGE BIRDS, but I cannot recall the dates. Anyhow, your correspondent cannot do better than persuade his wife to make him a plain sweet cake with a couple of extra eggs. When cool dry it well in the oven (like a rusk), then grind it up and store in tins. But the commercial food is so cheap as to make it hardly worth while to bake one's own.

F. T. USHER.

Colour in the Norwich Plainhead.

Its Origin and Its Importance.

SIR.—I am sure all Plainhead fanciers interested in colour will appreciate the valued contribution of Mr. T. Johnson, expressing as it does the views of several prominent northern fanciers; not the least interesting being that of Mr. J. Raynes. I would remind my friend, however, that did I wish to seriously pursue my interest in the matter of the Lizard blood, nothing he now submits in any way conclusively proves that Lizard blood in some degree may not be a responsible factor towards the realisation of rich colour.

However, whether it is so or not, my original article was penned as a matter of interest, and so far as I am aware there is no reason why the criticism arising therefrom should also not be of considerable interest, and, may-be, help.

E. W. ALLSOPP.

A Bedford Fancier Writes from the Front.

SIR.—Just a line to express my pleasure in seeing on the front page of CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 8 some of our Bedford birds. Being a member of the society which organised the show, it gave me quite a thrill of joy to see our birds take such a prominent position in your paper. I have been in France for many months, and away from the birds, but I always look forward to the mail which brings me CAGE BIRDS. I wish all fanciers in Bedford a very successful breeding season, and hope to see some real good ones when I get home again.

SERG. CRAWFORD, A.S.C.

British Expeditionary Force.

Catching Mice in a Birdroom.

SIR.—Having read with interest the various methods of catching mice, all of course with the same result, getting rid of them, I will with your permission endeavour to describe my simple method of exterminating this pest.

Get a piece of tin or slate, put on it some bird lime, and sprinkle with a little bird seed, and place on floor near hole, or under cages (having, of course, swept up all waste seed), and once a mouse sets his foot on it he is doomed.

The advantage of this method is that you can catch as many as half a dozen mice on a piece of tin 6 inches square. You will probably have to warm tin to get off mice, after which you can replace in room till all are exterminated.

T. RIDAL.

Larkhall Sec. Off to the Front.

SIR.—Resulting from my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS I have sold all my stock of British, Lancashire-Norwich crosses, and Borders except two pairs which are again advertised in this issue. I am very pleased to have had such a quick response, and wish their new owners every success. I am very sorry to leave the fancy at this, the best season of the year, when we all should be looking forward to breeding a champion, although our hopes may never be realised. Even then, it has been worth all the trouble, and we find consolation in the thought that we are one season nearer to it. Until the war is over I shall only be keeping in touch with the fancy through your paper, CAGE BIRDS, but I trust when I return from my Continental trip with Derby's Tours, and our country is again restored to peace, to take up the hobby of bird breeding, and also to take the same active part in the fancy as in the past.

ALAN THOMSON.

Proposed East Anglian Norwich Canary Association.

SIR.—It is gratifying to find that my suggestion in your issue of January 8 of the formation of a Norwich Plainhead Club for East Anglia has aroused interest in important quarters. I have received communications from Lynn favourable to a scheme of centralisation, and my proposition has been approved by many leading exhibitors with whom I have come in contact. In CAGE BIRDS of February 19 I am pleased to find a business-like letter from Mr. C. G. Taylor on behalf of the Cambridge and County C.B.A., seeking definite information on certain points, and as far as I can I will indicate what those associated with me have in mind. I should, however, make it clear that I did not propose a federation of societies. My scheme would really mean the forming of a new society or club which would not be in competition with existing societies. On the other hand, it would, where possible, render them some assistance by giving patronage on the lines of other specialist clubs. Of course, this is all merely proposition, and what we want is for those interested to assist with practical suggestions which would help on the central idea.

The proposed club would be open to membership for fanciers in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Cambridge. The main object in view is to raise the status of the Norwich Plainhead bred in this area. Shows could

be held each season in these counties, but not necessarily in the same town two years in succession. Thus fanciers in all the leading centres would in turn have the opportunity of seeing the cream of Plainheads in East Anglia brought together on the show bench.

No financial liability would attach to any existing society, as the club we have in mind would be self-supporting. The rate of subscription would depend to a great extent on the number of members likely to be secured.

It is not possible at the moment to give names of officials, etc., promoting this scheme. My original letter was the outcome of the informal conversations with friends in Norwich. We have long felt that the East Anglian Norwich Plainhead does not make its true value in the market of the country, and that only by combination can it be brought to its proper level. To secure this combination the executive of the society must be composed of members from all parts of the area covered. As for headquarters I think Norwich is the proper and most convenient place.

I have covered the points raised by Mr. Taylor as definitely as I can at present, and hope that it will provide something tangible for his society to discuss, and that they will be able to assist in this matter.

J. J. SMITH.

The So-called "Trinidad Thrush" at Holborn Hall Show.

SIR.—Much injustice would be spared if judges always had the courage and knowledge to "wrong class" an exhibit.

I was not present at the recent Holborn Hall Show, otherwise I should have lodged an objection against the so-called "Trinidad Thrush" (a Mynah) competing in the A.O.S. class, instead of in the class provided for Mynahs, etc. Miss Barlow-Massicks, it appears, originally entered it in the Mynah class, No. 115, so that, apart from her singular nomenclature, she was not to blame for its winning under false colours in class 117. Whoever was responsible for its transference did a grave injustice, of course unwittingly, to other exhibits in the class. Most people have to abide by their entries, right or wrong. It seems rather extraordinary that a judge should not know the difference between a Starling and a Thrush!!

I frankly admit that I am a disappointed exhibitor. My own exhibit, an absolutely unique specimen, admitted by your reporter to be perhaps the rarest bird in the show, is deprived of its rightful position in the class, while a bird that according to the classification is ineligible to compete takes 1st and all specials! It is really most unfair. One can but protest under the circumstances, and I do so most heartily.

B. T. STEWART.

Bird Life in Salonica.

SIR.—Being a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I thought a few notes on bird life round here would interest your readers. On the hills and plains huge flocks of Rooks and Jackdaws settle, feed, and then take a short fly across the streams to continue their search for food. To be seen amongst this black mass are a smaller flock of Starlings, showing off their gorgeous array of colour.

Sometimes a Hawk hovers overhead, and then the sky is black with the moving birds. In the vicinity of the numerous gullies and streams grow brambles and long coarse grass. On approaching these, up flies a dozen or more of a kind of Bunting, which closely resembles a Corn Bunting. Gracefully pecking around the pools are Pied, Grey, and Yellow Wagtails. Once only a Kingfisher darted across the stream.

In the brambles Magpies are to be seen re-decorating their old nests. These birds seem to follow the flocks of sheep and goats which feed on the hills. Flitting here and there on a turf which overhangs a bank is a perky little Wren, hunting for insects. Acting much in the same manner are a couple of Blue-Tits. Where there is a homestead or small village several Chaffinches, mostly hens, are to be seen.

Huge flocks of Goldfinches are on the hills feeding on thistles, and in the gullies, pecking about for what I take to be a kind of ant. These Goldies are much larger than our own. During the severe frosts, which are very prevalent, one is able to get within arm's length of them, and then off they fly to a thistle near by.

Amongst the beds of holly which cover the hillsides, Linnets and Redpolls congregate in large numbers. With these birds mixes a kind of Lark, which roosts in thickets. It appears to be the same as an English Lark, but does not soar, though it utters a similar cry. Hunting round a rubbish heap, a Blackbird is occasionally seen. A Robin, the only one I have seen, was engaged in searching amongst the dead leaves underneath a bush on a path. A small number of Partridges find a preserve in a cotton field. Upon looking in the air on hearing a faint cry, one

sees several flocks of Wild Geese, trying to keep the V-shaped figure. I hope these few notes will be of interest to fellow readers, and I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Pte. G. FRY.

British Mediterranean Force, Salonica.

The Disputed Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids.

SIR.—Writing in "The Bazaar, Exchange and Mart," Mr. Rosslyn Manning says: "I had looked forward interestedly to the opportunity of seeing these birds, whose appearance had already created considerable controversy in the fancy Press, and I must confess to a keen sense of disappointment now that I have done so. The only indication of the female parent, in so far as colour and markings go, lies in the somewhat indistinct markings on the breasts of all three; in department the smaller of the three (a hen probably) evinced occasionally the Blackbird's trick of drooping its wings and slightly elevating its tail. My own hope is that next autumn, when the birds have gone through their first adult moult, unmistakable Blackbird characteristics will appear, to convince the most sceptical of their genuineness. By the time mentioned it is reasonable to expect that there will be traces of Blackbird colouring on the bill, eye cere, and upper surface of the body."

Mr. Manning, in spite of his disappointment, appears to see signs of the genuineness of these birds, and many who have seen them will join in his hope that this genuineness will be undoubted after their adult moult. It is not to be expected that Mr. Robson will join in the hope expressed, for if, like negro babies, they turn black as they get older, Mr. Robson will have to stick to his last statement and say it is the food that has done it. He will, of course, never admit he has made a mistake.

ONE WHO HAS SEEN THEM.

A Kind-hearted Prize Winner.

SIR.—I read in CAGE BIRDS with great pleasure that I have had the good fortune to be chosen one of the prize winners in the painting competition. The information that the average of quality of the competing drawings was so high as to make selection for the prize difficult enhances the value of the compliment.

Ever since I first began to take in CAGE BIRDS regularly I have admired the excellent drawings of birds which appear weekly on the front page, and I have learnt much from studying the coloured pictures also. Competitions of this kind are very useful in training the eye to observe the details of form and plumage in a way that fixes them on the memory, and the competing for this prize has certainly been to me both a pleasure and a profit in the information it has given me of the details of birds' colouring, etc., facts mostly gathered from your paper or books recommended in it.

The description you have given of the sketch sent in to the competition by Private Hodgson from the trenches is only one more proof of what is being proved daily, the imperturbable spirits of our boys out in those appalling trenches. I think, therefore, that everyone will feel the justice of the request I am about to make, namely, that my portion of the prize should be awarded to him on the merits of his sketch as a fine example of endurance and defiance of desperate circumstances. If this could be permitted it would certainly please me, and might bring him a little amusement and relief from the tedium of his life out there.

DORA SULMAN.

[While thanking the writer of the above for her kindly expressed appreciation, and for her generosity in apportioning her prize to our soldier competitor, we think it better for Miss Sulman to use the money in buying, through one of the existing organisations, such comforts as she may choose, and to despatch the parcel herself. The full address is Private Hodgson, 2705, B Company, 5th Border Regt., British Expeditionary Forces. —Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

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The Shows.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

Annual members' show Dec. 27, Grapes Inn. Birds turned up very well, some very good ones being staged, but not so many as might have been. J. R. Faux (of Ilkham) took premier special for Canaries, and T. H. V. Hayter for British; runners-up: H. Marshall, J. Bowers, R. Holmes, H. Merrin, G. T. Greasley, J. Bunn. Yell. Nor.: 1, 3, 4, Faux; 2, Marshall. Buff.: 1, Marshall. Unfig.: 1, 2, 4, Faux; 3, Marshall. Yell. D. Crest.: 1, Holmes. Buff.: 1, 2, Bowers. Light Crest.: 1, Holmes; 2, Greasley; 3, Bowers. Yell. C.B. Ch.: 1, Greasley; 2, Marshall. Buff.: 1, 2, Bowers. Unfig. Crest.: 1, Holmes. Ditto C.B.: 1, Greasley; 2, Holmes. C.B.: 1, Bowers. Sell. Crest.: 1, Bowers; 2, Greasley; 3, Holmes. C.B.: 1, Marshall; 2, Holmes. Nor. 10s.: 1, 4, Marshall; 2, Bacon; 3, Faux. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, Hayter. Goldf. and Buff.: 1, 2, Bunn; 3, 4, Merrin. Linnet: 1, 2, Merrin. Siskin, Etc.: 1, 2, Hayter. Greenf., Etc.: 1, 2, Hayter; 3, 4, Bunn. A.O. Brit.: 1, 2, Hayter. Winning ticket for Canary, No. 203.—J. Bunn, Sec.

KENDAL C.B.S.

Eighth annual (21-mile radius) Show, Dec. 27, Town Hall. Entries totalled 226. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool, judged and gave satisfaction. Nor. Ch.: 1, Rainford; 2, 3, Hoyle; r. Crossley; v. Dickinson. Hen: 1, Heywood; 2, Brear; 3, v. Heywood; v. Hawthorthwaite; r. c. Higginson; v. H. Hoyle. Unfig. Ch.: 1, Brear; 2, c. Hoyle; 3, r. Heywood; v. Hawthorthwaite; v. Higginson. Hen: 1, 3, Townley; 2, Heywood; r. v. Brear; v. Dixon; c. Crossley. Nor-Fed. Ch.: 1, Dent; 2, r. Mitchell; 3, Heywood; v. Dickinson; v. Forth; c. Dixon. Hen: 1, Alexander; 2, Heywood; 3, Crossley; r. v. Dixon. Nov. Nor.: 1, 3, r. Townley; 2, v. H. Thompson; c. Dixon. Yorks. Yell. Ch.: 1, 2, v. Harrison; 3, Cafferty; r. Miss Winder; v. Allen; v. Riddiough. Hen: 1, Cafferty; 2, Higginson; 3, r. v. Harrison; c. Winder. Buff. Ch.: 1, Miss E. Winder; 2, 3, c. Harrison; r. Riddiough; v. Cafferty; v. Higginson. Hen: 1, Riddiough; 2, Cafferty; 3, Winder; r. v. Harrison; v. Allen. Nov. Yorks.: 1, Riddiough; 2, Parkinson; 3, Thompson; r. v. H. Thompson. Bord. Yell. Ch.: 1, Townley; 2, Parkinson; 3, Pearce; r. v. Allen; v. Johnson; c. Higginson. Buff.: 1, Allen; 2, 3, Newby; r. H. Forth; v. Townley; c. Mitchell. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Newby; 3, Townley; r. Johnson; v. Pearce; c. Forth. Buff.: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Higginson; r. H. Pearce; v. Newby; c. Forth. Nov. Bord.: 1, 3, r. Townley; 2, Parkinson; v. H. Thompson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Hawthorthwaite; 2, Dickinson; r. Higginson. Goldf.: 1, 2, v. Heywood; 3, Higginson; r. v. Alexander; c. Dent. Buff.: 1, c. Alexander; 2, v. H. Winder; 3, Fisher and Dixon; r. Higginson. Linnet: 1, 3, r. Miss Winder; 2, c. Alexander; v. Dent; c. Crossley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, r. c. Fisher and Dixon; ex 3, Alexander; v. H. Winder. Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, Alexander. A.V. excepting Can-Buff.: 1, 3, v. Fisher and Dixon; 2, Alexander; r. Higginson; v. Dickinson; c. Forth. 15s.: 1, 1, Hoyle; 2, r. Dickinson; 3, Heywood; v. Dixon. 10s.: 1, Heywood; 2, c. Crossley; 3, v. Dickinson; r. Allen; c. Little. Gift: 1, Alexander; 2, Higginson; r. Hawthorthwaite; v. Dickinson; v. Allen; c. Newby. Special most points, Alexander; 2, Heywood. Best bird, Fisher and Dixon.—W. Heywood, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH CO. DUBLIN C.B.A.

Show, Town Hall, Kingstown, Jan. 4 and 5, one of the best halls for the purpose. Although numbers were not great there was fine quality in the Yorks. and British. Norwich seem to be losing ground and need more attention to quality. The hon. sec., Mr. Smyth, well supported by the committee, had everything in perfect order. Mr. A. Wellings judged. Yorks. Yell. Ch.: 1, Mills; 2, Kelly; 3, Keeling; v. c. Gillens. Hen: 1, Fleming; 2, 3, Gillens; 3, Winkup; v. Keating; c. c. Mrs. O'Keefe. Buff. Ch.: 1, McKean; 2, Kelly; 3, Beegan; v. c. Lamb; c. Winkup. Hen: 1, 3, Neville; 2, Mrs. O'Keefe; v. c. Fleming; 2, v. Keating; c. Kelly. Tkd. Etc. Yell. Ch.: 1, Neville; 2, Fleming; 3, c. Kelly; v. Keating; c. e. Mrs. O'Keefe. Hen: 1, Fleming; 2, Neville; 3, c. Mrs. O'Keefe; v. Keating; c. Kelly. Buff. Ch.: 1, Mills; 2, Neville; 3, Kelly; v. c. Mrs. O'Keefe; c. Lamb. Hen: 1, Mills; 2, c. Mrs. O'Keefe; 3, v. Keating. Cinn. or Cinn. Mld. Ch.: 1, Keating; 2, Winkup; 3, King; v. c. Miss Farry. Hen: 1, 2, Mrs. O'Keefe; 3, Gillens. Nor-Fed. Cl. Yell. Ch.: 1, 2, 3, Sholedice; v. Hooley; c. c. Beegan. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Beegan. Buff. Ch.: 1, v. c. Beegan; 2, Williams; 3, McKean; v. c. Sholedice. Hen: 1, 2, v. c. Beegan; 3, Sholedice; v. c. Gillens; c. Miss Farry. Varieg. Ch.: 1, McKean; 2, v. c. Beegan; 3, Gillens; v. c. Sholedice. Buff. Hen: 1, 2, c. Sholedice; 3, Lattimore; v. c. Beegan. Nov. Cl. Yell. Ch.: 1, Miss Wallis; 2, 3, Mulholland; v. Hartford. Hen: 1, Hartford; 2, Mulholland; 3, Miss Wallis. Cl. Buff. Ch.: 1, Hartford; 2, Dowd; 3, Miss Johnston; v. c. Mulholland. Hen: 1, 3, c. Hartford; 2, Duff; v. Dowd; v. c. Miss Wallis. Mld. Ch.: 1, 2, 3, Hartford; v. c. Duff; v. c. Miss Wallis; c. Price. Hen: 1, 2, Hartford; 3, Mulholland; v. c. Duff. Sell. 20s.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. O'Keefe; v. c. Williams; c. Neville; c. Lattimore. Hen: 1, 2, c. Mrs. O'Keefe; 3, Williams; v. c. Clery; c. Miss Johnston. 12s. 6d. Ch.: 1, v. c. Mrs. O'Keefe; 2, Keon; 3, c. Mrs. A. Keegan; c. Duff. Hen: 1, 2, Mrs. O'Keefe; 3, c. Lattimore; v. c. Miss Wallis. Nor. Ch.: 1, 2, Naismith; 3, v. c. c. Miss Johnston. Hen: 1, 2, Hooley. Scotch Fancy Ch.: 1, 2, 3, Lavery. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Lavery; v. c. Reilly. Dark: 1, c. Trunk; 2, Hooley; 3, Kennedy; v. c. Haviland; c. Coghan. Linnet Can.: 1, O'Byrne. A.O. Mule: 1, Cribbin. Goldf.: 1, Duff; 2, O'Leary; 3, Keating; v. c. Hooley; c. Lavery; c. Duff. F.M.: 1, v. c. Mulcahy; 2, c. Trunk; 3, Keating; c. O'Byrne. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Mulcahy. Twitter: 2, Lavery; 3, Hooley; v. c. c. King. Linnet: 1, 3, Lavery; 2, v. c. Mulcahy. F.M.: 1, Hooley; 2, 3, v. c. Mulcahy; c. Lavery; c. King. Skyfank: 1, v. c. King; 2, Brady; 3, c. Henry. Softbill: 1, Ward. Buff. Ch.: 1, 3, v. c. Ward; 2, Mulcahy; v. c. King. Hen: 1, Mulcahy; 2, Ward; 3, v. c. c. King. A.O. Brit.: 1, Ward; 2, 3, Lavery; v. c. King; c. c. Mulcahy. Softbill. Small: 1, Miss Keegan. For.: 1, 2, v. c. c. Mooney; 3, Miss Johnston. For. Small: 1, 2, 3, Mooney. Confined to four miles radius—Yorks. Ch.: 1, Graham; 2, Price; 3, Coghan; v. c. Miss Wallis; c. Clery; c. Dowd. Hen: 1, Graham; 2, v. c. Clery; 3, no name; v. c. Miss Wallis; c. Coghan. Hen: 1, Morrow; 2, Graham; 3, Price. A.O.V.: 1, Miss Wallis; 2, Coghan. Goldf.: 1, Hooley; 2, 3, v. c. H. P. Price; v. c. Coghan; c. May. Linnet: 1, 3, Hooley; 2, v. c. c. Broadrick; c. H. F. Price.

GRIMSBY O.S.

Annual members' show, Jan. 1, 55 birds staged, a little better than last year's entry, and quality was quite up to the mark. Mr. A. Towl judged and seemed to give general satisfaction. Champ. Nor. Yell.: 1, Harding. Buff.: 1, 2, Harding. Yell. Unfig.: 1, Harding. Buff.: 1, Harding. Hen: 1, 2, 3, 4, Harding. Nov. Nor. Yell.: 1, Cotterill. Yell. Unfig.: 1, Thornton; 2, Cotterill; 3, Smith. Buff.: 1, Thornton. Hen Unfig.: 1, v. c. c. Cotterill; 2, Smith; 3, 4, c. Thornton. Goldf. or Buff.: 1, 3, Sadler; 2, 4, Watson; v. c. c. Smith. Linnet: 1, 3, Smith; 2, 4, v. c. c. Watson. Greenf.: 1, Smith; 2, Watson. Siskin, Etc.: 1, Smith; 2, Sadler. Bunting: 1, v. c. Sadler; 2, Smith; 3, 4, Watson. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Sadler; 4, Watson. Brit. Hen: 1, 2, Watson; 3, Smith. For.: 1, 2, Smith. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, 4, Watson. Cup winner for most points throughout the year: Champ. Nor. H. Harding. Nov. J. T. Cotterill. Brit. W. Watson. Roller singing contest: A. Towl; winners of specials, C. Smith (3), W. Watson, J. T. Cotterill.—J. T. Cotterill.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Last members' show, Jan. 1. There was a good entry of 68. Mr. F. Self judged, and gave satisfaction. Champion Section: Class 1: 1, 2, 3, v. c. Kirk; 4, Ratcliffe. Class 2: 1, 2, Clegg; 3, Ratcliffe; 4, Kirk. Class 3: 1, 2, 3, Clegg; 4, v. c. Kirk; c. McEwen; c. J. A. Whitman. Class 4: 1, Kirk; 2, Clegg; 3, Whitman; 4, McEwen. Class 5: 1, 3, v. c. Clegg; 2, H. Whitman; 4, McEwen. Class 6: 1, c. Clegg; 2, c. Kirk; 4, Ratcliffe; v. c. Whitman. Nov. Class 15: 1, Hardaker; 2, c. Ackroyd; 3, 4, Medley; v. c. Oates; v. c. Taylor. Class 16: 1, Medley; 2, Oates; 3, v. c. Brook; 4, Hardaker; v. c. Ackroyd; c. Butterfield. Class 17: 1, Oates; 2, v. c. Medley; 3, 4, Brook; v. c. Smith; c. Ackroyd. Class 18: 1, Ackroyd; 2, Medley; 3, 4, Smith; v. c. c. Brook. Class 19: 1, 4, Oates; 2, c. Hardaker; 3, Brook; v. c. Medley; v. c. Butterfield. Class 20: 1, v. c. Oates; 2, Brook; 3, c. c. Medley; 4, Butterfield. Class 22: 1, Brook. The Payne Cup was won outright by Mr. E. Clegg, champion cup N. Kirk, novice cup H. Medley. Other specials, Whitman, Ratcliffe, Oates, Brook, and Ratcliffe.—F. P. Terry, Sec.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Eighth annual show, King's Arms Hotel, Jan. 1. In a splendid room, suitable to stage three hundred birds. The entries were between fifty and sixty, rather less than usual owing to some of the members serving the colours. Mr. T. Johnson had everything in splendid order, and some fine birds were on view. Borders being the cream of the show. Mr. J. W. Johnson's yell. Border line took spl. best in section and best in show. Nor. Buff. Ch.: 1, spl. Johnson; 2, 3, Hunter. Hen: 1, 2, spl. Johnson; v. c. Crompton. Unfig.: 1, Hunter; 2, 3, Johnson. Yorks. Yell. Ch.: 1, spl. Crompton. Yorks. Green: 1, spl. Walker. Hen: 1, 2, Crompton. Bord. Yell. Ch.: 1, spl. c. J. Johnson; 2, v. c. T. Johnson; 3, Hesketh. Buff.: 1, 2, v. c. J. W. Johnson; 3, c. T. Johnson; v. c. Hesketh. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, 2 spls. J. W. Johnson; 2, v. c. c. T. Johnson; c. Hesketh. Buff.: 1, 3, J. W. Johnson; 2, Hesketh; v. c. c. T. Johnson. Mule. 4-pointed: 1, spl. J. W. Johnson. Brit. Hardbill: 1, 3, Hunter; 2, c. J. W. Johnson; v. c. Crompton. Softbill: 1, Walker. For.: 1, spl. T. Johnson; 2, Walker. Sell.: 1, Hunter; 2, J. W. Johnson. Linnet. F.M.: 1, Hunter; 2, 3, v. c. J. W. Johnson; v. c. T. Johnson. Brit. F.M.: 1, 3, Hunter; 2, T. Johnson; v. c. J. W. Johnson; v. c. Crompton.

YORK C.B.S.

Last members' show of the season headquarters, All Saints' Schoolroom. Over 150 birds were staged; Norwich and Yorkshires were a splendid lot containing birds which had held their own at the principal shows in the North of England. British were above the average, and in most cases gave the judge some trouble to separate. Silver teapot by president, for best bird bred and shown by a member was won by Mr. A. Humphries with a grand Nor. hen; Mr. Campbell took 2nd special with a typical Yorks. Mr. A. Wake, of Middlesbrough, judged and gave entire satisfaction. Nor. Yell. Ch.: 1, Wright; 2, 3, Humphries. Buff.: 1, Humphries; 2, 3, Sharney. Hen: 1, Robinson; 2, Wright; 3, Humphries. Unfig. Ch.: 1, 2, Humphries; 3, Wright. Hen: 1, Humphries; 2, Robinson; 3, Humphries. Yorks. Yell. Ch.: 1, Simeson; 2, Moffat; 3, Simeson. Buff.: 1, 2, Simeson; 3, Moffat. Hen: 1, 2, Moffat; 3, Simeson. Unfig. Ch.: 1, Campbell; 2, Simeson; 3, Moffat. Hen: 1, Moffat; 2, Simeson; 3, Moffat. Nov. Nor. Buff. Ch.: 1, 2, Lieut. Drew; 3, Carolin. Hen: 1, 2, Lieut. Drew; 3, Carolin. Unfig. Ch.: 1, Lieut. Drew; 2, Carolin; 3, Cass. Nov. Yorks. Yell. Ch.: 1, 2, 3, Linfoot. Buff.: 1, 2, Linfoot; 3, Selby. Hen: 1, Cass; 2, Linfoot; 3, Cass. Unfig. Ch.: 1, Selby; 2, 3, Linfoot. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Linfoot. Large For.: 1, 2, 3, Sissons. Small: 1, Sissons; 2, 3, Zimmermann. Goldf.: 1, King; 2, Sharney; 3, Fowler. Greenf.: 1, Sissons; 2, Zimmermann; 3, Sissons. Linnet: 1, Wright; 2, Sharney; 3, King. Redpoll, Etc.: 1, 2, Zimmermann; 3, King. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Sharney; 2, 3, Zimmermann.—V. Zimmermann, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL (Amalgamated) C.B.S.

Tenth annual show, Presbyterian Hall, Everton, Jan. 1. Entries did not come up to expectation, though there was quite a display of useful specials. The staging and management was excellent. Mr. A. G. Davis, Manchester, and Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax, judged. Yorks. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, v. c. Rowlands; 2, Lowe; 3, Rothwell. Buff.: 1, 2, v. c. c. Rowlands; v. c. Abbott. Yell. Hen: 1, Lowe; 2, 3, Rothwell; v. c. Rowlands. Buff.: 1, 2, Rothwell; 3, Rowlands; v. c. Lowe; v. c. Handley. Varieg. Yell. Hen: 1, Handley; 2, v. c. Rothwell; 3, Abbott. Yell. Cock Unfig.: 1, 2, Rothwell; 3, Rowlands; 2, Brindle. Yell. Ch. Unfig.: 1, 2, Handley; 3, Brindle; v. c. Rowlands. Hen: 1, Rowlands; 2, Handley; 3, Brindle; v. c. Rowlands. Hen: 1, Rowlands; 2, Handley; 3, Abbott. Buff.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Handley. A.O.V. Yorks.: 1, Ashton; 2, Jordan. Yorks. Yell. Ch. Cl. or Tkd. Nov.: 1, Huston; 2, Roberts; 3, Critchley; v. c. Howard; v. c. Ashton. Buff.: 1, Huston; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Worrall; v. c. c. Ashton. Varieg. Yell. Ch.: 1, Critchley; 2, Ashton. Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Roberts; 2, Worrall; v. c. Kew; v. c. Leadbetter. Buff.: 1, Kew; 2, Huston; 3, Howard. Yell. Cock Unfig.: 1, Leadbetter; 2, Grace; 3, v. c. Worrall; v. c. Critchley. Buff.: 1, 2, Worrall; 3, Leadbetter; v. c. Kew; c. Critchley. Self. Yell. Ch.: 1, Worrall; 2, Jones. Buff.: 1, Kew; 2, v. c. Hawkins; 3, Worrall; v. c. Huston; c. Scott. Foul Buff. Ch.: 1, Huston; 2, Scott; 3, Jordan. Self. Yell. Hen: 1, Leadbetter; 2, Worrall. Yell. Cock Unfig.: 1, Kew; 2, Cowen; 3, Jones. Buff.: 1, Roberts; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Cowen. Yell. Hen Unfig.: 1, 3, Worrall; 2, Ashton. Buff.: 1, Kew; 2, Cowen; 3, Jones. Nor.: 1, 3, Grange; 2, Hodson. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Hodson; v. c. Grange. Self or Foul: 1, Hodson; 2, Ashton. Bord.

Yell. Ch.: 1, 2, Bratherton; 3, Ritchie. Buff.: 1, Bratherton; 2, Ritchie; 3, Longmore. Yell. Hen: 1, Longmore; 2, v. c. Bratherton; 3, Ritchie. Buff.: 1, Hawkins; 2, Ritchie. Green Yell. Self or Foul Ch.: 1, Hawkins; 2, Bratherton; 3, Ritchie; v. c. c. Longmore. Buff.: 1, 3, v. c. Longmore; 2, Ritchie. Yell. Hen: 1, Battersby; 2, 3, v. c. c. Longmore; c. Ritchie. Buff.: 1, 2, 3, Longmore; v. c. Ritchie; v. c. Hawkins. Hyb.: 1, Lonsdale. Goldf.: 1, Cowen; 2, Bryant; 3, Abbott; v. c. Bryant. Buff.: 1, 1, Hunt; 2, Minoprio; 3, Grange; v. c. Cowen; v. c. Lonsdale; c. Abbott. Linnet: 1, Minoprio; 2, Abbott; 3, Lonsdale. Greenf.: 1, Lonsdale; 2, Rowlands; 3, Hunt. Chaff. and Bramble: 1, 3, Minoprio; 2, Lonsdale. Mealy Redpoll: 1, Ashton; 2, Minoprio; 3, Hunt. Lesser: 1, Minoprio; 2, Jones; 3, Abbott. Hen: 1, 2, Lonsdale; 3, Minoprio. Bunting: 1, Minoprio; 2, 3, Hunt. Most points champion Yorks., Rothwell. Nov. Worrall. Nor. Hodson. Bord., Longmore; Brit., Minoprio.—A. G. Davis.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

Last members' show of season, Jan. 15, Liberal Club. 125 birds faced the judge, T. Bennett, Bradford, whose awards gave satisfaction. Winners of special prizes most points for season: Open, P. Hirst, 127 points; A. Radley, 109; F. Taylor, 100; Fisher and Dyson, 91; J. Hellewell, 75; and W. E. Hutchinson, 68.—Novice, H. Lodge, 105; A. Taylor, 99; W. Lodge, 95; J. Bower, 84; S. Morley, 75; T. Fisher and A. Healey, 63.

Yorks. Yell. Ch.: 1, Dyson; 2, Hirst; 3, Radley; 4, Wadsworth. Buff.: 1, Radley; 2, Taylor; 3, Hellewell; 4, Fisher and Dyson. Varieg.: 1, 2, Radley; 3, 4, Hellewell. Unfig. Yell.: 1, Peel; 2, 3, Hirst; 4, Jebson. Buff.: 1, Hirst; 2, Radley; 3, Peel; 4, Taylor. Unfig. Yell. Hen: 1, Radley; 2, Dyson; 3, Hutchinson; 4, Hirst. Buff.: 1, Radley; 2, Hirst; 3, Dyson; 4, Jebson. Yell. Hen. A.V.: 1, Dyson; 2, 3, Hirst; 4, Hutchinson. Buff.: 1, Peel; 2, Hirst; 3, Radley; 4, Fisher and Dyson. Nov. Yell. Ch.: 1, H. Lodge; 2, 4, A. Taylor; 3, J. Bower. Buff.: 1, Bower; 2, Fisher; 3, Morley; 4, Healey. Var.: 1, Taylor; 2, Beaumont; 3, H. Fisher. Unfig. Yell. Ch.: 1, T. Fisher; 2, A. Taylor; 3, W. Lodge; 4, Bower. Buff.: 1, J. Radley; 2, Beaumont; 3, G. Bower; 4, P. Taylor. Unfig. Yell. Hen: 1, 4, A. Healey; 2, W. Lodge; 3, P. Taylor. Buff.: 1, W. Lodge; 2, 3, T. Fisher; 4, H. Fisher. Yell. Hen: 1, Morley; 2, G. Bower; 3, P. Taylor; 4, W. Lodge. Buff.: 1, A. Taylor; 2, 3, Healey; 4, Morley.—W. Everett, Sec.

EDINBURGH O. A.

Annual show, Buccleuch Parish Halls, Jan. 1. Entries were down compared with last year, but quality was well up to standard. There was a good turn-out of fanciers, the best for many years, and sales were very good. YELL (K. (9): 1, spl. Dalgleish, the old veteran, looking well, his sixth successive win; 2, Strathearn, another well-known winner; 3, Hope; 4, Carson; 5, Forsyth. PIED (11): 1, Menzies, a real good one, winner of cup for best young cock; 2, Campbell, veteran, often described; 3, H. Bennett; 4, Paterson; 5, Little. TKD. (9): 1, Brown, extra nice, almost a perfect model; 2, Strathearn; 3, Hamilton; 4, Nairn; 5, Crosbie. YELL GR. CK. (6): 1, Dalgleish; 2, McEwen; 3, Drysdale; 4, Simpson; 5, Bell. BUFF (10): 1, Campbell, beauty, straight from the laundry, very well done; 2, McLennan, not the same cond.; 3, Hope; 4, Buchanan. BUFF PIED (12): 1, Gordon; 2, Higgins; 3, Dalgleish; 4, Campbell; 5, McLennan. BUFF TKD. (7): 1, Dalgleish, one of the best; 2, McLennan, not far behind; 3, Menzies; 4, Campbell; 5, Forsyth. BUFF GR. (1): 1, Allan. YORK HEN (10): 1, McLennan; 2, Dalgleish, best young bird in the show; 3, Nairn; 4, Archibald; 5, Howden. PIED (8): 1, Cook; 2, McLennan; 3, Campbell; 4, Dalgleish; 5, Menzies. YELL TB. (4): 1, Keill; 2, McLennan; 3, Pringle; 4, McFarlane. GR. (7): 1, Cook; 2, Paterson; 3, Allan; 4, Dalgleish; 5, Bell. BUFF (14): 1, Higgins; 2, Dalgleish; 3, McLennan; 4, Allan; 5, Henderson. PIED (6): 1, Dalgleish, good size and style; 2, Strathearn; 3, Henderson; 4, Service; 5, Drysdale. TKD. (17): 1, McEwen, a winner among many winners; 2, Hope, must have caused trouble to judge; 3, Howden; 4, Lile; 5, Henderson. GR. (7): 1, Buchanan; 2, Menzies; 3, Hamilton; 4, Paterson; 5, Dalgleish. PAIRS (8): 1, Hope; 2, Carlaw; 3, McLennan; 4, 5, Dalgleish. SELL. (20): 1, Keill; 2, Gordon; 3, Hamilton; 4, Johnston; 5, Millar. HEN (8): 1, Johnston; 2, Gibson; 3, Bennett; 4, Millar; 5, Martin. BELG. (6): 1, Hope, well-known winner; 2, Mair, a nice one but smaller; 3, Lile; 4, Bennett; 5, Johnston.—R. Lile, Sec.

N. YORKS & S. DURHAM FED.

Show, Jan. 1, at Guisbro', in the Providence Schools, kindly lent for the occasion. There was a good entry of about 250, and the attendance was very satisfactory. Mr. Woodhead, Hartlepool, took odd numbers in Canaries, Mr. T. Wright, Yorks, evens, and Mr. Marwood, Stockton, the British, and all gave satisfaction. Yorks Yell.: 1, Cook; 2, Rand; 3, c. Barker; v. c. Barker; c. Carlisle. Buff.: 1, Atkins; 2, c. Barker; 3, Carlisle; v. c. Taylor; v. c. Cook. Unfig.: 1, c. Cook; 2, Taylor; 3, Carlisle; v. c. c. Wilson. Hens: 1, Barker; 2, Atkins; 3, c. Carlisle; v. c. Cook. Nor. Yell.: 1, J. Carr; 2, Watson; 3, Bibby; v. c. Taylor; v. c. Mays and Allinson; c. Jeffries. Buff.: 1, Bibby; 2, Cook; 3, Jeffries; v. c. Mays and Allinson; c. J. Taylor; c. J. Taylor. Watson. Unfig.: 1, 2, Watson; 3, Jeffries; v. c. Mays and Allinson; c. c. T. Taylor; c. J. Taylor. Hen: 1, J. Carr; 2, v. c. Bibby; 3, c. Watson; v. c. Cook. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, Jeffries; 3, v. c. Starling; v. c. c. Campbell. Nov. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Graham; 2, Hind; 3, Dodsworth. Buff.: 1, Stainby; 2, Gray; 3, Graham; v. c. Dodsworth. Nov. Unfig.: 1, Hind; 2, Graham; 3, Dodsworth; v. c. Stothard. Hen: 1, c. Gray. Nor. Yell.: 1, Gray. Norwich Buff. Novice: 1, Knaggs; 2, Hind; 3, Bean; v. c. Hutchinson; v. c. Atkinson; c. Dodsworth. Unfig.: 1, Atkinson; 2, v. c. Hind; 3, Bean; v. c. Waraker. Hen: 1, Atkinson; 2, v. c. Waraker; v. c. Knaggs; c. Dodsworth. A.O.V. Can.: 1, c. Campbell; 2, Stothard; 3, c. Gray; v. c. Gale. Brit.: 1, Dodsworth; 2, Gray; 3, Campbell; v. c. Bean; v. c. Atkinson; c. Coombes. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Husband; 2, v. c. Hanson; 3, c. Rogg; v. c. Mays and Allinson. Goldf.: 1, Smurthwaite; 2, Wright; 3, Nicholson; v. c. c. Jobling; v. c. Carr. Buff.: 1, Greenwood; 2, Smurthwaite; 3, Wright; v. c. Husband; v. c. Gray; c. c. Jobling. Greenf.: 1, Carr; 2, Wright; 3, Nicholson; v. c. Smurthwaite; v. c. Husband; c. Jobling. Linnet (16): 1, E. Gray; 2, R. W. Gray; 3, v. c. c. Wright; v. c. c. Apedale; Siskin, &c.: 1, Nicholson; 2, Smurthwaite; 3, Atkinson; v. c. E. Gray; v. c. Carr; c. R. W. Gray. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Nicholson; 2, 3, Wright; v. c. c. Lows. Softbill: 1, 2, Nicholson; 3, Wright; v. c. Gray; v. c. Coombes; c. R. W. Gray. For.: 1, Carr. Sell. 20s.: 1, 2, Mays and Allinson; 3, Bibby; v. c. Mays; v. c. Barker; c. Cook. 12s. 6d.: 1, Carr; 2, Wilson; 3, Mays; v. c. Coombes; v. c. Atkinson; c. Barker; c. A. Knaggs. See

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Show for hens, Jan. 15, Headquarters, Wharf Hotel. Mr. A. Barnes, Hedden Bridge, judged a good entry, and gave satisfaction. Open: Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 3, 4, Mitchell; 2, v. c. Sutcliffe. Buff.: 1, 3, 4, v. c. Sutcliffe; 2, v. c. Mitchell. Even, etc.: 1, v. c. Mitchell; 2, 3, 4, v. c. Sutcliffe. Nov.: Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Hardy; 2, c. Twyross; 3, v. c. Heap; 4, c. Wild. Buff.: 1, Heap; 2, 3, Twyross; 3, v. c. Hardy. Even, etc.: 1, Wild; 2, v. c. Haworth; 3, 4, c. Twyross; c. Hardy.—G. Mitchell, Sec.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Show, Jan. 1, Barley Mow Hotel, Wakefield Road. 107 birds were judged to the satisfaction of all by Mr. S. Wilcock, Leicestershire. Champ. Class 1 (12): 1, 4, Padgett; 2, Pownall; 3, Pacey. Class 2 (12): 1, 3, Padgett; 2, Duckworth; 4, Hudson. Class 3 (8): 1, 2, Padgett; 3, Hudson; 4, Hudson. Class 4 (8): 1, 3, 4, Hudson; 2, Pacey. Class 5 (9): 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Pownall; 4, Padgett. Class 6 (2): 1, Duckworth; 2, Padgett. Class 7 (8): 1, 2, Duckworth; 3, Hudson; 4, Hudson. Class 8 (8): 1, Hudson; 2, 4, Hudson; 3, Pacey. Novice, Class 9 (8): 1, 2, Wadman; 3, 4, J. G. Hodgson. Class W (11): 1, 4, Woods and Mirfield; 2, Robinson; 3, Crabtree. Class 11 (5): 1, Robinson; 2, Wadman; 3, Fitzpatrick; 4, Crabtree. Class 12 (9): 1, 2, Wood and Mirfield; 3, Wadman; 4, Nicholl. Class 12 (9): 1, 2, Wood and Mirfield; 3, Wadman; 4, Nicholl. Class 13 (8): 1, Wadman; 2, Nicholl; 3, H. Hodgson; 4, Robinson. Class 14 (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Fitzpatrick. Champ. winners:—C. Padgett, 1 medal, rose-bowl outright, buff cock spl., and yell. hen spl.; L. Hodgson, 2 medals, green mld. medal and spl.; H. Pacey, 3 medals and yell. ck. spl.; J. E. Hudson, 4 medals and cinn. mld. and cinn. mld. spl. Novice: A. Wadman, 1st medal and yell. ck. spl.; Wood and Mirfield, 2 medals, buff hen spl.; J. Crabtree, 3 medals and buff ck. spl.; J. Nicholl, 4 medals.—J. Nicholl.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Last members' show of the season, Grange Congregational School, All Saints Road, Jan. 8. Mr. E. L. Walker, Bowling, judged. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks. (5): 1, Oldfield; 2, 3, Wheelwright; 4, Whitaker. Buff. (9): 1, 4, v. c. Oldfield; 2, 3, Firth; v. c. Ackroyd; c. Warburton. Mld. Ch. (7): 1, v. c. c. Firth; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Schofield; 4, Warburton; v. c. Whitaker. Hen (6): 1, v. c. c. Firth; 2, Schofield; 3, 4, Warburton. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen (7): 1, 2, 4, Ackroyd; 3, c. c. Firth; v. c. Wheelwright. Buff. (7): 1, Whitaker; 2, 4, Firth; 3, c. Ackroyd; v. c. Schofield; c. Bartle. Unfig. Ch. (9): 1, c. Warburton; 2, 4, Firth; 3, Ackroyd; v. c. c. Wheelwright. Hen (7): 1, 3, Firth; 2, Wheelwright; 4, v. c. Bartle; v. c. Whitaker; c. Warburton. Nor. (9): 1, 2, 3, v. c. c. Kaberry; 1, Schofield; v. c. Jowett. Hen (7): 1, 2, 3, v. c. c. Kaberry; 4, c. Jowett. Brit. (4): 1, 3, Jowett; 2, 4, Schofield. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Jowett.

Most points for the year: A. Firth, 140, cup and medal; G. Ackroyd, 108, smoking cabinet; J. W. Kaberry, 88, meat chopper; G. H. Warburton, 87, ox tongue; H. Schofield, 81, show case; W. T. Wheelwright, 71, value 2/6; D. Bartle, 70; T. Oldfield, 66; P. Jowett, 60; E. Self, 41; Art. Whitaker, 37; L. Widdop, 34; A. Holden, 23. The novice special was won by Mr. Art. Whitaker; sp. most points in Classes 1 and 2, A. Firth; Mld. Classes, A. Firth; Unfig., A. Firth; sp. most points, hens, G. Ackroyd; Nor., J. W. Kaberry.—A. Firth, Sec.

BOLTON ROLLER C.S.

Annual open singing contest, Jan. 7, 8, headquarters, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate. There was a record entry, 231 birds being entered, and every bird arrived in good condition. There was a large attendance. Messrs. Massey, Lyons, and Wareing judged, and gave general satisfaction.

Champ. Young Birds (50), judge, G. Wareing: 1, spl. Lyons, HR 6, Bass 1, HB 2, Sch. 2, WG 2, Fl. 3, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 26 points; 2, spl. Barnett, HR 5, Bass 4, HB 2, Sch. 3, WG 2, Fl. 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 26; 3, spl. Hocking, HR 5, Bass 4, HB 2, Sch. 3, WG 2, Fl. 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 5, 1 off, total 25; ex 3, spl. Kilshaw, HR 4, Bass 4, HB 2, Sch. 3, WG 3, Fl. 2, BR 1, BT 2, GE 3, total 24; 4, spl. Austin, HR 4, Bass 3, HB 3, Sch. 2, WG 3, Fl. 2, BR 2, BT 1, GE 4, total 24; ex 4, spl. Lyons, HR 6, Bass 4, HB 2, Sch. 2, WG 2, Fl. 3, BR 1, GE 4, total 2

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BOLTON C.B.S.

Annual old bird show, Church Inn, Folke Road, Jan. 22; fifty birds staged, the exhibits being of good quality, some of them having won in open competition. The show was well attended. Mr. J. Hopkins judged and gave satisfaction. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, he, Brooks; 2, Spiby; 3, vhc, Barlow; c, Morris. Buff: 1, he, Brooks; 2, Morris; 3, Spiby; vhc, c, Barlow. Hen: 1, Davies; 2, vhc, Spiby; 3, c, Brooks; he, Morris. Unflig.: 1, Spiby; 2, Brooks; vhc, Spiby; he, Morris; c, Brooks. Yell. Ck.: 1, Davies; 2, Hales. Buff: 1, 2, Davies; 3, Marginson. Hen: 1, 2, Davies; 3, vhc, Hales; he, Marginson; c, Langham. Unflig.: 1, Davies; 2, Langham; 3, Marginson; vhc, Hales. A.O.V.: 1, Marginson; 2, Jones; 3, Brooks, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

28th annual show, Jan. 6, Mechanics' Institute. The birds were nicely staged, but the light was none too good for judging. Mr. A. Wasey was a most capable sec., and well deserves the thanks of the members. Mr. A. D. Enfield judged. Yorks. Yell.: 1, res, vhc, Parker; 2, 3, Bayliss. Buff: 1, 2, Parker; 3, res, Bayliss. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Parker; res, Bayliss. In the four Norwich classes Mr. Parker took all the prizes. Crests: 1, Bayliss. Bord.: 1, spl, 2, Soames; 3, res, Fish; vhc, Reed. Varieg.: 1, 3, Reed; 2, Soames. A.O.V.: 1, Soames; 2, Fish. Mule: 1, 2, Parker; 3, res, Abbott. Greenf.: 1, Fish; 2, Bayliss; 3, Parker; res, Reed. Siskin, Etc.: 1, 2, 3, Bayliss; res, Abbott. Linnet: 1, Bayliss; 2, Fish. Goldf.: 1, spl, Bayliss; 2, Parker. Chaff.: 1, Bayliss; 2, Fish. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Parker; 2, 3, Bayliss. Sortbill: 1, Parker; 2, Fish; 3, Bayliss. For.: 1, 2, 3, Reed; res, vhc, Bayliss.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Ninth annual show of pairs and British, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill. Entries totalled well over the hundred. Mr. J. Robson judged, and soon after his awards were made the catalogues were on sale with full particulars. Mr. Hyde, as usual, had everything in good order, and with the assistance of Messrs. Shakespeare, Walmsley, and F. C. Knight, made the judge's task as light as possible. Norwich came up very strong, the amateur class numbering 13. Quality was extra good, the champions especially so. Yorks were down in numbers. Mr. P. Johnston was entitled to special best Canary pair, but being donor, did not compete. Borders were few, but good. British and Hybrid pairs were splendid, occupying half the hall. Class 1: 1, Willa; 2, Bell. Class 2: 1, 2, 3, Wills; vhc, Bell. Class 3 (13): 1, Hyde; 2, Walmsley; 3, c, Bailey; vhc, Large; he, Street. Class 4 (11): 1, 2, Bailey; 3, he, Walmsley; vhc, Hyde; c, Street. Class 5: 1, Harcastle; 2, Shearer; 3, Way; vhc, Gambrell; he, Adams; c, Mound. Class 6: 1, Way; 2, Harcastle; 3, Mound; vhc, Gambrell. Class 9: 1, 2, 3, Johnston; vhc, A. Knight. Class 10: 1, 2, Johnston; 3, A. Knight. Class 11 (9): 1, 3, Shearer; 2, vhc, Stratton; he, c, Carrington and Petty. Class 12: 1, 3, Shearer; 2, Stoton; vhc, Carrington and Petty. W.C. Miss Sulman. Class 16: 1, 2, Dann. Class 17: 1, 3, vhc, he, Withers; 2, Street. Class 18: 1, 2, Gambrell. Class 22: 1, Carrington and Petty; 2, Bell. Class 23: 1, Shorter; 2, Adams; 3, A. Knight. Class 24: 1, A. Knight; 2, Shorter; 3, Carrington and Petty. Class 25: 1, A. Knight. Class 26: 1, A. Knight; 2, Mound; 3, F. C. Knight. Class 27: 1, Beeching; 2, Bell. Class 28: 1, Kent. Class 29: 1, Kent; 2, Shorter; vhc, 3, Mound; he, F. C. Knight. Class 30: 1, Shorter, wins on condition; 2, 3, Street; vhc, he, Kent; c, Carrington and Petty. Class 31: 1, F. C. Knight; 2, A. Knight; 3, Shorter; vhc, he, c, Mound. Class 32: 1, F. C. Knight; 2, Shorter; 3, Kent. Class 33: 1, Kent. Class 34: 1, Mound; 2, F. C. Knight. Class 36: 1, F. C. Knight; 2, Shorter. Class 37: 1, F. C. Knight. Class 39: 1, Shorter. Class 40: 1, Johnston; 2, F. C. Knight; 3, Miss Salman; vhc, Beeching. Class 41. Gift: 1, Street.

OPENSHAW, ETC. (Amalgamated)

The Openshaw, Gorton and Dis., North Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne societies held a show in the club room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, Jan. 15; 168 birds staged; Openshaw Gorton 93, N. Manchester 71, and A.U.L. 34. Mr. Hirst, Accrington, judged, and gave satisfaction. Mr. Goldard, N. Manchester, won sp. most points nov. Nor., given by Mr. Foxall, Ashton.

Amat., Yorks. Cl. Ck. (4): 1, Cooper; 2, Etchells; 3, J. Green; 4, W. H. Green. Tkd. or Var. (5): 1, Cooper; 2, Gilbert; 3, J. Green; 4, vhc, Clarke. Yell. Hen (6): 1, 4, he, J. Green; 2, Etchells; 3, Cooper; vhc, Clarke. Buff (6): 1, vhc, J. Green; 2, Clarke; 3, Cooper; 4, Etchells; he, Pye. Unflig. Ck. (8): 1, c, W. H. Green; 2, Clarke; 3, Pye; 4, vhc, Denkin; he, Cooper. Hen (9): 1, Cooper; 2, Etchells; 3, Pye; 4, Gilbert; vhc, J. Green; he, Deakin; c, W. H. Green. Pairs (12): 1, Cooper. Nor. Yell. Ck. (5): 1, 2, J. Green; 3, 4, Foxall; vhc, Stratford. Buff (5): 1, Chilton; 2, Foxall; 3, Richards. Tkd. or Var. Buff Ck. (4): 1, Marsland; 2, 3, Chilton; 4, Peters. Yell. Hen (7): 1, J. Green; 2, 4, Chilton; 3, Foxall; vhc, Peters; he, Phillips. Buff (5): 1, J. Green; 2, Foxall; 3, Marsland; 4, Peters; vhc, Baron. Unflig. (9): 1, c, Peters; 2, Phillips; 3, J. Green; 4, Richards; vhc, Chilton; he, Stratford. Hen (9): 1, he, J. Green; 2, Richards; 3, Marsland; 4, Foxall; vhc, Peters; c, J. Whitehead. Pairs (6): 1, J. Green. Nov. or Amat., Bont. Unflig. Ck. (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Newton; 2, he, c, A. E. Colley. Hen (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Newton; 3, he, c, A. E. Colley. Green or Cinn. Ck. (2): 1, Newton; 2, A. E. Colley. Nov. Yorks. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, 3, Goldard; 2, 4, Edwards. Buff (5): 1, 3, Beddall; 2, vhc, Edwards; 4, Allen. Hen (4): 1, 3, Edwards; 2, 4, Allen. Unflig. Hen (4): 1, 3, Edwards; 2, Beddall. Nor. Yell. Ck. (4): 1, Goldard; 2, Giles; 3, R. Whitehead; 4, S. H. Whitehead. Buff (5): 1, Henson; 2, Goldard; 3, Robinson; 4, Giles; vhc, S. H. Whitehead. Hen (7): 1, 2, vhc, A. Colley; 3, Goldard; 4, R. Whitehead; he, Giles. Unflig. Ck. (6): 1, he, Henson; 2, Goldard; 3, Dixon; 4, Robinson; vhc, Henson; c, R. Whitehead. Hen (8): 1, Henson; 2, he, Goldard; 3, A. Colley; 4, Henson; he, R. Whitehead; c, Robinson. Pairs (3): 1, Henson. Goldf. (6): 1, 2, 3, Daley; 4, James; vhc, Nightingale. Buff and Bramble (5): 1, Daley; 2, Stratford; 3, Robinson; 4, Newton; vhc, Nightingale. Linnet (6): 1, Daley; 2, 4, Stratford; 3, J. Green; vhc, James. Greenf. (7): 1, Daley; 2, Stratford; 3, Robinson; 4, Newton; vhc, Beddall; he, Baron; c, Nightingale. Chaffinch (5): 1, Nightingale; 2, 3, 4, Baron; vhc, Newton. Siskin (5): 1, Daley; 2, Stratford; 3, Robinson; 4, vhc, J. Green. Redpoll (6): 1, Daley; 2, 3, Stratford; 4, J. Green; vhc, James. Twite (7): 1, Robinson; 2, Stratford. Hen (4): 1, 2, Daley; 3, James; 4, H. Green; he, S. H. Whitehead. Hyb. Pairs (4): 1, Daley. Points result: Openshaw, Gorton and Dis., 300; North Manchester, 235; Ashton-under-Lyne, 96—A. W. Newton, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting Jan. 29, Mr. R. Callaway chair. Mr. C. Mitchell, Burnhope, was elected a member. Table show next meeting, Mar. 4, for British, Classes, Linnet, Greenf., Goldf. or Buff., Redpoll, and A.O.V. Mr. J. W. Robson, Burnhope, judge. Entry 5d. per cage. Birds staged at 6 at Commercial Hotel.—W. Cresswell, Sec.

W. STANLEY (Patriotic) F.F. & C.

Meeting, Feb. 13, R. Peart, chair, and a splendid turn up of fanciers, which is very gratifying. W. Platt was elected hon. treas. Stewards elected for cage birds were: S. Chaytor, H. Roxborough, J. G. Sanderson, T. Henderson, T. Nicholson, R. Mitchell. Decided that all exhibitors leave the room when they have staged their birds.—R. Hutchinson.

EDINBURGH O.S.

Meeting Buchanan's Hotel, on Feb. 19, Mr. John Dalgleish, President, chair. Arrangements for joint show with Western were gone into. Buccleuch Parish Church Halls again agreed to. Messrs. T. Cant, P. Bain, A. Sheils were admitted members. It is hoped that all old members will again turn up this season and make a successful society. Next meeting April.—A. Weston, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting Y.M.C.A. hall, Feb. 19, after the table show, when some splendid exhibits were staged. Mr. R. Perrie winning special for most points; decided to hold pair show Mar. 4. Classes: Nor. yell. ck. and buff hen, buff ck. and yell. hen; Bord., ditto, A.O.V. Can., Yorks., Mule, Hyb. with Buff., A.O.V. Hyb. For.; sp. by Mr. Perrie best pair Nor., Mr. Gibb best pair Bord., Mr. Campbell most commends. Judging at 5. Large turn-out requested.—Thos. J. McGregor, Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.A.

The following members were elected as officers for the year 1916: Hon. Pres., R. H. Sampson; Pres., J. H. Ford; Vice, E. P. Hoddinott; Committee, J. W. Ford, E. M. Evans, A. Richards, T. Holbrow, M. Glover, J. H. Richards, H. Fry, C. Jones, W. Mabbett, J. Slee, H. Sherratt; Show Managers, Messrs. Phil Jenkins and J. E. Jeffreys; Secs., Messrs. D. P. Rees and Alf. Hitchings. Decided to continue the table shows. The first will take place Feb. 26. Classification, Goldfinches, F.M., H.M., Linnets, ditto. Judging to commence at 7. Judge, Mr. Phil Jenkins.—D. P. Rees, Sec.

BARNSTAPLE C.B.S.

General meeting committee room, 59, High-street, Feb. 10; a fairly representative gathering. Mr. E. Collins chair. The principal business was the adoption of the rules as drafted in committee, and a discussion on holding a pair show. Decided to have a pair show, followed by a judging competition, at the Exhibition Hall, 59, High-street, Dec. 26, open judging to commence at 4. Mr. E. Collins was elected final judge. Three money prizes to the three nearest to his awards. Entrance to the show free; 3d. entry for the competition. A hearty welcome will be given to fanciers in the district, and it is hoped that all lovers of birds will join the society and so help the Fancy generally.—Charles F. Dart, Hon. Sec.

GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW AND GOUROCK C.B.

Meeting Feb. 16, Shepherd's Hall, Cathcart Street, Mr. D. Molloy, Pres., chair, and a good attendance. Eleven new members were admitted, which is very encouraging for the start of the new season. Messrs. M. E. Campbell and Allison gave a report of the exhibition held by the club in Gourock, showing the total proceeds to be £12 1s. 8d., which was handed over to the Red Cross funds. The Club desires to thank all the friends who helped to make it such a success. Next meeting Mar. 1, will be the general meeting and election of new officers.—J. Mc G. Dooley, Sec.

BRECHIN C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Dec. 15. Balance sheet for the past show was read by Sec., which showed a deficit of £2 2s., which, seeing that the show was held for a patriotic purpose, was very much to be regretted. Decided to take £1 from the Society funds, and a collection from members present amounted to 13s., which made a total of £1 13s., which Sec. was instructed to hand over to the local Red Cross Fund. We were also in the unhappy position of losing all our trophies, all three being worn outright. Show date for 1916 provisionally fixed for Oct. 7, four weeks in advance of previous years, the object being to try and get more support from outside fanciers. Our show for some years past has been three-fourths local entry, which is unfair to us, considering the way Brechin fanciers turn out to other shows.—J. Craih, Sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

General meeting Porth Hotel, Feb. 16. Chair, T. James. A notice of motion brought forward from last meeting to rescind rule 7 afterwards fell through. Decided to have table show Feb. 23, Mr. J. Challenger judge. Mr. T. James offered a special for Norwich and Mr. T. Kinnel one for Yorks. Also two young bird shows, June 8 and July 27. Decided to give a gratuity to cellerman at headquarters for his services at pair show, also to change headquarters owing to failing to have the room in time for meetings. After a vote between the Elwynnelyn or Imperial Elwynnelyn was selected, and T. Emanuel and A. Legg appointed to see Miss Williams about a room for the Society and report at next meeting. We shall be pleased to see all members turn up to draw out schedule for our young bird show.—J. H. Bevan.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

Well attended meeting, Deansgate Hotel, Feb. 6. Members unanimously elected Mr. W. E. Kearns, the well-known exhibitor of Yorkshires, to fill the important office of President. A letter was read from Mr. Barker Clegg stating that owing to a previous engagement he would not be able to judge the Table Show of pairs at next meeting, Feb. 20. Mr. E. Dooley was elected in his place. Members please note it is not necessary to wash their exhibits, as they will be judged purely on their merits as "ideal pairs" for breeding purposes. Also birds may be staged in one cage, or separate. The desirability of changing one of our meeting nights from Monday to Wednesday is to be considered at next meeting, and it is hoped that members affected will forward their views to the Sec. if they are unable to attend. Our Treas., Mr. Brown, intimated that owing to a serious breakdown in health he felt it imperative to resign his office. His resignation was accepted with regret, and a successor will be elected next meeting. Prize money was paid in connection with the January Show, also prize cards given out. Members kindly return ticket money as early as possible.—J. G. P. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Smoking concert and distribution of prizes, head-quarters, Feb. 7, Mr. Pitchford chair, and a good attendance. An excellent programme which was thoroughly appreciated was contributed to by Mr. Fox (songs), Miss Borby (piano-forte solos), Mr. Pitchford (solos), Mr. H. Ousman (dialect reading), Mr. Jones (solos), Mr. Bowers (humorous songs). All the solos were tastefully rendered, and Miss Borby proved an able accompanist. Special mention should be made of Mr. Bowers, who proved to be the humorist of the evening, his humor being of the unconscious variety, which is generally appreciated. Winners of the specials: N. Leese, gold medal best unflighted Nor. bred by a member; specials for the four highest birds over 2 shows, Leese and Hartley; whiskey specials, Leese, Bagshaw, Davies, Critchlow, Glover, Bowers and Hartley.—F. Glover, Hon. Sec.

BOSCOMBE F.A.

Meeting, Feb. 8, Dolphin Hotel, Hohenhurst Rd. Our last two members' shows were voted huge successes, especially the financial part of same, which enabled us to clear off debt of our open show three seasons ago and leave a balance in hand. Sec. was asked to enquire about Curzon Hall, and write Mr. Robinson to judge our next show in Nov. The subs. is 3/- per annum, payable in advance. No entrance fee. Since the meeting we have enrolled six new members, and there is room for more. We cordially invite fanciers or intending members to come to our meetings. If those wishing to become members will send name and address I will give them any information they require. Several Winton fanciers have signified their intention to join. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the sec. for the work he had done in respect to the last two shows, also to Mr. Stone for so kindly getting the room ready.—E. T. Hames, Hon. Sec., "Fairholme," 30, South Road, Bournemouth.

WIGAN ROLLER CLUB.

Meeting Feb. 19, headquarters, Legs of Man Hotel. Officers elected for 1916: Pres., Mr. J. Tomlinson; chair, Mr. T. Kay; vice-pres., Messrs. Whittaker, Smith, Mather, and Barnett; Messrs. Greenall and Unsworth joint secs; M. Preston and R. Dickenson auditors. Unanimous that we hold our annual contest Dec. 15 and 16. New members elected: Messrs. J. Farrimond, J. Aspinall, W. Smith, H. Radcliffe, T. Barton, Norcott, Hutton, Eccleston, making full total of members 34. All are unanimous in the Roller fancy being governed by a control board. Next Sat., Feb. 26, at 6.30, a lecture on the song of the Roller Canary will be given by Messrs. Massey and Kilshaw, judges of Bolton, who will describe the various rolls, tours, faults, etc. A few birds will be present. Questions invited. Members, friends, and all interested in the Roller fancy will be given a hearty welcome.—P. Greenall.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting Crown Hotel, Station Street, Feb. 2, Mr. Broadhurst chair, and a very good gathering. New members elected: Messrs. Chatwin, Sparkes, Prottery, Tonks, and Dr. Askey Wood. Nominated: Messrs. Parkes, Woodhouse, Clarke, Westwood, Jones, Millward, Lapland, Haynes, Herbert, Cannon, and Baker, a splendid start for the New Year. Fanciers wishing to join us kindly send your names in by any member, or to sec. Officers elected: President, J. A. Eckersley; vice-presidents, W. W. Butler, A. J. Smith, J. Webb, H. C. Wilkins, E. Fordred, Messrs. A. Broadhurst, J. H. de Nalliet, W. C. Wells, G. A. Smith, F. Dipple, H. G. Hill, P. T. Cowley, H. T. Collier; treas., Messrs. Allen and Collier; auditors, Messrs. Clay and Cowley; Committee, Messrs. Derry, Fessey, Raby, Jones, Burke, Bastock, Ward, Healey, Wharton; sec., A. C. Shirley; sub. sec. for Roller section, A. Taylor. Will members rally round next Wednesday, Mar. 1, at 7.30 several Roller members having promised to bring birds for the benefit of the novice. Balance sheet to be presented.—A. C. Shirley.

G. DUFF C.B.S.

Meeting held Maskell's Hotel, Feb. 17. Mr. Whetton presided, and the meeting was well attended. A long discussion took place re the sending of parcels to the prisoners of war in Germany, and it was agreed that the Committee meet on Feb. 25 to deal with same. Resolved to hold a table show of British at next meeting, the annual general meeting, when I trust all members will make an effort to attend. Classes, Goldfinches, Linnets. Mr. E. J. Banks promised 2s. 6d. for best bird; Mr. H. C. Smith judge. Mr. Donovan was enrolled a member. A successful table show of Norwich was held. Result of the judging competition will be made known at next meeting. Nominations for 1916, to be elected at next meeting: Chairman, Mr. Banks and Mr. Braille; vice-chairmen, Messrs. H. C. Smith, P. Braille, S. P. Whetton, and E. James; treas. and asst. sec., Mr. A. Ball; sec., Mr. E. Thomas; Committee, H. C. Smith, E. James, D. Raymond, J. Wiseman, J. Pearce, F. Howard, P. Braille, E. J. Davies, Rev. C. B. Jolliffe, E. J. Banks, S. P. Whetton, D. J. Lewis. Members please send their contributions, as I have to get my books audited and present balance sheet at next meeting. Mr. H. C. Smith and Mr. A. Ball are auditors.—E. Thomas, Sec.

CAMBRIDGE & COUNTY C.B.A.

Annual meeting, Prince of Wales Hotel, Jan. 20, Mr. G. Bishop presiding. The hon. sec. presented the balance sheet showing a balance in hand of £1 16s. 6d. This was adopted. Officers elected: Chair, Mr. G. Bishop; vice-chair, Mr. P. Stiles; hon. sec. and treas., Mr. W. Ridgeon; assist. hon. sec., Mr. C. G. Taylor; committee, Messrs. J. Henderson, A. Bye, J. B. Haigh, A. Hills, A. R. Kent, G. Langley, A. Manning, E. W. Nichols, J. H. Pope, E. Ridgway, and C. G. Williams; auditors, Messrs. A. Edwards and McQuarrie. A discussion took place with regard to the proposed East Anglian Federation of Norwich Plain-bread Clubs, and sec. was instructed to obtain further information as to the regulations and proposed affiliation fee. The question of an inter-show with the Bedford C.B.S. was discussed, and it was left to the sec. and committee to ascertain the views of the Bedford Society in the matter. The N.P. show was fixed for second Thursday in July.

Prior to meeting a table show was held. Messrs. Lambert and Williams judged. Nor. Ck.: 1, Nichols; 2, Nichols; 3, Haigh. Pairs: 1, Haigh; 2, Nichols; 3, vhc, Hills. 1915: 1, Nichols; 2, Haigh. Nov.: 1, Haigh; 2, Bryant; 3, Hills; vhc, Barrett. Lord.: 1, Bryant; 2, 3, Stiles. Pairs: 1, Stiles. A.O.V. (an): 1, Nichols; 2, Taylor; 3, Haigh. Pairs for Muling: 1, Manning; 2, Haigh; 3, Barrett. For Hyb.: 1, Taylor. Light Mule: 1, Taylor; 2, Barrett. Dark: 1, 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Haigh. Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Haigh. Goldf.: 1, Manning; 2, Haigh. Buff.: 1, Barrett; 2, Taylor. Linnet: 1, Taylor; 2, Nichols. Greenf.: 1, Manning; 2, Haigh; 3, Barrett; vhc, Taylor. Redpoll, etc.: 1, Taylor. A.O. Brit. Small: 1, 2, 3, Taylor. Large: 1, Taylor.—C. G. Taylor, Assist. Sec.

WALTON, EVERTON C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Feb. 8, Mr. G. Holmes chair; good attendance. An interesting syllabus was drawn up for the remainder of year. Table show for British next meeting, Mar. 8, and lecture by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe on "Preparing for the Breeding Season," to be followed by a general discussion. Members please turn up in full strength.—A. G. Hunt.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, preceded by a committee meeting. Mr. P. Johnston read a most interesting and instructive paper on "Line Breeding." Some most remarkable points arose, and several remarks gave the audience much food for thought. The lecturer quoted several instances of well-known exhibitors who always head the classes, but who, although possessed of such excellent specimens, never breed a really good specimen. Their winning birds are bought; invariably they have been bred by breeders who work upon scientific lines. Why cannot possessors of the best show birds produce equally good ones? The lecturer then fully explained the necessity of careful selection of stock to perpetuate the good points possessed by original parents. Many questions arose, and a very entertaining evening came to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to lecturer. Messrs. Bell, Stoken and Thurley elected members.—F. C. Knight.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting Village School, Alexandria, Feb. 8, Pres., W. G. Gillies, chair. Sec. intimated he had received nine specials for Canary pair show, also that Lord Inverclyde, Messrs. W. E. Gilmour, P. Denny, J. T. Cargill, J. N. Marshall, W. B. Gillies, and Dr. Cook had kindly given their honorary patronage to the club, and had helped by assisting the funds. Classes agreed for Mule and Hyb. Pair show: Goldf. and Can., Linnet and Can., Greenf. and Can., Siskin, Redpoll or Twite and Can., A.O.V. Brit. and Can., Bullfinch for hybridising except Canary Buff., A.O.V. for hybridising. After selection of judge, which will be announced on his acceptance, Messrs. Abrahams, Barker, Campbell, Gennail, and sec. kindly promised specials. The surprise of the evening was when sec. read out thirty-seven applications for membership, which were unanimously granted, amid great enthusiasm.—A. H. Moleson.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, 6, The Broadway, Feb. 7, Mr. W. G. Heath presiding. The schedule of the pair show, Queen's Hall, Feb. 22, was submitted and revised, two classes being added. Thirteen special prizes were allocated, the donors being Messrs. Pantkner, Charlie How, Aspinall's Enamel, Spillers and Bakers, W. G. Heath, G. Birch, H. W. Hobden and A. R. Gay. Cups, medals and prizes won at the Annual Show were given out. Chairman's trophy and "Thynne" cup for most points in Borders at Pair, Young Bird and Annual Show; Hobden; "Iversage" cup most points Yorks. classes at Annual Show; Smith; "Saunders" cup best unflighted Nor.; Hutton; medal best Brit.; Marriott, Nutfield; diploma for best birds in Champion and Novice classes, Miss M. Wright and Mr. C. Brown. Altogether about thirty special prizes were taken away by members, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.—G. Griffiths.

CITY OF BRISTOL C.B.S.

Meeting, February 2, four new members were enrolled, including one lady (Mrs. J. A. Davis). The sec. presented annual report and balance sheet, and was heartily congratulated upon the way in which he had brought this old society from being heavily in debt to a sound position, which speaks well for his first year of office. Decided to hold a matched pair show on March 1, points to count for a three-guinea special prize presented by a well-known local fancier for most points secured throughout the season from Mar. 1. There will also be a silver cup and medal for points in novice section, and it is hoped that local novices will avail themselves of this opportunity of competing for something worth winning. A hearty welcome is extended to all wishing to join; nomination fee 1/-; annual sub., 2/6. Officers elected: Chairman, Mr. Yorke; vice, Mr. Buckland; treas., Mr. Tristram; hon. sec., Mr. Withers; assist. sec., Mr. Davis; assisted by a very strong committee. The future outlook is indeed "Merry and Bright," notwithstanding the troublous times.—J. A. Davis, Assist. Sec., 4, Church Road, Bedminster, Bristol.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.H.C.

Annual meeting, held at the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, Feb. 9. Present, Mr. J. R. Ramsden (chair), Messrs. Botell, Cole, Crabb, Harris, Head, Holdier, Jay, Maclellan, Martin, Mathies, and Robson. Proposed and carried that the meeting be converted into a general annual meeting, within the meaning of Rule 5. Result of the voting for officers: Mr. E. Baker, Pres.; Mr. Ramsden, vice-pres.; Mr. Crabb, Spillman, Crisp, Saunders, Curtis, Pretty, Hodder, and Gardner; London Committee Messrs. Cole (who was afterwards elected Sec.), Hazel, Martin, Tomsett, Crawford, Harris, and Haddon; Provincial Committee, Messrs. Collings, Gill, Houghton, Rippon, Kilby, Midgley; Auditors, Messrs. Robson and Heath. Resolved that Rule 5 be altered to read: "The annual general meeting shall be held at the National Show, Crystal Palace, if possible, and if not, at some other suitable place to be chosen by the Committee." Resolved that Rule 6 be taken out, and the following substituted: "The officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, two Auditors, Hon. Secretary, and a Committee of 12, six of whom shall reside within the London Postal District, and six in the provinces. The Secretary shall be elected by the Committee from their number. The Committee shall manage the general business of the society. Three shall form a quorum. The Secretary shall convene a special meeting of officers to allot patronage to shows and whenever else he shall deem necessary, and at such meeting five shall form a quorum." Decided that the following words be added to Rule 10: "In the event of the Committee being unable to obtain this classification they shall have power to reduce same." Decided to increase subscription to 3s. 6d. per annum. Mr. Mathies presented his accounts, which, he said, were ready for audit, showing a balance in hand of £1 2s. 6d. Some discussion took place as to arrears of subs., and it was decided that same were properly payable up to and including the year 1914, but that subs. received during 1915 should be credited for 1916. A vote of thanks to Mr. Mathies for past services was duly carried. Mr. Mathies, in reply, said that anything he had left undone was wholly in consequence of want of time, and promised to give the new secretary any information possible. A vote of thanks to the Chair concluded the meeting. I shall be glad if all members will kindly forward their subs. to me as soon as possible.—Frank Cole, Hon. Sec., 15, Melbourn Grove, East Dulwich, S.E. (Several Club Reports unavoidably held over.)

Queries Answered

(FOR RULES SEE FEB. 12 ISSUE.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

GONE IN MOULT (H. A. B.).—You must first of all see that the bird is not exposed to direct cold draughts or sudden extremes of heat and cold. Then every second day for a fortnight or so, in addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats. In an ounce of sherry dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. With luck it should be ready to mate successfully about the beginning of April, but you should not mate it for at least two or three weeks after it has apparently quite recovered from the moulting.

BEST TIME FOR PAIRING (A New Beginner).—Taken all round, the first week in April will be the best time for pairing birds in an outdoor aviary provided the weather is favourable at that time. But if the weather is inclement and the immediate prospect unfavourable you will lose nothing by waiting a little longer, even until the middle of the month if necessary, in order to get them to start under favourable circumstances. This may appear to you very late, but the general tendency of the beginner is to start much too early, and it is rarely that any good comes of so doing.

A FAINT HEART (Beginner, Horsehay).—The cause of the bird fainting in the way you describe when its cage is brought down for cleaning or any other attention is extreme nervousness. It is not uncommon for such subjects to die instantly as the result of a slight shock which any normally constituted bird would merely "wink at." Judicious management, avoidance of any cause for fright, a gentle, quiet, and methodical manner in dealing with them, and endeavouring to win their confidence is all that can be done for such specimens. Medical treatment is of no use. Attend the bird regularly, talking or "tweeting" to it gently all the time, and always leave it a morsel of some tit-bit of green food, fruit, or a few grains of some specially favoured seed, so that it may gradually come to associate your visits with these dainties, and thus help it to overcome its nervousness. Do not handle it, neither when conscious nor when it is in the collapsed condition.

STILL DROPS FEATHERS (Shun).—Try what the following treatment will do for it in a month or so. In addition to the staple seed diet advised before, give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats every third day, and on the intervening days give a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw seed first, and next add to the drinking water 20 drops of the mixture advised to "H. A. B." in this issue. Also make a little paste by mix mixing on a hot plate a teaspoonful of pure honey, ditto of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and the same quantity of powdered grain of paradise, adding sufficient finely powdered bicarbonate while mixing to bring the mass to the consistency of soft cheese. When cold it will be a little harder, and may be cut into cubes to stick between the wires of the cage. Keep a cube stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at when it likes, renewing it as often as necessary for the next three or four weeks.

NORWICH MILING COCK (J. W.).—The only material difference between a Norwich miling cock and an ordinary Norwich cock is that the former is likely to be rather smaller, and possibly paler in colour owing to in-breeding if it comes of a light miling strain. There is no material difference in its song or its general habits. If the bird is, as you say, coming in breeding condition, flapping about the perches with overflowing energy, and yet shows no signs of coming in song, I should be very much inclined to doubt its sex. To stop the wheezing, see that it is not exposed to direct cold draughts nor sudden extremes of heat and cold, and every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary, add to its drinking water 20 drops of whisky and three of eucalyptus oil well shaken together.

SWELLING UNDER EYE (E.O.A.).—The swelling is doubtless a small abscess coming to a "head." Treat as follows for a fortnight. First make a decoction by placing six or eight camomile flowers in a teacup, filling with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour, then strain off the clear fluid, add half a teaspoonful of boracic acid, and stir until dissolved. Then catch the bird and bathe the swelling for a few minutes morning and evening with a little of the liquid, using a little fresh liquid and a fresh desl of wool each time. If the swelling forms a "head" during this treatment prick it carefully with a clean needle, press out the contents, and then anoint it with a little boracic ointment once a day until well, and stop the bathing after pricking. If treatment makes no impression on the substance then it is in all probability an encysted tumour which a veterinary could remove in a few moments, but I do not advise you to try to do so yourself.

A SLUGGISH YORKSHIRE (Novice, R.C.W.).—Continue your present staple dietary, and give in addition a small teaspoonful of egg food once a week only, and sprinkle it liberally with maw seed. On two other days in each week give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, with just a slight sprinkling of mustard seed in the bulk. Omit the linseed altogether. On each of the remaining days give a morsel of some green food as soon as you can get it in a fit condition, and preferably dandelion. You will begin to find the latter now in sheltered corners. In the drinking water, every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the following week add instead to the water four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid.

SOFT MOULT (Norwich Novice).—Yes, the condition you describe is often known as "soft moult." You must first of all see that the birds are not exposed to constant and great changes of temperature, or damp, and that they are kept in a com-

fortable temperature, which, however, need not be a very high one. Offer the bath daily when the weather is sunny and mild. In addition to the staple diet give separately every third day for two or three weeks a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. A piece the size of a hazel nut for each bird will suffice. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw seed, and next half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, broken groats and linseed. For green food give two leaves of dandelion daily as soon as you can find any. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. Quite possibly the birds will be ready for breeding by about the middle of April, but one cannot say definitely beforehand. You should not mate them until two or three weeks after they cease dropping feathers in any case.

SWELLING OF VENT (W.G.T.).—You ought to have repeated full particulars as to the symptoms. However, even if the improvement is only slight it is better than none at all, and you may, after the bird has had a week's rest from all treatment, repeat the same treatment for another fortnight, then give it another week's rest, and again repeat the same treatment for a fortnight, thus making three fortnightly courses in all. In addition to this treatment you may during the next fortnight try the effect of bathing the swelling for a few minutes every third day with a solution of weak hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water—applied by holding a small swab of cotton wool well charged with the solution on the place, and every now and again recharging it in the saucer in order to maintain the warmth and freshness, continuing thus for a few minutes, then squeeze the wool dry and absorb the moisture from the skin and surrounding plumage with it as far as possible. This will enable you to avoid unnecessary wetting of the plumage.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

TROUBLE IN REARING (Bob. Ducke).—I am sorry to hear you did not succeed in your efforts to breed mules. I would certainly advise you to have another try this season. Of course, there is such a thing as a bad feeding hen, but I do not think you managed her in quite the best way. When you found she would not take the food you offered (and my experience is that very few hens will take the particular kind you gave her) you should have tried her with something different. The majority of Canary and mule breeders use hard-boiled egg, mixed with three or four times its bulk of biscuit, the whole being thoroughly mixed; but young ones can be reared on almost any kind of soft food, including bread and milk, providing the hens like it and have been occasionally fed on it before the young ones arrive. There is a brand of food made by the same firm that you mention without the oil in it. If this is mixed with hot milk or water and a pinch of salt or sugar added, most birds will eat it readily. Have another try, and watch these pages for any information that may be useful to you.

AVIARY BREEDING (Effen).—Your aviary is not large enough to contain the birds you mention with any hope of being successful in breeding with them. If you have about three pairs in it you will have a much better chance; you might possibly leave in the Canaries, a pair of Goldfinches and a pair of Linnets. You must fix up plenty of nesting places, such as small wicker cages, nest pans and boxes, or even four inch flower pots. These should be distributed about in cosy corners. Supply the birds with plenty of moss, short lengths of grass, cow hair, etc., to build with. Your other birds had better be kept in cages, but it is very doubtful if they will make any attempt at nesting under such confined conditions.

KEEPING AND FEEDING SOFTBILLS (Tit).—You do not quote correctly from Nutshell No. 25, but the difference is not great. The mixture you mention would do well as a stock food, but you must use very little crissel, and what you do use should be finely ground and thoroughly soaked before it is mixed with the other ingredients. In addition to this they should be given a few tit-bits such as a morsel of soft cheese, mutton suet, or even a cube of bread dipped in milk. The Tits will also eat several kinds of nuts, a few grains of hemp and sunflower. (2) No, it is not safe to put them in with other small birds. (3) If you tried to keep a Robin and Tits in a small aviary I fear you would not keep them very long; they are not at all desirable companions.

FEEDING A CHOUGH (W. Bolam).—I think your best way to procure a Chough would be to advertise for one in this paper. I am sorry I cannot give you the price, they are somewhat rare, and therefore not cheap. They will require to be fed upon soft food and insects, black-beetles, gentles, worms, mealworms, etc. I would advise you to get our Nutshell booklet No. 26. It deals with the feeding of all the larger insectivorous birds, and would assist you considerably.

CHAFFINCH NOT SINGING (E. Goodwin).—You should have sent me more information about your bird, something about his treatment and feeding, for I expect that is the cause of his not singing, although it is quite early enough for them; many birds in a wild state are not in song yet. A little soaked seeds and a mealworm or two will generally help them along. As regards general treatment why not procure our little book on the Chaffinch, 2d. post free from this office? It gives you in detail just the information you require.

THRUSH DOING BADLY (Bolton).—Your Thrush requires a change of treatment, and I do not quite approve of the place you are keeping him. An ordinary kitchen is far too warm for such a hardy species; besides, if I understand your letter rightly, he is hung above the gas, whereas if obliged to be in the kitchen he certainly should be placed below the gas. Have you examined the bird for insects? If not, please do so; and if he has any get rid of them as soon as possible; then give him an aperient, such as Epsom or Glauber salts, as much as will cover a shilling, in two tablespoonfuls of water. Let him have it for about six hours and then remove, giving him another dose a couple of days later. Discontinue the good you are giving him now and make up the mixture as advised on page 4 in the Nutshell booklet you have, or buy some ready made as used for small warblers, mix it with scraped raw carrot, or boiled potatoes for a change. Just smear the hare places with a little fresh lard or pure vaseline. Continue the insects and give occasionally a little fruit. With this treatment he should improve.

GOLDFINCH-CANARY CROSS (Peter Grant).—(1) There is seldom any trouble in breeding with a wild caught Goldie. Get him as steady as you can; he may tame considerably before you are really to put him up. (2) I would advise you to get a Norwich Canary hen if possible, the mules are generally good in shape and capital songsters. (3) Put the two birds in a two-compartment breeding cage, one in each compartment, and when they are both fit draw the slide and give them a nest-pan and building materials. As regards food, feed in the ordinary way with the addition of a spoonful of egg food twice a week, and a dandelion leaf or the seeding pods, if either of them are at all backward.

MOVING BIRD TO COLD ROOM (E. J. Holliday).—You did not send your address. It is contrary to our rules to answer questions without this, but as you might injure your birds if I did not, I proceed to do so. Perhaps you will send it to us on a post card. It requires a good deal of care and management to move birds from a heated room to a cold one without throwing them into a moult. Select from your stock all the healthiest, and those in the best condition, and when a spell of mild weather is on remove these birds to the room you intend keeping them in. This should be done early in the morning, before their present room is heated. For a few nights they should be covered up with cloths. Their food at this time should be slightly richer than usual, and should include a little egg food and maw seed. Feed up any remaining in the warm room and remove them, when ready.

SEVERAL QUERIES (Green Novice).—(1) "Jonque" is a term that has gone somewhat out of fashion, and really means yellow, as being the opposite colour to buff in birds. This is very pronounced in Canaries and mules, but not so evident in British birds, although it does exist. (2) Unflighted is a term applied to young birds that have not moulted their wing feathers. It means a bird that has only passed through its first moult. (3) There is no Nutshell booklet dealing with Buntings. (4) The Buntings are not softbills, although they will consume a small proportion of soft food. As a staple diet they require canary seed only; see that it is of good quality. Occasionally supply a few groats, rape, cracked hemp, maw, and a spoonful of wild seed mixture, which you can purchase in packets from any respectable corn merchants or bird dealers. (5) For information upon this subject you had better apply at your nearest police station, as the restrictions do not apply equally to every county. In most of them the season closes at the end of February.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WILL COW-BIRDS NEST? (Cow-bird).—(1 and 2) It is difficult to give you a helpful answer, as you do not tell me what kind of Cow-birds yours are; much depends upon this, as some of these interesting birds are parasitic, i.e., have similar nesting habits to the Cuckoo. The Silky Cowbird is parasitic, and I suspect yours are of this species. The cock bird is uniform glossy blue-black, the hen uniform earthy-brown. I fear there is no chance of their nesting either in your Budgie aviary or in a breeding-cage. They have never yet bred with me, though kept in a large natural aviary with many other species, though on one occasion they did get as far as eggs. If they should be Flame-shouldered Troupials or Cowbirds then they should nest in a roomy natural aviary, but when young were hatched they would require a constant supply of live insects and their larvae, e.g., mealworms, wasps' grubs, ants' eggs, gentles, beetles, spiders, smooth caterpillars, etc. (3) They will build a Thrush-like nest amid the branches, or you could fasten in the branches a deserted Thrush or Blackbird's nest. (4) Seed (what you give Budgies would do), ripe fruit, insectile mixture (soft food), and live insects. (5) There is no Nutshell on Cowbirds, but in Foreign Birds for Beginners (1s. 2d. post free, from our manager) there are chapters both on the Silky and Ruddy (Flame) shouldered Cowbirds.

FOR GREENHOUSE AVIARY. (Mainman).—If your birds are to do well you must secure free ventilation without draught, yet sufficient to eliminate damp. Also you should screw boards across the sash bars (on the inside) over the top of aviary to keep the sun from striking directly down into the aviary; they will get ample sun and light from the front and sides. Cover the back wall thickly with twigg branches for the birds to climb about, and also for perching accommodation. You must not attempt to mix Parakeets and Finches, and as you have a pair of Budgerigars you had better get a pair of Cockatiels. Your aviary is sufficiently stocked. With their breeding as soon as they have properly settled down it will be overcrowded while young are being reared. You ought not at any time to have more than twelve birds therein, so this will mean parting with most of the young as soon as they can fend for themselves.

SEEDS FOR GREY PARROT (H. Gray).—Young Greys are usually of much darker plumage than when fully adult; also there is the variation of depth of colour common to all species, which usually has at the most only local significance. Some Greys have red feathers scattered among the body plumage, and I have seen one specimen which was almost regularly spangled red. Greys with red mingled with the grey body plumage are termed by the dealers "King Greys." It would be better with a more varied seed diet, even if you only added white oats and safflower, the latter is often called by corn chandlers "small sunflower." It should also have fruit, nuts, pieces of biscuit and plain cake. The "Grey Parrot" Nutshell, 2d. post free from our manager, would help you.

NIGHTINGALES AND MOCKING BIRDS (Anxions).—You must repeat query as to treatment, etc., of the Nightingale to our British Bird Expert, Mr. H. Norman, as it is outside my province. I can only say that insectivorous birds ought not to be kept by anyone until they have first thoroughly acquainted themselves with what such birds require. You could get a Nutshell on the Nightingale from our manager. The Virginian Cardinal is not a Nightingale, and though it has a very pleasing and melodious song during the breeding season, it is not of sufficient merit to win it the name of Nightingale. It is very silent as a cage-bird. I am only acquainted with the Mocking Bird (I allude to the Common American Mocking Bird, *Mimus polyglottus*) as an aviary bird. A good one is a marvel, indeed, and runs our "Queen of Songsters" very close, even if it does not fully rival it. It moreover has the merit of pouring out its melody by day. A good one is an "orchestra." Most of them, however, that I have come across have not held good reputations as cage-bird songsters. Of course, with all there is the variation of merit of individual performers.

WHAT BIRD (Novice, Blackburn).—I cannot give you a definite answer at present, as I am changing my residence, and my library is packed, and will not, I fear, be available for a couple of weeks. Kindly make me a rough diagrammatic sketch of the bird and give approximate measurements of body and tail, and repeat query in about a fortnight's time, when I will try and definitely name it for you. It is, however, pretty safe to say that it is either some species of Scimitar Babbler, or one of the *Deprandia*; of the latter the Manio is a representative.

BUDGERIGARS COMMUNICATING DISEASE (L. Scott).—I do not hold with the habit of offering or permitting birds to take food from between the lips. The risk from keeping birds and petting them is practically nil, and under the conditions you keep yours there is no risk at all. As regards the statement of your acquaintance, one hesitates to give a flat denial, yet I know of no properly authenticated case having occurred. Only the dicta of qualified medical men after scientific examination could be accepted in such cases. It is more than probable that local conditions might infect birds and humans alike, and that only would be the significance of the simultaneous occurrence.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

British Birds and the Wild Birds' Acts (H. and Son).—Nothing in the Wild Birds' Acts would compel either a dealer or a bird-keeper to give up keeping birds during the close season. What he is prohibited from doing is to take or have in his possession during the close season any wild bird named in the schedule of the Act of 1880, or in the additional schedules issued from time to time by local authorities, which has been "recently taken." This answers also your second question, for no one is allowed to take any scheduled wild bird during the close season. "Small dealers with British bird aviaries are affected by the Act only as here stated. If they are in possession of British birds during the close season, they must be able to prove either that such birds were taken or bought or received before the close season started, or that they were bought or received from some person residing out of the United Kingdom."

Insuring Birds against Bombs (A Reader).—There is a Government scheme for insurance against air-raids, and you could obtain particulars as to this from your local post office. You could also get full information as to premiums for any kind of insurance if you were to write to Mr. R. J. Dartnall, General Buildings, Aldwych, London, W.C. You did not send your name and address with your query. Please see our rule.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post, it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Miss M. Stainland.—Hen bird, death resulted from cerebral haemorrhage, probably induced by a fit.

Mr. F. Kemp.—Inflammation of the bowels. The bird was in very poor condition; it had probably been ailing longer than you were aware of, but even then its indisposition may not have been very appreciable.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnets contest, Woodman Inn, Horselair. Club sing. Feb. 19, 36 birds entered for 3min. time singing: 1, B. Nelson; 2, Scotton; 3, Blackshear. Open sing. Feb. 20, 24 competed, 3 minutes' time singing: 1, 2, Piper; 3, Blackshear. Let us see if we can get a Roller contest up for the week-ends.—S. Pugh, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Contest George and Dragon; 58 birds entered 4 minutes' time sing. 1, R. Collinson, 116; 2, 3, S. Morley, 114 and 107. Feb. 20, 44 entered 3 minutes' sing. 1, J. Wainwright, 102; 2, J. Brindley, 70; 3, W. Nelson, 68. Inter-sing with the Leeds fanciers for time and quality first Sat. in Mar., Albion Hotel, Saville Green.—W. Dobson, Sec.

BARNESLEY.

Linnets contest, Dove Inn, Doncaster Road, Feb. 20, under an extra good company, for 4 min. time singing; 5 birds did above 3 min. in 4; we think this is extra good singing. Troop and Jones shared 1st, 3 min. 41 sec.; 3, Moore, 3.30; 4, Coles, 3.25; 5, Lowe, 3.10; 6, Hardman, 2.31. Rally up, outsiders, and get straight on books before special contest, which will be advertised in Cage Birds respecting the specials, etc. Shepherd, timer; Collins, chalk.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Quality Linnet Club: Grand contest, Feb. 20, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane; 20 birds faced the Judges, A. Lorrieman and H. Reeder. 1, Chippendale; 2, Dearlove; 3, Hargreaves.—F. Turner, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Feb. 19; 16 birds sang. 1 and 2, Binns; 3, Wigfield. Judges, P. Madden and D. Madden, who is home on leave. Feb. 20, 15 birds sang. 1 and 3, Binns; 2, Ward. Judges, T. Summers and M. Lipman.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-rd. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Feb. 19; 41 birds sang. 1, J. Smith; 2, Butler; 3, Playforth; 4, Thompson; 5, Butler. Judges, Naylor, Crane, and Hayes. Roller contest Feb. 19; 10 sang. 1, T. Johnson; 2, Wharam; 3, Thompson; 4, Platt; Judges, Naylor and Hayes. Linnet contest Feb. 20; 19 sang. 1, J. Chippendale; 2, T. Johnson; 3, Sissons; 4, T. Ward. Judges, Harcastle, Naylor, Crane, Linnet contest, Feb. 20; 13 sang. 1, J. Chippendale; 2, 3 shared T. Johnson and Stanney; 4, Walls. Judges, Harcastle, Naylor, Butler. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Saturday next, Feb. 26. 1st prize copper kettle, entrance fee added. Also open contest for time and quality, first Saturday in March, combined Leeds and Castleford; first pair to be hung at 3 o'clock. (Advt.)—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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WANTED, warranted cock Redwing, Thrush: Betts, Waverley, Cranford Bridge, Middlethorpe. (290)

WANTED, Canaries, any quantity; state price; etamp: Percival, 29, Pinchic-walk, Hoxton. (285)

WANTED, any quantity British hardbills, weekly supply: Percival, 29, Pinchic-walk, Hoxton. (285)

WANTED, Canaries, exchange Andalusian hens laying: F. Matheson, 1, Diamond-ave., Plymouth. (294)

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WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cocks and hens; also Bullfinches: Marsh, 169, Brighton-rd., Croydon. (295)

WANTED, a hen Diamond Dove in exchange for cock and a little cash: Miss Webb, Millington-rd., Cambridge. (280)

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WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, best price paid for good birds: Bosher, 245, Barking-rd., East Ham, Essex. (270)

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WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large bird, also Parrots and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 91, Cowden-rd., Glasgow. (197)

WANTED, Canaries, all varieties, cash or exchange aviaries or cages, any description: Martin, Cage Mania turer, Gt. Douglas. (295)

WANTED for cash, all kinds British birds; Canaries, all varieties, genuine talking Parrots: Wicks, Gt. Rose-lane, Norwich. (191)

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WANTED, healthy Canaries, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, 18/-; late lowest price: Frank Sparks, End of Alder, n. Overton, Dunelm. (165)

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WANTED lady's and gentleman's cycle, Sunbeam or other good make preferred; cheap; condition no object: Grant, Bessie Mill, Kilmarnock. (271)

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WANTED, Canaries, cock Mules, house-moulted British, exchange suit length, 25/6, or pair new blankets, 25/6; approval: Heron, Castle-Douglas. (296)

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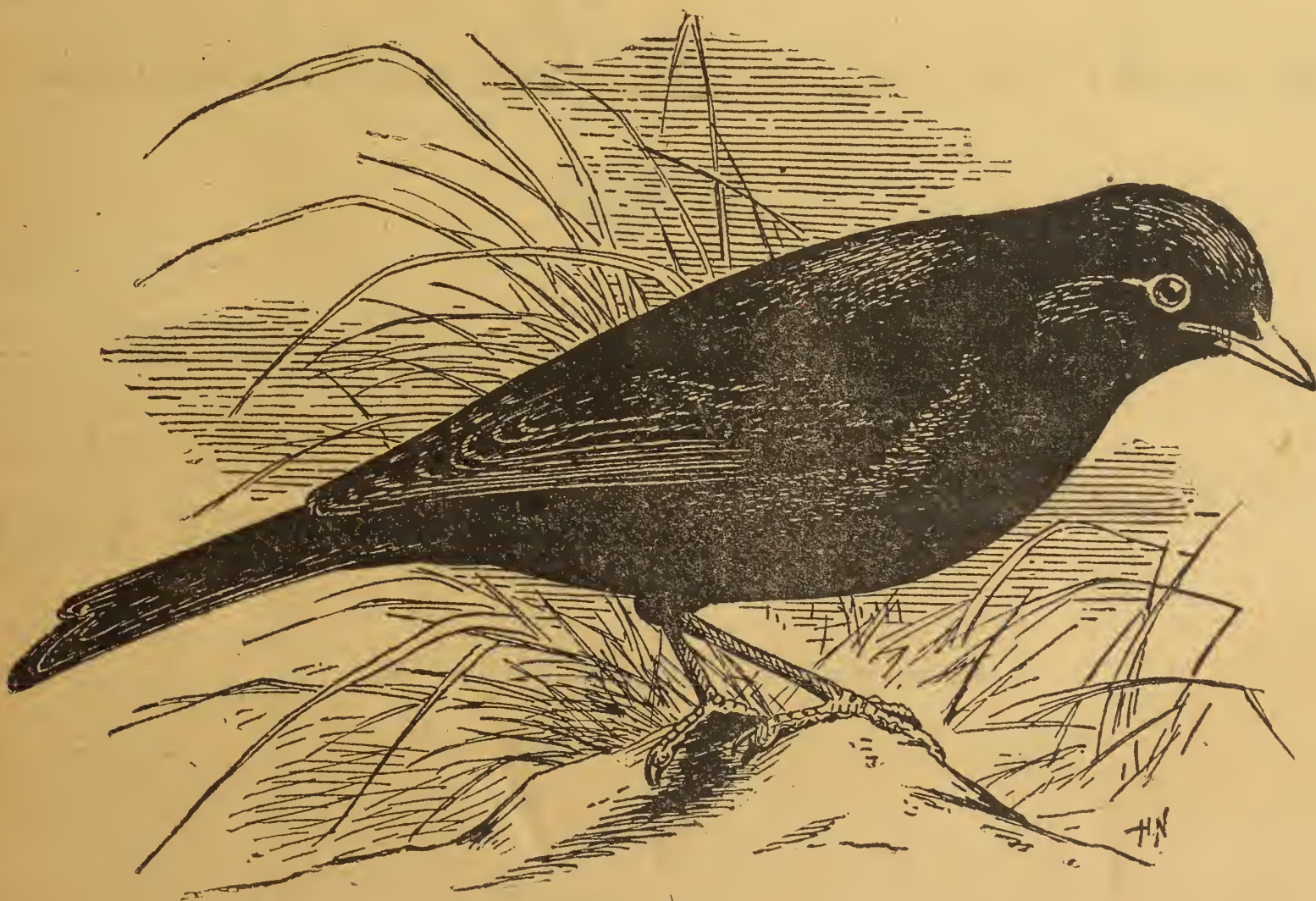
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UNFLIGHTED Border hens, grand type and quality, chens, yellows, buffs, and variegated, 3/6 and 4/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (311)

A FEW yellow and buff cocks, right type, tip-top quality and colour, at clearing prices, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; all bred from my noted winning strain: Pratt, Strand Dairy, Exmouth. (252)

TWO buff cocks and 8 hens for sale, from well-known winning strain, good stock birds; cocks 7/6, hens 3/6, 4/-, cheap: James S. Robertson, Fence Rows, Kirkcubright. (282)

VARIATED buff and variegated yellow cocks, clear buff and variegated buff hens, cocks from 5/- to 10/-, hens from 3/- to 6/-; approval: John Bell, Arnauld-place, Cumberland. (307)

TYPICAL Borders, one pair self cinnamon, one buff tick cock, and yellow cinnamon marked hen, two cinnamon hens, one yellow green hen; stamp for reply: H. Geddes, 12, Kirkcubright, Dumfries. (209)

EXCEPTIONAL value in yellow and buff cocks, cinnamon, greens, clear and variegated; diploma, gold medal, Palace winning strain; prices, 7/6 upwards; stamp reply: Wilson, Glendyne, Southpark-rd., Hamilton. (306)

DISPOSING of all my stock; 20 pairs of high-class Borders; exceptional bargains in clear, marks and cinnamon; from 10/- to 40/- a pair; also show cages and all appliances; stamp particulars: D. Marley, 18, Applech-st., Larkhall. (305)

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Greens.

1915 yellow green Norwich cock, 10/6 pair; cinnamon Norwich, 20/-; Bitter, 40, Cypress-st., Prescot. E. GODLEY, Knowles-st., Riston, has for sale 8 Norwich Greens, also 2 Buff Norwich cocks and 2 buff Norwich hens; cheap to clear; stamp, approval. (252)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- up; unflighted hens, with pairs; single cocks, 7/6 up; yellows or buffs; no single yellow, hens, all own bred: F. Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool. (285)

Lizards.

GOLD and Silver Lizard cocks, 8/- each, bred from my Rochdale and Palace winners; approval: Holland, Boothby Street, Macclesfield. (292)

A few grand Lizard cocks, best strain, 7/- each; also four splendid silver Lizard hens, 4/- each: Levi Butterworth, 303, Oldham-rd., Rochdale. (308)

THE Lizard Prince offers grand Lizards from his winning strain, from 7/6 each; approval; inspection invited: John Rinkin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawten-stall, Lancashire. (308)

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Marvellous Pairs at 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, up.

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such as no one can procure elsewhere, at prices: 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, up. Cocks 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each, including some giants, good type, large heads. Cages for one 3d., for two or three 4d. For others—either in pairs or odd birds at lower prices—(bear in mind I say lower prices)—not cheaper, for quality is the

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D. DEVOY has for disposal six large, healthy, well bred hens, 10/- each; two typical buff cocks, two yellow cocks, 10/- each; write at once: George-st., Stranraer, Scotland. (312)

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I WILL give 10/- and upwards per pair for good healthy Norwich, or will exchange breeding, fights, or show cages to order; approval: W. Jack, Cage Maker, 6, Birling-st., City, Glasgow. (303)

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A FEW good pairs of Norwich, big birds, good heads and necks, grand stock birds, 25/- a pair; six days' approval; cash or deposit Editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (311)

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich, good large, cobby yellow hen, buff cock, 20/-; the pair; yellow cock, correct type, lovely quality, 10/6; approval for cash: Edward Dudley, 66, Wrekin-rd., Wellington, Salop. (307)

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MASSIVE framed typical buff Norwich cock, cost £3 3s., won at L.C.B.A., also Leicester and Sheffield, accept 10/-; also 1915 buff hen, grand quality, rather on small side, 5/-; Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (308)

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Grand unfledged yellow cock, buff hen to match, 25/-, a bargain; odd cocks from 12/6; state wants; inspection invited; approval; cash, or deposit Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds. (305)

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LARGE HEALTHY YORKSHIRE HENS, yellows or buffs, in perfect condition, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each up.

SIB. MILING HENS, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. BORDER FANCY HENS, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each.

Pure ROLLER HENS, including a few club rung birds, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each.

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Established 35 years same address.

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has a few birds bred from his well-known strain of winners still for disposal; see this season's show reports; inspection invited; approval; prices from 10/- each, pairs from 15/-: 3a, Percival-st., High-town, Manchester. (266)

9/- PER PAIR

Will give 9/- per pair for large colour-fed Norwich; I am also open to purchase any number (large or small) of Yorkshires, Borders, Crests, or Rollers; will give highest prices, and will deposit cash; send particulars of what you have for disposal, and price to

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ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1310)

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RHODES' noted Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, winners of cups, gold, silver and bronze medals, etc., latest wins, 1st and special Leeds, two seconds, fourth, h.c. 5 specials, International; 5th, two c's, Wolverhampton; fourth, c. Bacup; winners bred and sold by me this season, first and special Bacup, champion class; fifth, special, Leeds; fifth, special, International; cocks from 25/-, hens 7/6: 40, James-st., Bilston, Staffs. (36)

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, breeder and trainer purest Selferts, Glucke, etc., 110 bred 1915; stamp. (36)

1915 Roller cocks, singing, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-: Lloyd, Aviators, Gorseon, Glam. (304)

BARGAIN! splendid Roller cock, full song, two good hens, 12/6 the lot: W. Hurd, Newport, Salop. (305)

WANTED for cash, good bred Rollers, best prices given; offer to: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (305)

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GRAND cocks, singing, 6/6; no hens to spare: Seymour, 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (311)

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I wish to apologise for the delay in executing orders for Roller Canaries. The demand has far exceeded the supply. Booked orders are generally in hand for the weekly small arrivals.

Prices:—Hens, 14 for 26/-, or 2 for 4/6, in cage. Cocks, 7 for 60/-, or 12/6 each, in cage.

Some few extra fine birds on hand for 15/-. All orders are executed in rotation as received.

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SIX good Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung, 3/6 each, £1 for the 6: Whitfield, 27, John-st., South Moor, Stanley. (309)

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GLUCKE and water Glucke Rollers (Willow's strain), B.R.C.C. rung, cocks 15/-, hens 5/-: Bid-dulph, 10, High-rd., Lanchad, Wolverhampton. (201)

MR. INNES, Estate Factor, Largs, having decided to dispose of all his high-class Rollers, offers cocks at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-: (137)

CHAMPION Rollers, rung 1915, cocks from 12/6, hens 5/-; approval willingly: Davy, Nurseryman, Malby, nr. Rotherham, Member B.R.C.C. (501)

UNFLEDGED Roller hens, best strains, grand healthy birds, in breeding condition, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (305)

FEW good singing cock Canaries left, yellow and variegated, 8/6 each; hens same, 3/-; approval: 3d. cages: T. W. Archer, 40, Horse Market, Barnard Castle. (307)

NOTICE: Grand lot high-classed Rollers, day and gaslight songsters; prices reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKend, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (307)

FOUR Glucke hens, B.R.C.C. 15, sisters to my winners, 2nd Manchester, 2nd, commended Bolton, 4th Wigan, 2nd Young Bird Point Competition; 5/- each: Edgerley, 6, Francis-st., Moston, Manchester. (304)

CHAMPION Water Glucke schoolmasters, contest birds, 20/- to 30/-, p5, rung; cards, prizes every times out; hens, 5/-; approval, "Cago Birds": Matthews, 273, Oldham-rd., Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne. (301)

TWO high class Water Glucke Rollers, Randall's strain, B.R.C.C. 1915 rung, brother to ex. first Bacup, 17/6; also brother to second London, 15/-; approval: Fairhurst, 7, Peacock Fold, Westleighmill, Leigh, Lancs. (304)

HENS, B.R.C.C. rung; Mr. Jewes, member B.R.C.C., being away on active service, I have some high-class hens for disposal; Nimmock Rhodes Glucke strain from 5/-: Mrs. Jewes, Brookmoor, Brierley Hill. (305)

GIVING up, one cock only left, 1914 ringed, contest winner, price 30/-; also a few high-class 1915 Glucke hens, 4/- each; cabinet cage, 2/6; twelve all-wire training cages, as new, 20/-; approval: Carrington, Tobaccoist, Bakewell. (306)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, nothing better in England, sing day or gaslight, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; a few noisy songsters, suit public-house, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, best strain, 2/6, 3/6 each; only a few left; cash or deposit: Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (307)

GLUCKE and water Glucke hens, Mr. Ives' noted strain: I win this season first, ex. first, second, third, fourth, two v.b.s, commended, cup and other specials. Hens, related to above, and bred from winners, 7/6 each, B.R.C.C. rung; approval: J. Hunter, 21, Cross-st., Prescott. (200)

K. PERICLES, Champion Rollers, has few cocks for disposal, bred from his well-known winners, also winner of the champion young birds point competition, 1915 season of the P.R.C.C. Gluck and Water Gluck strain, 20/-, 25/- each; approval—"Akropolis," 37, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester. (266)

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BUFF cock and buff pied cock, young, 50/- each; bred from winners; approval: Henderson, Battenberg-terrace, Tayport. (312)

YELLOW cock, 30/-; buff cock, 30/-; yellow pied-buff hen, 30/-; buff hen, 40/-; young birds; approval: James McGregor, 34, Cupar-rd., Tayport. (309)

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BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, the Crystal Palace Champions, can spare the following Yorkshires: Big variegated buff cock, feathered like silk, grand stock bird, 37/6; buff exhibition cock, beautiful shape, like wax, £2 2/-; another show bird, 60/-; clicking buff stock cock, lovely feather, 35/-; four grand pairs 20/- pair; full of quality; best blood procurable. Note our new address: 8, Rawson-st., Harrogate. (309)

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All matter intended for publication must be written or typed on one side of paper only, and must reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday if insertion in the next issue is desired.

Twitterings.

In the report last week of the Southern Norwich Plainhead meeting, the address of Mr. F. Cole (hon. sec.) was given at 15, Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, instead of 51.

Mr. Wesley T. Page, hon. editor of "Bird Notes," and the writer of the replies to foreign queries in *Cage Birds*, writes that his address now is "Langstone," Lingfield, Surrey.

Fanciers in Glasgow are having a social evening on Mar. 11 at Sloan's Arcade Cafe, Argyle Street, 6 to 9 p.m., when the Red Cross Show Committee and friends will mark the occasion by presenting Mr. Heggie, their sec., with a small token of esteem, writes Mr. W. Hutchinson. Fanciers heartily invited.

We have been successful in securing the Council Chambers, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hants, for our shows during the year, writes Mr. J. Alderslade, hon. sec. Eastleigh C.B.S., and we are holding our pair show on Mar. 15; Nest Feather show, July 12, and the annual show Nov. 15 and 16.

Will members of Bradford West C.B.A. please note the alteration of the date of our annual tea and prize distribution from Saturday, March 11 to March 18, writes Mr. F. P. Terry, hon. sec. I hope all members will allow their names to stand for the later date.

Mr. J. W. Coulthard, Gateshead, who kindly sent to Private Hodgson the copy of *Cage Birds*, the frontispiece of which he coloured and sent in for our painting competition, writes that the address now is: Private Hodgson, 2705, 5th Border Regt., attached No. 7, Field Coy., Royal Engineers, B.E.F., France.

At the annual meeting of the Wadebridge F.A., writes Mr. E. Mitchell, hon. sec., it was decided to hold our annual show on Aug. 7. The profits will be divided between the Red Cross and the fund in aid of soldiers and sailors blinded in war. We hope that fanciers will give us of their best and make the show a success.

We are pleased to hear that the recent joint show of the London C.B.A., the National British Bird and Mule Club, and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, at Holborn Hall, has proved an all-round success. We understand that all the birds safely reached their homes, and that there is just a small balance on the right side of the financial statement.

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ADVANCE.

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There is little doubt that the time is imminent when we shall be able only to send to each newsagent the exact number of copies he orders, and the newsagent will only order the exact number he knows he can sell. Unless our readers in their turn order their own individual copies in advance, there will therefore be the risk of disappointment, for when they apply for a copy their newsagent will probably be sold out or will have on hand only those copies which have already been booked.

We ask our readers kindly to help us in this matter, and we are sure that our wish will be gratified, and that loss and disappointment all round will be prevented by their adopting the simple proceeding suggested.

Reports of early nesting of the wild birds are more numerous this year than ever. The mild days of January and early February have brought the birds into condition, and eggs with nests are already frequent. Frosts in March and April are to be expected after such an unusually mild winter, and if these occur a bad time would ensue for the young of the insectivorous birds. Even as this is being written the country is under a mantle of snow, and if the wild birds could reason they would be envying the lot of their fellows comfortably housed and carefully tended.

OBITUARY.

One of our members, Mr. H. Wills, who is well-known in the West of England, writes Mr. E. Mitchell, hon. sec. Wadebridge F.A., has suffered the loss of a son, aged 7 years. The lad was well on Sunday last, and within a week was dead and buried. I am sure that the sympathy of fanciers will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Wills in their sad bereavement.

I deeply regret to notify you, writes Mr. A. E. Priest, sec. Bowburn C.B.S., of a great loss to our member, Mr. M. Bainbridge, who lost his dear wife on Feb. 25. Mr. Bainbridge is well known and greatly respected by all fanciers farther afield even than Durham Co., and I am sure I am expressing the deep sympathy of all fanciers in the North of England to him personally, and to all relatives, in their sad bereavement. A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously at meeting of Bowburn C.B.S., Feb. 25. I also regret to say that Mrs. T. Bailes, wife of one of our members, has lost a son in France, in defence of King and country; our sympathy is also offered to all relatives and friends of deceased.

Kindly allow me, writes Mr. R. Hutchinson, hon. sec. W. Stanley Patriotic F.F. and C.B.S., to thank the gentlemen who gave us donations towards our show, and all those who sold tickets. We had a splendid show, entries totalling 506. I would like also to thank Mr. Evans for sending his marly white Blackbird for exhibition, which was a great attraction, and Mr. J. Masterman for kindly lending pens and staging free; also the judges who gave their services.

A number of the members of the Crew O.S. have desired me to call a meeting to re-start the society and place it on its old footing, as the secretary has been called away for military duties, writes Mr. E. Jaycott. The meeting will be held at the old headquarters, Burton Hotel, Mar. 7, at 7.30 prompt. Will members kindly tell their birdy friends.

We hear that Mr. F. J. Martin, of Battersea, has sold at a big figure to a Northern exhibitor his ticked yellow muffed Norwich, which stood first at the Holborn Hall, and the buff which was commended. One or two South country judges who have seen the latter consider him to be an outstanding specimen, and with a good moult he should do some winning for his new owner. Meanwhile, he is quite large enough for stock purposes, and we wish the plucky purchaser every success.

I have now obtained the closed rings for those who have ordered them, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, president, N.Y.C.C., and they can have them upon applying to me or at the next meeting, Mar. 29. If any member wishes to use the rings and will let me know as soon as possible, I will order a further supply. The price is 1s. 1d. per dozen, and all profit made goes towards special prizes for birds wearing these rings. The number ordered at present is 1,000, for 16 members, and as our membership is nearly three times this number, it is evident that several have not ordered who may intend using them. I cannot order them in single dozens, but must keep the orders back until I get a reasonable number, so it is essential that those requiring them should let me know.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

That Printer Again.

Quoting from a London paper which had it that "Snow Buntings or Bramblings nest in the north," the "Manchester City News" said: "Now Buntings or brambles rest in the north."

A Happy Thought.

The Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S. has raised the nice little sum of £12 1s. 8d. as a result of an exhibition in Gourock of the birds which competed at the recent annual show. The amount has been handed over to the Red Cross Fund.

Mems for March.

Late in the month is quite early enough for serious thoughts of pairing up, but now is the time for preparations.

Thoroughly clean, disinfect, and furnish up all breeding and store cages.

When the cages are ready, put the hens in, keeping the cocks in separate quarters.

The birds may have a little egg-food, say a teaspoonful every third day for the cocks, and once a week for the hens.

A special seed diet will also help the cock birds along.

Make up a mixture of equal parts of hemp, millet, linseed, niger and broken groats, and give a teaspoonful to each of the cocks every other day.

Don't forget the green food, especially young dandelion leaves, if you can get them for the cock birds.

The hens will not want the dandelion, unless towards the end of the month they are a bit backward, but give them such greenstuff as watercress, young groundsel, chickweed, etc.

If the hens seem to be coming on too rapidly, add a pinch of sulphate of soda to their drinking water every other day for a week, and keep them from hearing the cocks.

Let the hens have as much cuttlefish bone as they will take, and provide plenty of clean sharp sand in the cage bottom.

The Point of View.

It is said that a stranger recently entered the only barber's shop in a village up north, the shop being the rendezvous of the Hon. Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and other office bearers of the local bird society. He was surprised at the number of serious visaged men conversing in solemn undertones. "Ay, this is a serious business," he ventured to remark as he got into the chair. "It's a' that, sir; the like o' t' hasna happened in the parish for fifty years," replied the barber. The stranger thought the reference rather local, and it was only after putting one or two other questions that he discovered that, while he was thinking of the operations at the Dardanelles, they were lamenting the death of the President's famous Norwich hen!

THE BIRDKEEPERS' ROLL
OF HONOUR.

Barry F. and F.S.

Sir,—The following members are serving with the Colours: R. A. Davis, Royal Navy; Messrs. Page and Coleman, Territorial Force in France. H. P. THOMAS.

Grimsby and District O.S.

Sir,—We have three members in H.M. Forces: G. Fowl and E. Lawson, 1st Lincoln. Regt. (the former there has been no news of for over a year), and T. Stead, in the A.S.C. J. T. COTTERILL.

Cheltenham C.B.S.

Sir,—Members of the above who have joined the Army are A. E. and R. Smith, mobilised in Territorials at beginning of the war, and E. G. Whale and — Fowles, who have joined since. A. S. TREASURE.

Bradford West C.B.A.

Sir,—This Association has 3 members in the Army—W. H. Kilburn, Royal Irish Regt.; L. Riley, Duke of Wellingtons; and H. Shaw, 6th West Yorks. The first named, late secretary of the B.W.C.B.A., was wounded at Mons and taken prisoner. F. P. TERRY.

Leeds C.B.S.

Sir,—We have yet another member who has joined His Majesty's Forces, E. Middleton, our late treasurer, having joined the Scots. Guards. E. NORTON.

Birds that Return to the Old Home

The magazine "British Birds" records that a Swallow marked in June 1914 at Cheadle, Staffs, was found at the same place in May 1915; another ringed near Birmingham, in August 1914 was recovered in the same neighbourhood in May last, and a Martin marked at Kinnelhead in June 1913 was re-taken at the same place two years later.

A Welcome Increase.

There seems to be no doubt that the gaily coloured Goldfinch is increasing in number year by year, and a flock of these beautiful birds is reported as having been seen recently on a piece of waste land in Moseley, Birmingham, a district in which the Goldfinch has not previously been noted for many years. Against this, however, we have the statement by Mr. E. Grindey in the "Derbyshire Advertiser" that the Redpoll, Hawfinch, and Goldfinch "are apparently declining under the attention of the professional bird-catcher."

When Does the Song Thrush Sing?

Much correspondence has taken place in the columns of the "Scotsman" as to whether the Song Thrush comes into song in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh before Christmas. The contribution of one correspondent has an incidental interest as an attempt to describe the song of the Mistle-Thrush, the largest member of the Thrush tribe, known in East Lancashire as the shirley (probably shrilly) cock. The notes of the Mistle-Thrush (says the correspondent) are so bold, courageous, and clear that we can forgive their monotony. They are heavier than those of the Song Thrush; they are also inferior in quality, and the bird is incapable of performing the brilliant vocal pyrotechnics of the Song Thrush. Stormy weather has no effect on the Mistle-Thrush's voice. He defies the elements. You may hear him singing in a snowstorm or a gale. There was a long series of cold misty January days in Berkshire some years ago, during which a Mistle-Thrush—the villagers called him "stormcock"—sang for hours from the topmost bough of a great elm. He begins to sing before dawn, and may be heard long after sunset.

In the Courts.

Bird-catchers Fined for Sunday Catching

At West Ham Police Court, Jan. 3, Lewis Gundry, a lad living at 14, Frank Street, Plaistow, was summoned for unlawfully using nets for the taking of wild birds on a piece of land at Plaistow; and for being in possession of 14 recently captured Linnets. A policeman said that on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 19, he saw the defendant using nets for bird catching. He had in his possession 11 decoy birds, 14 wild ones recently taken, and three dead birds. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 5s. in each case; and the magistrate ordered the birds and nets to be forfeited. His brother, Frederick Gundry, was fined 5s. for using nets.

A Brute Properly Punished.

Arthur Wilcox (25), Tudor Street, Winslow Green, was fined 20s., or eleven days, at Oldbury, on Jan. 11, for cruelty to two Linnets at Warley by using them as decoy birds. A police-constable said he found defendant engaged in trapping wild birds in a field at Warley on Sunday morning. Defendant had two Linnets secured by string and attached to a "jigger," which forced them to fly up and down. On examining the birds witness found they were in an exhausted and half-dying condition. The magistrate described the case as a shocking instance of cruelty.

WHAT IS THE BEST SINGING BIRD?

The opinions of our readers, as selected from the replies to the question asked on page 112 of last week's issue, are here given.

SOME VOTES FOR THE GOLDFINCH-CANARY

By A. W. SPARKES (Sheffield).

THE best possible bird for singing in a cage is to my mind a Goldfinch-Canary Mule. The combination of the wild song of the Goldfinch with that of a well-bred Canary reaches an ideal of perfection in bird music which is rarely obtained in other cage birds.

In selecting one of the above my choice would be a dark coloured mule, as these generally are more robust in health, have a stronger natural likeness to their male parent, and are more likely to produce his song.

If you can get a bird bred from a "swanky" Goldie and a well-bred Norwich hen you will find he is larger than the average, and strong in general health, which, of course, means you will have a good singer.

Don't put him in an all-wire death trap in front of the window, but give him a box cage with a wire front only. A nice size is about 18 ins. wide, 15 high, and 11 deep. Paint the inside a pale shade of green or blue, and you will see him at his best.

His general appearance will call for attention, and with the cute little way he has of showing himself off, and his many mannerisms, he speedily becomes a prime favourite. He is easily kept in good condition with a good Finch seed mixture. This should be the best obtainable, and if you are not up in the quality of seeds you had better put yourself in the hands of a local seedsman on whom you can rely to supply you. He should also be given plenty of green food in season. He will be found particularly fond of thistle heads and plantain, which should be supplied whenever procurable.

Sing he will at all costs, given a normal condition. He is practically undeniable, and his song will gladden the heart and please the ear. He does not yell, but pours out a series of musical notes which could not possibly jar on the most tender nerves. His father's natural wild notes will be heard, and these will transport us to the country dales we know he comes from, while the Canary notes soften down his song to remind us of the cheery harmony of our own hearths.

If the best results are to be expected rigid cleanliness must be adopted. Keep him clean, you keep him healthy, and health means song. Always remember the difficulty you would be in if you were asked to sing a song with the ashes half way across the drawing room carpet.

By MRS. UPTON (Herne Hill).

I think the Goldfinch-Canary cock mule the most pleasing and easy to tame. It gives the distinct notes of both parents while performing. A suitable cage is the cottage shape, all wire, size 11 by 8 by 15.

Food: The best mixed seed, watercress or apple, clean water daily, not forgetting the bath on mild days. Cover over cage at night with dark thin material.

By A. ABEL (Necton).

The singing bird which I prefer is the Goldfinch-Canary mule. This bird is a long liver, and strong singer. I have one which is twelve years old, and he sings day and night now, especially if we have the frying pan on. I have tried several different kinds of Canaries, and they have been good singers for a few years, but I find the Goldfinch mule is a bird which will live for years, and make a good singer all the time. My bird is in an ordinary drawing-room cage; he is cleaned out once a week, and is given the bath regularly twice a week. His diet consists of ordinary canary seed in his hopper, and a little mixed seed twice a week, which consists of hemp, rape, and linseed mixed together; he has also a piece of apple now and again. I have been offered £2 two or three times for him which I have refused, for I mean to keep him as long as he lives to see to what age a mule will live. I bred him myself, so I know exactly his age.

By A. H. MUDGE (Wimbledon).

I consider one of our best singing birds for cage use is a Goldfinch-Canary mule. This is a bird which, if trained under a Canary, Linnet, Goldfinch, Nightingale, or Skylark will be sure to reproduce more or less perfectly the whole or part of its tutor's song. The Goldfinch mule is heard at its best when trained under one of its parents, for preference the Goldfinch.

These mules are hardy and handsome, and if treated properly, will become very steady. Moreover, they will sing at all times except when moulting. Thus people who object to keeping a purely wild bird in captivity, or dislike the song of a canary, can obtain in the Goldfinch mule the singing qualities, and, to a certain extent, the colouring of the wild parent, combined with the steady demeanour and hardness of the Canary.

This hybrid is best kept in a box cage with a movable front and perches. The cage should be from 12 to 16 inches long, 8 to 9 inches high, and 7 to 8 inches wide. It should be hung in a well-lighted and draughtless place, and about 6 ft. from the ground, no higher than 6½ ft. in any case. The room in which the cage is hung should never attain a greater heat than that of an ordinary living room. A fireless room is preferable to a heated one, and a kitchen is a place to be shunned.

The best staple mixture for feeding a Goldfinch mule is one part of best canary to half a part of rape seed. For tit-bits give dandelion, maw, niger, hemp, linseed, and crushed sunflower, also egg food if the bird will eat it. Provide when in season the following green foods: Dandelion, groundsel, chickweed, hard-heads, freshly collected thistle seeds, plantain heads, and sweet apple.

Be careful not to give too much hemp, niger, sunflower, or egg food; and in all cases give the best seeds obtainable; cheap food is by far the dearest in the long run. Provide a bath daily, but take it away by mid-day, also see there is always plenty of clean drinking water for the bird to get at. Once a week the cage should be thoroughly cleaned and sanded with coarse, gritty sand. With this treatment the Goldfinch mule should live and sing for many years.

By P. T. PULLINGER (Brighton).

This very question is often asked me, and I invariably recommend a dark mule bred between a Goldfinch and a Canary or a Linnet and Canary, as they are very handsome, lively, and hardy, and when they get soiled or smoked, as sometimes does happen, they do not show the dirt like a Canary. Besides, their song is more mellow and less shrill.

They are usually long-lived birds, not being subject to sexual changes, and this is another advantage in their favour. A male Goldfinch mule is easily distinguished from a female by the rich deep orange colour that encircles the beak and emblazons the breast after it has moulted. In the female the colours are much paler.

For caging this kind of bird I should recommend a wire cage with a wooden bottom, oblong in shape, with arched roof; also a draw board, a seed hopper, and a glass drinking trough. Cages made of brass wire are very objectionable, for, when they get wet, as they are sure to do every time the bird washes itself, verdigris is produced, and it is deadly poison; painted cages are also objectionable, as some birds peck off the paint.

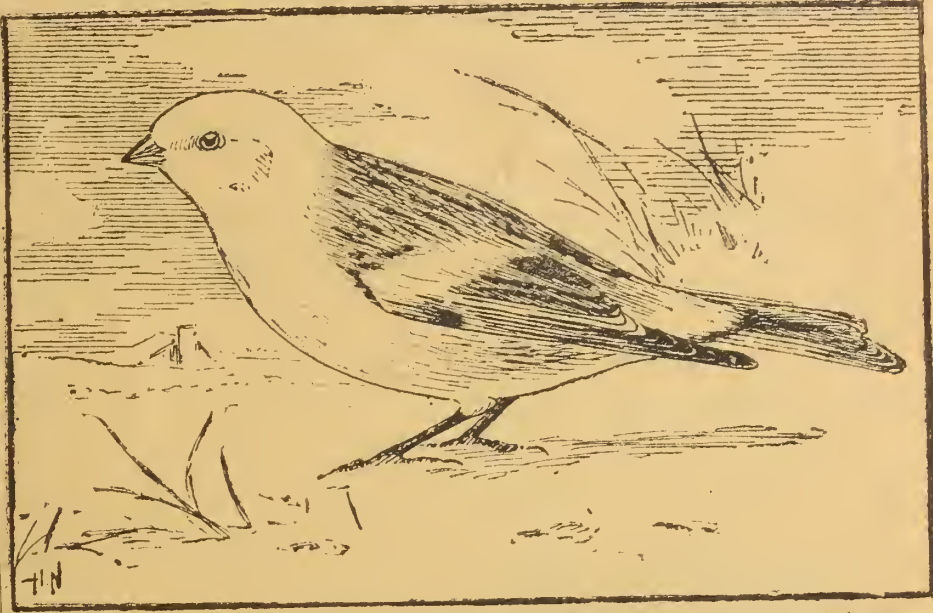
As to feeding this kind of bird, I should advise best Canary seed, and genuine summer rape seed, given in the proportion of three parts canary to one of rape; occasionally you may give a little linseed and a few groats, and from April to September a little fresh green food, also in their drinking water once a week half a teaspoonful of honey with a few drops of lemon juice.

Nothing so Good as a Thrush

By A. E. B. BUTCHER, Newington.

THE Thrush easily holds his own with any song bird, and is easy to rear or tame if taken from the nest when about ten days old, kept in a nest or basket in a warm, dark place, and fed every two hours with the following mixture:—Well scalded biscuit meal, mixed with any good insectile bird food, given in a sloppy state. Feed with a flat stick (don't handle them). Give the food drier as the birds get older, and mix in ants' eggs when the birds are 14 days old. On no account give the young birds any water.

When a month old they will feed themselves and take water also (these birds do not drink much water). A good food then is: Take 2 lbs. biscuit meal and one large packet Crissel or 1 lb. of meat meal, and mix together; well scald each morning one eggcupful of this per bird, strain off, and sprinkle on it a good pinch of ants' eggs, then dry to a crumbly state with any soft-billed bird food. If not obtainable use middlings, peameal, or pollard (bird food preferred). This mixture, when dry, keeps any



This fine specimen of the Snow Bunting, a winter visitor to our shores, is owned by Mr. C. G. Sayer, of Cambridge. It has won many prizes on the show benches, including 1st at Cambridge, 2nd Ilkerton, and 1st and special at the Holborn Hall Show.

length of time, and costs about 1d. per week per bird.

Tit bits, when obtainable, are the following: Mealworms, snails, beetles, caterpillars, slugs, maggots, moths, butterflies, woodlice (dried flies they do not care about), green-stuff, chopped watercress, lettuce, dandelion and chickweed, strawberries, currants (fresh or dried), gooseberries, plums, apple, pear, greengages, etc., scraped raw carrot and boiled carrot, boiled potato, bread and milk, meat, beef and mutton lean, also suet, raw or cooked, scraped, and a small bone to pick. These things are extras, they do well on the staple food laid down here only.

The cage should be a box with wire front, 2ft. 6ins. long, 20ins. high, 1ft. deep, and top covered with felt. There should be two perches, placed 9 inches from each end, thus allowing 1ft. flight. Two drawers should be made so that one is always dry; the drawer in use should be strewn with peat moss dust (not sand), and changed at least once a week. Once per month a handful of coarse sand can be thrown in the cage (some take it, some do not).

Keep the bird entirely inside or entirely outside, out of draughts; mine are kept outside all the year round, and are always hard and bright. One temperature is the secret of healthy birds. If the bird is a wild caught one hang him high up, and leave him to himself. After a month lower him a little at a time, and begin to talk to him, and within 12 months he will be a good songster and a tame bird. Wild-caughts often make the tamest birds. The sex of the young birds can be told at the end of the year; the cocks will be warbling.

The feeding laid down here is suitable for Blackbirds, Starlings, Larks, Robins, etc., but the Thrush is the champion of them all, and would make a grand companion for our wounded Tommies and cheer them up through many weary hours. It will repay a thousand times the care bestowed on it by giving to us that sweet and joyous song which none can give like the Thrush. It therefore gets my vote. Always give a bath when the weather is temperate.

Roller Canaries for Wounded Soldiers.

By W. R. LINDLEY (Rochdale).

The best singing bird, in my opinion, is the British Roller Canary. He is valued not only for his wonderful vocal powers, which greatly excel the song of any other cage bird, but is admired by all as a domestic pet.

He is easily provided for, a small amount of seed daily, and fresh water, a small tit-bit, such as a bit of sweet apple or a sprig of fresh watercress, at the hand of his mistress will add to his affection.

The Baccup Roller Canary Club recently made a presentation of a Roller Canary and cage to the military hospital at Birch Hill, Dearnley, near Rochdale, on behalf of our wounded soldiers lying there, and one of these, a Scotchman by birth, and a bird fancier in his domestic life, having kept various species of birds, has decided to dispose of those he has and purchase a breeding strain of British Roller Canaries.

He also wishes on behalf of his wounded comrades that every sick ward in hospitals be possessed of a good Roller Canary like the one in their ward, it has brightened their surroundings ever since it made its appearance among them two months ago, and all of them say they would not like to be without it.

IN FAVOUR OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

By H. HATFIELD (York).

IN my opinion a good, well-bred Yorkshire Canary can compete with any other bird for song, beside possessing a smart appearance and sociable disposition.

My reason for preferring the "Yorkshire" is his bold but tractable manner; he soon becomes attached to his master or mistress, and shows his happiness at their approach by his continual "Tweet" and lack of fear; he is able to make one understand just what he wants, and shows his satisfaction on being attended to by the knowing way in which he looks.

The most suitable cage for a singing Canary is, I think, the all-wire one, fitted with a solid roof and glass panels around the sides; these prevent seed husks and sand being scattered about. The food and water vessels should be of glass; they are easy to keep clean, and they also keep the seed and water more sweet than the metal ones. A draw-board should not be overlooked; this is easily cleaned, and is far more conducive to the bird's health than the fixed bottom.

The cage should be placed in a room with a fair amount of light, plenty of fresh air, but free from all draughts. I think a table or something firm well below the level of the gas is the most suitable position.

For a song Canary I think a good "Canary mixture" made up into packet form cannot be beaten, but green food should also be given daily in summer. It may take the form of dandelion heads, shepherd's purse, or groundsel, or a piece of sweet apple, banana, or boiled carrot in winter will be much appreciated by the birds if given occasionally.

A bath should be provided every other day in summer and about once a week in winter; this should be given early in the morning, so as to give the bird (and his cage) time to get quite dry before he settles down for the night.

Fresh water for drinking should be given daily, also the draw-board should be kept well covered with good, clean, fresh sand. A piece of cuttle fish should always be placed between the bars of the cage; this affords them something to peck at, and is also a good tonic.

In conclusion, the most necessary points to see to are that the seed is clean and fresh, plenty of light and ventilation, fresh water daily, and plenty of clean, gritty sand.

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Spiders to Destroy Red Mite.

SIR,—As a reader of *CAGE BIRDS* since its birth, I have seen a number of letters on the best way to kill red mite. I have been a breeder of Yorkshires for 40 years, and have tried various remedies to exterminate them, but all have failed. During the 40 years I can only remember 3 years in which I have been troubled with them. You will no doubt wonder why I am without them, and for the benefit of others I would say that my bird room is never without spiders, I never kill one. I believe they kill thousands of red mite. Once a year I whitewash my cages with best Paris white and black the fronts. Some breeders don't like the spiders, but the spiders like the red mite. I might say that I am just now cleaning my cages, and have examined the ends of the perches, but there is no sign of the eggs of the red mite. I have gone into my room with a lighted candle, but could not see any mite on the birds.

AN OLD YORKSHIRE BREEDER.

Egg Bread versus Eggs.

A Recipe which Should be Preserved.

SIR,—If F. W. James and A. Novice will try the following recipe for egg bread I am sure they will find it quite satisfactory; this recipe was first given in *CAGE BIRDS* for Feb. 21, 1914, by Mr. Thos. Chiswell. I have used it since that time, and I think I shall never go back to the hard-boiled egg and bread. I have some on hand now which I made almost 12 months ago.

Take 1 lb. of the finest ground whole wheat meal, make it into a stiff dough with as many fresh eggs as the meal will absorb. Bake it for three hours. Grate it, and dry it in an oven, or cut it in slices and grind it in a machine or with a rolling-pin. This dry egg food keeps for years, and is always ready for use. Of this you may give half a teaspoonful every day after having moistened it with a little water. In it there are from 6 to 8 eggs to the lb. of meal, according to size; no water or other fluid is used when making the dough. It can be made when eggs are cheap.

My method of using this egg food for feeding the young is: Five parts of egg food, 1 part maw seed, 1 part fine sugar, mix dry, and then add 4 parts of boiling water. I then add a few drops of cod liver oil emulsion. Give to the hens in the same manner as the ordinary egg and bread. When mixed this food will keep sweet for 24 hours. I consider it to be a saving of 50 per cent. on the egg and bread method.

ACORN.

On Sending Birds by Rail.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of Feb. 19, Mr. Atherton recommends that Rollers should be sent in a small wire cage inside a wooden box. I presume he means in the same way as the small wicker cages are sent inside of boxes, and I should like to give a word of caution as to this advice. To my cost I have proved that such a system of packing may on a long railway journey prove a death trap to the bird.

If one could be sure that the package would be kept the right way up all would be well, but just watch a railway porter taking his parcels to or from a train. Perhaps he has a dozen, both arms full, and some under his arms, utterly careless as to which way up any of them are, and what happens. Every grain of seed is shot out of the seed box, on bottom of cage, and it is then out of the bird's reach for the remainder of the journey.

I would recommend a plain wooden box, with just sufficient ventilation, and the box wrapped in paper; a small perch on the bottom will give the bird a firm foot hold, and no matter which way up the box is, the food will be inside and within the bird's reach.

HENRY NEVE.

A Transit Insurance Company Suggested.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Parlett's letter, I don't think there is any element of luck in my cases; they are quite typical. There are two reasons why Mr. Parlett has experienced good fortune. One is that the town of Sheffield has a good railway service in all directions, the other is that the district manager is probably a very decent chap, and would say up without using plausible "get-outs." I mentioned a case between Liverpool and Manchester. It is just a short, straight run, and a claim was put in for one bird dead, but the manager said the damage was not due to neglect on the part of the carriers. The party concerned thought the claim too trifling to press, and so it was dropped. Only recently I had a consignment of birds from Kent on approval. On arrival the package had been opened and three birds missing, and it had been 24 hours on way as well. The owner put a claim in, but I never heard if he was settled with. I once sent some birds

to Crook, Durham, and they never arrived, having been "lifted" on the way. It took the railway company seven weeks to pay up, and they asked for a reduction.

The office in Liverpool closes at 7, and birds despatched before then should get to John O'Groats or Land's End by 10 next morning. Insured birds, with me, are never delayed. The railway companies know their liability, and their object is to be relieved of it. Result, quick transit, no over-carrying by guards, or being left on stations at junctions till the porter remembers them. I would be glad, and many more too, if Mr. Parlett would tell us the magic that touches the companies up.

Mr. Hardbattle's case is on a par with the one of Liverpool to Manchester which I quoted. It strikes me, the more obvious the neglect in transit the worse consideration you get from the company. I always held the Midland as A1, the Central are good, L. and Yorkshire are good to some parts. The L. and N.W. Ry. are the worst offenders. An idea that might reduce the delays would be "a Universal Animal Transit Insurance Co.," a yearly premium of, say, 1s. 6d. per year for small birds and pro rata for larger kinds, poultry, pigeons, etc. The members should have a supply of their printed labels, and if there is any claim the insurance company would tackle railway companies, with more satisfactory results than private individuals, the insurance company, of course, settling with the fanciers. This is the sort of thing we need. The support of a few is no use; it is a matter needing every bird fancier's attention. Unity is strength; half-hearted measures mean defeat.

F. COCKERILL.

The Disputed Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids.

SIR,—I have been keenly interested not only in the correspondence regarding the reputed Song Thrush-Blackbird hybrids, but also in their production, as I well remember the question being asked if the cross was possible some two years ago. The one answering that query stated that it was thought possible, but that they would look too much like a Thrush or a hen Blackbird. That some hybrids do take to one parent very much is seen in clear mules. Only the other week I saw what appeared to be simply a Greenfinch, until it shook its tail, and gave a clear Canary "tweet," telling clearly that it was a mule.

Mr. Anderson seems to be very open with his birds, and not to be afraid of showing them, and this makes me assured that he must be an honest man. May I ask him, now that the show season is about over, to give us a list of their doings at the shows, naming the show and the judge and the award at each show. If two-thirds of the judges have accepted them as hybrids, I shall do the same, and I think most fanciers would. Another thing of great interest might be a photograph or drawing of one of the birds seeing these are supposed to be the first on record.

ARTHUR SIMONS.

We think no good purpose would be served by the publication of a drawing or photograph of either of the three birds in question. It is admitted by all who have seen them that at present they show so little of the Blackbird that anyone who was not possessed of the evidence concerning their production would pass them as Thrushes pure and simple. The little indications of the Blackbird cross which some can see in the birds would of necessity not show themselves in a drawing or photograph. What the birds will be like after an adult moult is a question which time alone can solve.—EDITOR.

The Song of the Canary.

SIR,—The interrogation of the Rev. H. A. Soames (p. 97), and the statement made in Mr. Cornish's book are of some interest to me, and this must be my excuse for writing. It is nearly twenty years ago since my pen was engaged in discussions on birdy matters, and in the course of nature I am getting an old man, so I hope you will let my imperfections down easy.

Contentions on hybrids, etc., were very often "hot stuff" in those days, Dr. Butler, Dr. Greene, Messrs. Verrall, Vale, Spilman, Davies, Lanford Jones, and Finn, being among the foremost contributors. So much by way of introduction.

The many forms and varieties of our domestic Canaries are probably descendants of the Serin and Citril Finches, or at any rate departures from the original type attributable to the extensive intermixture of breeds which has taken place between them, especially the Serin and Citril Finches, the latter cross having been, it seems, more general in Italy than elsewhere. If therefore the original domestic cock Canary's father was a Citril Finch, I think if he had heard no other bird's song but his father's, it would be quite in order to state that the said Canary's song would certainly have been an imitation (better or worse) of his father's song.

I have now in my possession a Goldfinch-Canary hybrid, which sings the Goldfinch's notes, because he was trained in his youth by his father, and just lately I had a cock Greenfinch which I reared under a hen Canary, and he never heard a Greenfinch in his life. He had no song at all, only twitterings like the saucy House Sparrows of Chelsea, which come for crumbs, etc., on the window sill, and occasionally a noise like the check on a 4-inch Nottingham reel when a Jack runs off with the bait.

Now if the Reverend gentleman will step into a London bird shop at this season of the year he will hear the marvellous singing of scores of little common-looking Canaries in tiny wooden cages, which I understand now come from Holland, and the song of these birds is quite distinct from the ordinary domestic Canary's song. Again, if he had been placed when an infant in the wilds of Africa, and reared by Hottentots, he would in due course speak, sing, and dance like his foster parents, proving Locke's great truism that knowledge is gained by external impressions. Thus we have all been copiers, some in more favourable circumstances and environment than others.

W. NAPPER.

Hen Bullfinches and Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—In the "Mule and Hybrid" number of *CAGE BIRDS* I was hoping to see a few hints on "Unfertile Eggs from Hen Bullfinches: How to Avoid." Also whether it is advisable to let cock Goldfinch or cock Canary only run with hen Bullfinches occasionally when they begin to nest, and how to get hen Bullfinches in breeding condition early.

I have been trying for five years to get fertile eggs from Bullfinch hens, and if any of your many experienced readers would write a few lines on the above subjects, I am sure they would be appreciated by others as well as by

CANARY-BULLFINCH.

Flanders as a Health Resort.

SIR,—Doubtless many of your North London and Leyton readers will be glad to learn that Mr. F. Williamson, late chairman North London C.B.A., and Leyton C.B.A., is "somewhere in Flanders," where he has been for some months past for the benefit of his health, and where he is thoroughly enjoying himself. He writes me from "Somewhere" that he has never felt better in his life, and that he has actually put on a stone in weight since he has been out there; how he managed to live the years before he made the acquaintance of Flanders mud, he declares to be a never-to-be-solved mystery.

He was always very popular with the North London and Leyton fanciers, and I am sure he would be very pleased to receive a line from his old friends, and for that reason I send you his address: Pte. F. T. Williamson, 110650, A.S.C., No. 2 Section, 2nd Army Heavy Artillery, Ammunition Park, B.E.F.

T. D. JACKSON.

Birds and Shells.

SIR,—"W." writing to "Country Life," says that a letter he has received from an officer in France is as follows:

"One of the quaintest sights I know in this topsy-turvy land is the behaviour of the birds of the field and of the hedgerows under shell fire. The little imps of mischief, and more particularly the Sparrows and the Starlings, have adapted themselves to the new conditions to a remarkable degree. The shrill shriek of a coming shell is heard. If that shell is going to burst where they will be within the danger zone, they are off their wall or hedge in the twinkling of an eye. If it is going beyond reach of them—no matter how awful the noise of its coming—they do not pay the slightest attention to it. (I have only once seen a bird killed by shell since I came out here.) This is the more remarkable as the little rogues cannot know whether the coming danger is shrapnel, which bursts in the air, spreading a cone of bullets, or high explosive, which bursts on percussion."

OLD READER.

A Lancashire Lad at the Lancs. and Lizard Show.

SIR,—Whenever possible I visit these shows, and it is one of the most enjoyable times I have, for everybody is glad to see you. It makes you feel that such shows should be more frequent. I am trying to write this letter, Mr. Editor, a bit "fine," you know, still I am bound to use a word of two in the Owdham talk, so you must excuse me mixing it a bit. This show was held at the Volunteer Hotel, just the place for a show.

After I had a good look at the show, I stopped listening to one or two on 'em arguing about their birds, saying they might have stood further up in the money. In my opinion the judge, Robert Barras, made a very good job on 'em. Most objections were in one Lizard class, and the British Bird class, but all was taken in good part, they speak their opinion and then they have finished.

I was disappointed with the Lancashire classes, and I wondered what the judge thought of the poor turn up—9 birds in 6 classes, and, must I say, not a gradely Lancashire among 'em; some with big bodies, and a decent copy or two, but a Plainhead was best of the bunch, 6 on 'em were across the perch, and short in the leg (they wanted supplying with stilts), a remark I overheard, and quite appropriate too. Teddy Fuller would have let go had he seen 'um, but I heard he wasn't coming to the show.

As for the dark 'uns, these were a grand lot, and worth going a long way to see. After a display like this, I think the Lizard Canary is coming into favour again, and good luck to 'em, for they are the prettiest bird on any show table. Joe Hampshire had a red letter day, best he has had for some time; also Barnes, Hamer, Rukin, Hardy (I wondered why Billy hadn't shown some light 'uns).

When you have had a good look at the birds and retire to the smoke room, then you are in the company of fanciers; all right good-hearted chaps, and you cannot help feeling pleased with yourself. You hear one cracking a joke, then a story or two, a wrinkle or two, and a drink or two, and a how d'you do. Everybody interested and jolly good tempered. It was a right popular show, and I was highly pleased to see so many fanciers present, amongst whom I noticed Jack Ogden Vickers, Old Filton and George, Beatty, Noah Stansfield, Hardy, Fred, and John Hamer, Hampshire, Rukin; also amongst the Manchester chaps I knew were Barker (Clegg), Turner, Fulshaw, Oldham, Millington, and Davies; all giving you a hearty shake of the hand, and you feel sorry the time is so short in such good company. If any readers of *CAGE BIRDS* within easy distance want a good time, they should not forget to come to the next show.

THOMAS BUFF COPPY.

The Evening Flight of Starlings.

How the Earth Shock Shocked the Birds.

SIR,—It would doubtless be as interesting to your readers as to myself to know how far Starlings travel to roost, for to see them come in at sunset to a roosting place near Burton-on-Trent is a marvellous sight. One would think that every Starling living travelled to this one particular spot. It is a plantation adjoining to a wood called Rockets Oak on the estate of the Dowager Lady Burton, of Rangemore Hall, six miles from Burton-on-Trent. One suddenly sees hundreds of tiny black specks coming swiftly along against the sky, first high, then low; then a swish against the wind, with extended wings and tail; then a drop, and every bird is on its perch. They come in from North, East, South, and West, in batches of all sizes from twos and threes, fours, and so on until they come in hundreds. Are there similar places throughout England where they roost as they do here? For about two months in the autumn they were away from this place, and I concluded they had found fresh feeding places, but they are all back at their old home now.

One Sunday night recently I walked round to the plantation to put them up, not with the intention of driving them away, but to see the thousands of birds on the wing, and it was a sight I shall never forget. They could make very little headway, as they impeded each other in their flight as they moved higher up the plantation. They were not to be startled by me, however, as they were on the Friday night when the Midlands were visited by an earthquake shock at 7.30 p.m. The next instant this huge flock were on the wing, also the Pheasants cawing, and the Owls shrieking. What a chattering there was when the birds had settled again, just the same as they do after settling while it is light. It would be interesting to know if all wild birds were so disturbed, as this would never have been noticed had it not been for the quantity.

J. J. FREER.

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SHOW REPORTS.

(Continued from page 131.)

S.E. LONDON F. AND F.A.

Pair show, Feb. 19, North Camberwell Constitutional Club, Old Kent Road. Nor., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, sp. 2, 3, Tyrrell; vhc. Dinmond; c. Tyrrell, Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Tyrrell; he, vhc. Dinmond; c. Saunders. Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Clarke; vhc. he, Saunders. Only 18 pairs staged, but quality was of the best. Mr. J. Goodwin judged. Special best pair, best Nor., and 2nd best pair, Tyrrell; 3rd best pair, A. J. Clarke, with Yorkshires.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Monthly show, Feb. 9. Table show of matched pairs. Mr. W. Swayland judged and remarked on the fine type and quality of the pairs staged. Club diploma, Champion Pair: Gibb. Nov.: Oak-shott. Mule or Hyb.: Gibb. Champ. Yorks.: 1, spl. vhc. Gibb; 2, Firth; 3, Parsons. Nov.: 1, spl. 2, vhc. Oak-shott; 3, c. Firth; he, Fellows. Champ. Nor.: 1, 2, Gibb; 3, vhc. Bluck. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. Gibb. Mule: 1, Gibb; 2, Loomes; 3, Parsons; vhc. Firth. Brit.: Single: 1, Upton; 2, Brown; 3, Parsons.—W. H. Gibb, Sec.

S. SHIELDS C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Jan. 29, headquarters. J. Johnson, Wallsend, judged. Nor. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, 2, Priestly; 3, Thompson. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, Thompson; 2, Priestly. Yorks. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, Smith; 2, Hlrons. Buff Ck. Yell. Hen: 1, Smith. Bord. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, S. Parker; 2, Dixon. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, S. Parker; 3, Smith. Crest: 1, 2, Hands. Mule: 1, Smith; 2, Scott; 3, Hlrons. Goldf.: 1, Tucker; 2, Curry. Buff.: 1, Dixon. Greenf.: 1, Curry; 2, Parker; 3, Dixon. Linn.: 1, 2, 3, Curry. Redpoll: 1, 2, Curry; 2, Tucker. Finch, A.O.V.: 1, 2, Curry.—W. L. Smith.

CROYDON F.A.

Pairs, Hybrids and Finch show, Ruskin House, West Croydon, Feb. 2. Mr. Foxen judged about 30 exhibits of excellent quality. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (9): 1, S. Soper; 2, Halhead. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (7): 1, S. Soper; 2, Paterson; 3, Halhead. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (5): 1, Rowley; 2, Last; 3, Soper. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (4): 1, Last; 2, Soper; 3, Rowley. Bord. (2): 1, 2, Last. Sell. (2): 1, 2, Soper. Brit. (1): 1, Greenwood. Hyb. pairs (2): 1, Harvey; 2, Robbins. The society hope to have early this year a silver cup for the cage birds section, the cost of same being now practically in hand. Result of judging competition: 1, Miss Greenwood; 2, J. G. Paterson. J. A. Halhead, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW, WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Annual pair show, Feb. 5, Nelson Temp. Hall. About 50 pairs staged. Messrs. R. Jeffrey and M. Craig judged, and gave satisfaction. Special most points was won by H. Coates, 19; J. Kerr runner-up, 13. Best Nov. Pair, Briggs. A vote of thanks was accorded to the judges. Decided that judges for annual show be elected at March meeting.

Cl. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (10): 1, Kerr; 2, McCluskey; 3, Black; 4, Gilbert; 5, 6, Wood; 7, Begg. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (8): 1, sp. best pair, 3, Kerr; 2, sp. 2nd best. Wood; 3, Kerr; 4, Black; 5, McCluskey; 6, Gilbert; 7, Begg. Bord. Cl.: 1, Brigg; 2, Coates. Gr. or Cinn.: 1, 2, Coates. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen, ditto Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Park; remr. Coates. Mule: 1, sp. best pair, Hunter; remr. Coates. Hyb.: 1, Hunter; 2, 3, Watson; 4, 5, 6, Coates.—W. Hutchinson, Sec.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Pair and Finch Show, Alexander Hotel, Penge, Feb. 9, about 60 entries, not quite so good as last year, but considering the times it was good. Mr. Norman judged and spoke on the merits of the birds. Champ. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, Hutton. Yorks.: 1, 3, vhc. Hutton; 2, 4, Last. Bord. A.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Last. Nor., Nor.: 1, Verrall; 2, A. E. Smith; 3, 4, Legg; vhc. A. Halhead. Yorks., Buff Ck.: 1, 2, Fryet; 3, Rowley; 4, Brown. Yell.: 1, 2, 3, Rowley; ex 2, Mcintyre; 4, A. E. Smith; vhc. Humphries; he, Brown. Goldf.: 1, 2, 3, Gullis; 4, H. Legg; vhc. Thompson. Buff.: 1, Gullis; 2, Verrall. Linn.: 1, 2, 4, Gullis; 3, Powell; vhc. A. E. Smith; he, Thompson. Redpoll, Etc.: 1, 2, Rev. Soames; 3, 4, vhc. Gullis; he, Fryett. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Humphries; 2, 3, Rev. Soames. Insectiv.: Small: 1, Gullis. Hyb. Pairs: 1, Fryett; 2, Gullis. Muling: 1, 2, Humphries; 3, Whitten. Sell. Class: 1, 2, Powell; 3, Fryett.—W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Jan. 20, Greyhound Hotel, with a grand entry of 80; some fine pairs were put down, and, providing the owners have a little luck, there will be some good young ones to look at next show season. Mr. H. Tomkinson judged, and gave satisfaction. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Norman; 2, Sunderland; 3, Brown; vhc. Hunt. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Truman; No. 1, Sunderland, w.c. Ck.: 1, 2, Sunderland; 3, Norman. Hen: 1, Hunt; 2, 3, Truman. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Evans; 2, A. Smith; 3, J. Simpson; vhc. Truman. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, A. Smith; 3, Truman; vhc. Cowling; he, Jarvis. Cl.: 1, Sunderland; 2, vhc. Cowling; 3, Truman. Class 9: 1, Brown. Pairs for Mules: 1, Truman; 2, Wade; 3, Simpson; vhc. A. Smith; he, c. Cowling. Hyb.: 1, Lambly; 2, Wade; 3, vhc. Truman; No. 5, Wade (w.c.). Goldf., etc.: 1, Blanchon; 2, Lumley; 3, Truman; vhc. Cowling. Linn.: 1, c. Evans; 2, Blanchon; 3, Truman; vhc. Bescoby; he, Lewis. A.O. Hardbill: 1, Cowling; 2, Truman. F.M. Hardbill: 1, Blanchon; 2, Lambly; 3, Brown; vhc. Norman; he, Evans; c. Truman. Cl. or Tkd. Mule: 1, Blanchon; 2, Truman; 3, Evans; No. 3, Wade (w.c.). Dark Mule or Hyb.: 1, Blanchon; 2, Brown; 3, Simpson. For.: 1, 3, vhc. he, Hart-horn; 2, Truman.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Annual members' show, Jan. 29. A good entry provided plenty of work for Messrs. J. Leigh and R. Johnson in sorting out the winners. Borders were the strongest section, and many of the exhibits could win in strong competition. Specials: Best Nor. Western: Bort. Nelson; Brit., Ekersley; most points four nominated birds, Nor. 1, Bailey; 2, Weston; 10, Bord.; 1, Nelson; 14, 2, Dagnall and Ekersley a tie, 14 each; Brit., Ekersley 11; Nelson 7. Sp. best bird in show, Western, with a red-hot varieg. Buff Norwich Hen. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1, Bailey; 2, Weston. Buff: 1, Weston; 2, Bailey. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Bailey; 3, Weston. Buff: 1, sp. Nelson; 2, Warburton; 3, Stafford; 1, Kiff; 5, Clare. Buff: 1, 2, Ekersley; 3, 4, Nelson; 5, Stafford. Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Bailey; 4, Ekersley; 5, Stafford; 6, Rice. Buff: 1, 2, Nelson; 3, 5, Stafford; 4, Clare. Gr. or Cinn. Yell. Warburton: 2, Nelson; 3, Rice; 4, Clare; 5, Dagnall. Buff: 1, Dagnall; 2, Clare; 3, Rice. Mules: 1, Rice; 2, Ekersley; 3, Dagnall. Greenf.: 1, Warburton; 2, Nelson; 3, Rice. Goldf., etc.: 1, sp. 4, Ekersley, Goldfinch; 2, Nelson, Bull-horn; 3, 5, Clare, Bramble and Chaffie; 6, Dagnall. Goldf.: 1, Dagnall; 2, Nelson; 3, Warburton; 4, Rice; 5, Clare.—H. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Annual pair show, headquarters, Feb. 8. Entries were much lower than in other years, as so many of the members were with the Forces. Sp. for best in show went to Mr. J. Williams, with a nice pair of Borders, 2nd best, Burton Bros., Norwich. Mr. G. F. Crawford judged and gave satisfaction. Champ. Nor.: 1, Burton Bros. Bord.: 1, Burton Bros.; 2, 3, Sgt. Joplin. A.O.V.: 1, Sgt. Joplin. Nov. Nor.: 1, Mrs. Martin. Yorks.: 1, Martin. Bord. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, vhc. Williams; 3, Martin; he, Cullham. Buff Ck.: 1, Cullham; 2, Williams.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

HORNSEY, WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

Pair show, Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Feb. 1. The attendance was very good, and three more new members, making six this year, were elected. Mr. Gardner judged. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, vhc. Bailey; 2, 3, Martin; he, James; c. Bell. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, he, Martin; 2, 3, Bailey; vhc. W. Bell; c. M. Bell. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, W. Bell; 2, Dr. Huggins; 3, Huggins; vhc. Miss Smith. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Dr. Huggins; 2, W. Bell; 3, vhc. he, Huggins; c. Jones. Crest: 1, 2, Pettit. Hyb.: 1, Miss Smith.—P. Brooks, Hon. Sec.

SHETTLESTON C.B.C.

Meeting and pair show, Good Templars' Hall, Feb. 12. Mr. E. Taylor presided, supported by a fair turnout. Mr. F. Logan was proposed for membership. Twenty-two pairs were staged. Mr. W. Hutchieson (Glasgow) judged, and gave satisfaction. Crests: 1, spl. 2, Hood. Nor. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, spl. Hawkie; 2, Hood; 3, 4, Davidson; 5, 6, Carriek. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, Davidson; 2, Divens; 3, Carriek; 4, 5, Hawkie. Bord. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, Howieson; 2, Hood. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, Lunn; 2, Howieson. Yorks. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, Howieson. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, Howieson. Muling: 1, spl. Divens. A vote of thanks to judge for his services terminated the meeting.—S. F. Wood, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Palmer Hall, Feb. 2. Entries were not quite so numerous as former years, but with so many otherwise engaged 53 pairs must be considered very satisfactory. Norwich were the pick, there being some grand birds amongst them. Yorks. were of good quality, but required a little more swagger. Border, Muling and Hybrid pairs were few, but some good specimens were shown. Mr. Robson judged.

Champ. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, vhc. Lovegrove; he, Foster; c. Smith. Amat.: 1, he, c. Larkoom; 2, Wilson; 3, vhc. Hatch. Nov.: 1, Mrs. Wright; 2, Upton. Champ. Yorks.: All prizes Sgt. Thomas. Amat.: 1, 2, vhc. Shellcot; 3, c. Miss Garland; he, Townsend. Nov.: 1, Upton (best pair in show). Bord.: 1, 2, Meadowcroft; 3, Bond. Muling: 1, Foster; 2, Mrs. Smith; 3, Shellcot. Hyb.: 1, 2, 3, Church.—O. C. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Pair show, Feb. 5, Prince of Wales' Hotel; entries were fairly good, 90 birds being staged. Yorks. were the strongest in numbers and some grand pairs were staged. Norwich were not many in number, but made up in quality. Borders were short in number, but good. Mr. Newell took special best pair, also sp. second best with his Yorks. Mr. Selby, special 3rd best. Mr. Cleaver, Abertillery, judged, and gave satisfaction.

Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, sp. 2, 3, Selby; 4, he, Mortimer; vhc. Prichard. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, Mortimer. Nor. Any Col.: 1, 2, 3, Morton. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Newell; 2, Blackmore; 3, Russell; 4, Parfitt; vhc. he, c. Prichard. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, sp. he, Newell; 2, 3, he, Prichard; 4, Warr; c. Parfitt. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Parfitt; 2, he, Hyde; 3, Blackmore; 4, vhc. Webber. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 4, Hyde; 2, Parfitt; 3, Webber; vhc. Blackmore. Bord. Any Col.: 1, 2, 3, Cooper; 4, Campion. Hyb.: 1, Mortimer.—Hon. Sec., Wm. Newell.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual pair show, Village School, Alexandria, Feb. 8. The show was a great success, exhibits being of a very high standard, many prominent winners in open competition, both in England and Scotland, being present. Medal best pair was won by A. H. McLean, with a pair Norwich (well-known yellow var. cock with a non-fed var. buff hen). The show was uncomfortably packed with visitors, but the utmost harmony prevailed. The judge, Mr. R. Jeffrey, gave great satisfaction.

Nor. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, McLean; 2, spl. Caulfield; 3, McManhin. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, McLean; 2, McManhin; 3, Abraham; vhc. Caulfield; he, Nelson. Varieg.: 1, spl. medal, McLean; 2, McInnes; 3, spl. Nelson; vhc. McKinnon; he, Ritchie. Bord. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, spl. 2, Campbell; 3, Gillies; vhc. he, Dow; c. Caulfield. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, he, Gillies; 2, Hay; 3, c. Dow; vhc. Livesay. Varieg.: 1, vhc. Campbell; 2, 3, he, c. Gillies. Cinn. or Green: 1, 2, spl. 3, vhc. Gillies. Yorks. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, spl. Caulfield; 2, spl. Dow; 3, he, Mandrak; vhc. Ritchie. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, Caulfield; 2, McKinnon; 3, Drinkwell. Varieg.: 1, McKinnon. Crest Cock and C.B. Hen: 1, McLean; 2, spl. Ritchie. C.B. Cock and Crest Hen: 1, spl. Ritchie.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Annual pair show, headquarters, Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith; Feb. 10: 81 entries; Mr. J. Robson judged. Yorks. came up fairly well, and some very fine specimens were on view. Crests were few in number. A very nice lot of flybird pairs were exhibited. Time being limited, Mr. Robson, in response to a call for a few remarks on the exhibits, said he was glad to congratulate the members on the great improvement; all through the Champ. Norwich were very even and well balanced; the Yorks., though fewer, were very fine all through; the Novices, he said, were quite equal to the Champions of a few years ago; the Hybrids were good, and with luck should produce some really good young; a vote of thanks to Mr. Robson brought the show to a close.

Champ. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen for the three sections. Nor., Class 1: 1, 3, vhc. Butterfield; 2, he, c. Burt. Class 2: 1, 2, 3, Butterfield; vhc. he, Burt; c. Chappell. Yorks. Class 3: 1, 2, Dewhurst. Class 4: 1, 2, Dewhurst. Crests. Class 5: 1, 2, Turner. Amat. Nor., Class 8: 1, 2, Bonniwell; 3, he, Bevington. Class 9: 1, 2, 3, Bonniwell; vhc. Bevington. Class 10: Yorks.: 1, 2, 3, Bonniwell; vhc. he, c. Bevington. Class 11: 1, 3, vhc. he, Bonniwell; 2, Bevington. Crests. Class 12: 1, Bevington. Nov., Class 15: Nor.: 1, 3, c. Onslow; 2, Martin; vhc. Carr; he, Hollingworth. Class 16: 1, 3, Hollingworth; 2, c. Onslow; vhc. he, Carr. Yorks. Class 17: 1, 3, Dyett; 2, he, Onslow. Class 18: 1, Dyett; 2, 3, Onslow. Hyb.: 1, 3, Dyett; 2, Dewhurst; vhc. Bevington; he, Butterfield. Brit. Hardbill: 1, Bevington; 2, 3, vhc. Dewhurst. Class 21: 1, Bevington. Class 25: 1, Dewhurst; 2, Bevington; 3, Martin. Class 27: 1, 2, Bevington. Softbill: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst.—H. Chappell,

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LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Feb. 9, Mr. Evans, chair, and a fair attendance. Decided to hold two Saturday afternoon N.P. shows, June 3 and July 15. Local societies please note. Syllabus for 1916 drawn up, and will be forwarded to the members early. It is hoped members will attend the meetings, as the items, I am sure, will be interesting. Decided to present the cups and medals to winners at the G.C.A. annual meeting, Mar. 23, at the Oldham Hall.—Thos. R. Jones, Sec.

GREEN C.A.

Meeting, Jan. 27, Mr. J. Abbott chair, and a fair attendance. Decided to abandon the annual dinner this year, owing to the war, and that the cups and medals be presented to the winners at the annual meeting. Mr. W. Young was in attendance to give a lecture, but owing to the business taking up some time it was decided to postpone the lecture. Members please note revised points for the cups: Yorks. cup, W. Jones, 63; Melbourn, 57; Metcalfe, 31. Norwich, J. Walker, 73; Handley, 69; J. Thornton, 67. Border, J. Johnson, 67; Middleton, 55; Montgomery, 50.—T. R. Jones, Sec. pro tem.

BOWLING B.F.A.

Knife-and-fork tea, Barley Mow Hotel, Wakefield Road, Bradford, Feb. 12, and after tea a social and prize distribution of Laisterdyke, Bowling and Tong Amalgamation and Bowling and Dis. B.F.A. Mr. J. E. Hudson presented the prizes for the Amalgamation, and Pres. Mr. B. Cowell the Bowling and Dis. prizes. Songs were rendered by the following artists and much appreciated: Mrs. Bleayard, and Messrs. F. Wilson, G. Thompson, and Terry. A most enjoyable evening came to a close all too soon with a vote of thanks to our host and hostess, the chairman, and all artists.—J. Nicholl.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 29, New Headquarters, Ivy House Hotel, Handsworth, members agreeing that the move to new quarters should prove a distinct improvement, it being central and adjacent to the L.N.W. Rly. After election of officers, which were for practical purposes comprised of the same as last year, balance sheet was read, showing a balance of over £6 cash in hand, in place of an adverse balance from 1914 of 4s. This was considered very satisfactory, considering the critical times. Vote of thanks was tendered to officers for the manner in which the society has prospered. Anyone wishing to join can rely on receiving good comradeship and will find it second to none. Novices are especially invited to join, and will find it to their advantage.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting, Masonic Hall, W. Regent Street, Feb. 8. Balance-sheet for 1915 was read and adopted, and office-bearers for year are: Mr. F. Taylor, pres.; Mr. A. Maxwell, vice-pres.; Mr. M. Craig, "Mayburn Cottage", Tollcross, sec. and treas. Show Committee: Messrs. J. Brown, E. Barron, P. Braid, A. Chalmers, J. Campbell, D. Cunningham, R. Colley, R. B. Cairns, A. K. Chalmers, H. Graham, E. Hadley, J. McLeod, J. McLay, R. Martin, A. Maxwell, A. Paterson, J. F. Park, A. Sloan, A. Smith, J. Swan, F. Taylor, D. Teviotdale, D. F. Webster, S. Hughes, and M. Kean. Working Committee: E. Barron, A. K. Chalmers, J. Campbell, C. Hughes, E. Hadley, A. Maxwell, J. F. Park, J. Swan, A. Sloan, F. Taylor, and D. Teviotdale. New members now being enrolled. Please send your name and address to—M. Craig, sec.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

The annual pic supper, social evening, and prize distribution took place on Feb. 10, at the Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, Halifax, when forty members and friends attended. Supper over, Messrs. Wright Copley (bass), Ernest Ogden (tenor) and Harry Dale (humorist), with Mr. J. E. Priestley as accompanist, kept the company in high glee. President, Mr. W. Briggs, occupied the chair, and presented the prizes to the winners. He said he was very pleased to have the honour bestowed upon him, and thanked the members for kindly appointing him to the position of President. Mr. W. Horsman was called upon to receive the Morton challenge cup and 10/- cash for highest points at Member's Show, with 74 points; Mr. J. H. Gelder won second prize with 73; Messrs. Sladdin and Baldwin third, 71; F. Horsman and G. Mitchell tied for fourth prize, 40 each. Mr. J. E. Priestley won 1st in open with 51½ points; 2, Sutcliffe, 32; 3, E. Stobart, 29½; 4, J. T. Sharpe, 29. Mr. J. H. Gelder won a Canary value £1, presented by Mr. E. Stobart for most entries, with 39 entries. Mr. J. E. Priestley was winner of the book, "Our Canaries," value £1 1s., presented by Mr. H. Johnson for most points with unlighted birds. Mr. J. Corney received 2/6 for most vhc. awards, presented by Mr. C. Senior. The next item was a presentation to the Hon. Sec. in recognition of services rendered to the Society since its commencement, 2 years ago. The President said members and friends had subscribed for a solid silver cigarette case and gold-mounted cigarette-holder. They felt that if they let the occasion pass by without recognition they were not doing justice to such an energetic worker as Mr. Sutcliffe. They would have to go a long way to find another Secretary to fill the position as he was doing. The Society was started 2 years ago and now they had 43 members and a balance on the right side of £4 7s. 3d., after having held two open shows during war time. He hoped the Sec. would live long to use these beautiful presents. The case was inscribed "Presented to Archie Sutcliffe by members and friends of the H. and D. C.B.S. Feb. 10, 1916." Mr. Sutcliffe, who was greeted with the singing "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow" and cheers, said he had been taken by surprise with the presentation. When he took the position of Secretary he set out with a determination to make the venture a success. Granted good health and the support of the members he would only be too glad to carry on the good work the C.B.S. is doing. He thanked them all for their kindness. He would have something to look upon in the future in remembrance of the best of friends and fanciers that he had ever met. Votes of thanks were accorded the Host and Hostess for the manner in which they had catered, to the artists, the accompanist, the President, the donor of the book "Our Canaries" (Mr. H. Johnson), and the donor of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. Officials for 1916-17 appointed: Pres., W. Briggs; Vice-Pres., Messrs. Lewis Hanson, E. Fletcher, O. Wade, J. T. Sharpe, W. Spencer, J. Spence, Wm. Morton, J. C. Sutcliffe, L. Wilcock, J. Corney and R. McAndrews; Trustees, Messrs. J. E. Priestley and E. Savile; Chair., P. Child; Vice-Chair., J. E. Priestley; Sub-Committee, Messrs. W. Mitchell, E. Stobart, J. E. Priestley, E. Savile and J. Corney; Auditors, Messrs. E. Stobart and W. Mitchell; Sec., A. Sutcliffe, 46, Hammond-st., Hopwood Lane.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Meeting, Feb. 15, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street. Mr. W. French (chairman) presided over a fine muster. Decided to hold table show for British next meeting night, also a class for a 1-hour time singing contest. This being the first attempt, we hope the British fanciers will make a big effort to make it a success. Sec. read rough draft of balance-sheet and promised to get it printed by next meeting. This has been delayed owing to our late Sec.'s illness. I am glad to say he is getting on towards recovery.—J. E. Rowe, Press Correspondent.

WALLSEND, MID-TYNE C.B.A.

General meeting, Station Hotel, Feb. 12; Mr. Johnston presided over a good attendance and got through a great amount of business. Annual show fixed for Nov. 11, and N.P. show July 15. Unanimously decided to hold a members' show this year again under the present crisis. Mr. J. Hutchinson, Heaton, sent in his resignation. Decided to have table show at next meeting, classes: Greenf., Goldf., Bullf., Linn., Siskin, Redpoll or Ywite, 3d. a cage. 2/6 most points and second most, given by sec. and Mr. W. Studholme. Mr. Johnston presented a silver tea service to our sec. for his valuable service to the society, and said he would stand as sec. till the members wanted a new one. New members elected: Messrs. Riseborough, M. Swan, Sunderland; Scott, Tucker, Priestley, Boldon Colliery; Robson, Richardson, Wallsend; Clobsey, Newcastle; Shield, Newcastle; Hooper, Eighton Banks. Nominations for judges at next meeting, Mar. 8.—G. Greenwell, Sec.

WELSH NORTHERN COUNTIES.

Meeting, Washington Hotel, Llandudno, Feb. 9. Mr. James Ardtriale presided over an excellent gathering. Sec. reported that all the cups had been despatched to winners; the list of donors towards loss on 1915 Show was read, and was further augmented by others present. A letter from Colonel Sandbach, J.P., read, declining the committee's invitation to become president, owing to the uncertainty of the war employment and engagements he had to undertake this year. Sec. was instructed to invite Mr. J. M. Porter, as agreed at the annual general meeting, to accept the presidency. Correspondence relating to advertisements in Year Book was read. Alterations to rules at the annual general meeting were read and passed as correct. The printing of the Year Book was deferred till after next meeting, with a view to fixing the date and place of show, so that it could be advertised as usual in Year Book. A discussion ensued as to date of show, and whether it should be for one or two days, but the matter was deferred for further consideration, at the same time as Mr. Wilkinson's quotation for the hire of Hippodrome; the date most favoured appeared to be Nov. 1.—G. E. Cragg.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, Feb. 12. Mr. W. G. Hamilton presiding over a good attendance. Allocation of prize money, in proportion over classes for annual show, was approved and passed for payment. New members enrolled: R. Davidson, Wm. Lunn, Walter Reid, and Duncan Reid. Judges nominated for table show of British, March 10. Annual pair show was also held and proved a great success. Entries came well up on last year's total, while quality was par excellence. Crests were a good lot, although not quite so many as last year. Nor. were an increase, some outstanding birds being amongst them. Borders were also an increase, some splendid specimens being forward and in the very pink of condition. Yorks. were fewer than usual, but typical birds were staged. The Muling and Hyb. pairs were also an increase; quality here was extra. Messrs. R. Jeffrey, Pollockshields, and C. Campbell, Glasgow, judged, and gave full satisfaction.

Crests: 1, 2, spl. 3, Hamilton. Nor.: 1, spl. Hyslop; 2, P. Allan; 3, 4, Henderson; 5, 6, Mitchell; 7, Campbell. Marks: 1, 5, Henderson; 2, spl. 4, Proctor; 3, Mitchell; 6, P. Allan; 7, J. Campbell. Bord. Cl.: 1, spl. 3, D. Lunn; 2, Sellar; 4, 6, Colquhoun; 5, J. Campbell; 7, W. Allan. Marks: 1, 5, Downie; 2, two spl. 4, 7, D. Lunn; 3, 6, Sellar. Green: 1, spl. 3, Downie; 2, 6, Robertson; 4, 5, D. Lunn. Cinn.: 1, Sellar; 2, spl. 4, D. Lunn; 3, 5, Downie. Yorks. Cl.: 1, W. Allan. Marks: 1, J. Colquhoun; 2, W. Allan. A.O.V. Can.: 1, spl. 3, Henderson; 2, P. Allan. Muling: 1, two spl. Henderson; 2, Mitchell; 3, 4, 7, Hyslop; 5, 6, Glass. Hyb.: 1, 2, spl. Hyslop; 3, 4, Henderson. Next meeting and table show of Brit., March 10, at 8. Judge, Mr. Edmund Taylor, Shettleston.—A. Gillespie, Asst. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, Feb. 12. Mr. Farrer presiding over a splendid attendance. Balance sheet was adopted as read and reported by Sec., showing that a deficiency of £7 6s. 8d. at the beginning of the season had been converted to a balance in hand and cash at bank of £3 18s. 8d., besides £1 ticket money unpaid. Officers elected: Pres., Ald. R. Storey, D.L.; Vice-Pres., Messrs. H. Greenwood, M.P., F. W. Goldstone, M.P., J. Cobb, C. Grimshaw, W. Hall, G. Bell, P. Hunter; Chair, J. Farrer; Vice-Chair, C. Waters; Assist. Sec., P. Riseborough; Treas., G. Davidson; Sec., J. Peacock, 20, Whitburn Terrace, Fulwell, Sunderland; Committee, Messrs. Machin, Reid, Gray, T. Davison, T. Smith, Proctor, Brown, Johnson; Auditors, Messrs. Gray and Brown. A vote of thanks was given to all officers for their services during the past year. The Chairman, in thanking the members for their confidence by re-electing all the retiring officers, said he was rather surprised at the splendid attendance and the large entry in the Pair Show, which necessitated making two classes, viz., box cages (22 entries) and all-wire cages (16); quite a treat for a Club-room show. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. Reid for judging, and to the donors of the seven specials. Prizes and specials were presented to the winners by Mr. Farrer. Decided to hold three N.P. Shows, on first meeting in June, July and August. Messrs. T. Davison, Brown, and Snowball promising each a special.

Pair Show.—Wire Cages: 1, medal best pair, spl. best Bord., 1s. Davidson; 2, Brown; 3, Peacock; spl. best birds out of tickets, Peacock. Box Cages: 1, spl. 2, best, 3, Snowball; 2, spl. best Muling pair, Waters; spl. best Lizards, Johnson; best pair out of tickets, Proctor. The specials were given by J. Riseborough, J. Johnston (Wallsend), J. Farrer, J. Jackson, Peacock, and R. Proctor. At the close everyone felt that the meeting had been one of the most interesting for a long time.—J. Peacock.

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CLUB REPORTS.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End)

Meeting held Feb. 23, Blue Bell Hotel, Shields-nd. Mr. Young chair. Members elected: Mr. R. Grealy and Mr. P. Robson, Walsend. Rules were revised and adopted. Decided to adhere to our Annual Show date, Nov. 24 and 25. Secs. please note. Our time being limited the question of judges was left over till next meeting.—J. W. Coutts.

BARROW C.B.A.

Meeting, Gardner's Restaurant, G. Large presiding, and a fair turn out. N.P. Show was decided for July 8. Judges, Messrs. House (Bradford) and Wilson (Frislington). We also decided to hold an Open Show on Nov. 3 and 4 for the Red Cross, and as this is our first venture we hope for the support of all fanciers. Judges are not yet settled. Table Show of British, a fine lot, among them some well-known winners. 1, 2, 3, the Mrs. Windes; he, e, Shackley. The first bird, a Linnet, changed hands at a good figure. Next meeting a washing exhibition. Members turn up and help arrangements for the Open Show.—D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

Meeting and Table Show, Feb. 27. Mr. Raynes presided over a good attendance, and a pleasant evening was spent. Decided to hold N.P. Show first Saturday in July, also to have a sharp debate practice night at next meeting, so please turn up in good numbers. Will members please return unsold tickets for January show as early as possible and oblige. Table Show, 40 birds staged for matched pairs. Yorks.: 1, Tansey; 2, Wilson; 3, Riley. Nor.: 1, A. G. Smith; 2, J. Green; 3, S. Cook. Mulling; 1, Hubbard; 2, Turner; 3, Appleton. Mr. E. Dooley judged, and afterwards explained the different points of the birds, which brought an interesting evening to a close.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

ABERDARE C.B.S.

Well-attended meeting of the newly-formed Aberdare C.B.S., Miller's Restaurant, Feb. 23. Officials elected: Chair, Mr. T. Davies, Aberaman; Vice, W. H. Thomas, Aberaman; Sec., J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart-st. Aberdare. The accounts will be paid through the London City and Midland Bank, Aberdare branch. The meetings will be held every alternate Tuesday at 7.30, at headquarters, Miller's Restaurant. Entrance fee, 4/-, and nomination 1/- per annum. Rules (special) will be discussed at the next meeting. The Society has already a guaranteed sum of £10, and is fortunate in enrolling W. Davies, of Aberaman, who has given a donation of £1 towards procuring a cup. Sec. will be pleased to enrol members, and will answer any questions regarding the Society. There is a great possibility of the Society going ahead as the interest already shown is most satisfactory.—J. M. Shelby-James, Hon. Sec., 4, Stuart St., Aberdare.

NORTHERN CRESTED CLUB.

Annual meeting, Feb. 23, Shild and Son's Cafe, Newcastle. Present: Thos. Robson, J. G. Hutchinson, J. Farrer, Geo. Simpson, Thos. Bewick, Jas. Dickinson, Geo. Dobson. Mr. T. Robson presided. Balance sheet, which proved satisfactory, left a balance in hand of £2 10s. 7d., after purchasing a silver challenge cup at £5 10s., and a large reduction in membership. Eleven members dropped out, and there was one death in the year, while only four members were elected. Officers elected: Pres., Mr. J. Ford Maling; Vice-Pres., W. F. Barnett; W. F. Swan, Thos. Robson, A. Lister, T. C. Crawhall; Chair, W. F. Swan; Vice-Chair, Thos. Robson; Committee, J. Farrer, J. Rishborough, J. G. Hutchinson, R. Armstrong, R. S. Bewick, Jas. Dickinson, Geo. Simpson, Thos. Bewick, Jas. Stanger, W. Forster; Hon. Sec. and Treas., Geo. Dobson. Two novice members were elected: T. Smith, G. Robson. A discussion arose to the judging of our Cup Competition, and it was decided that it be judged by a Crest judge proposed by the members, and that this rule be added to our new rule-books. This is an old rule that has not lately been carried out.—Geo. Dobson, Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting, Cairns Memorial Hall, George-nd., Feb. 19. A good turn-out present. New members elected: Messrs. Williamson, G. Milne, D. Purvis, D. Wilkie and R. Farmer. Very good for the first meeting of year. Agreed that classification for Annual Show be same as last year. Judges nominated: Messrs. J. F. Dewar, Nor.; Wm. Thomson, Bord.; A. Paterson, Scotch Fanciers; John Sykes, Brit. and For. Sec. was instructed to write these to see if they would officiate. The birds at the Table Show were judged by Mr. A. W. Watson, who was ably assisted by Mr. Michie and another gentleman. Mr. Watson's awards were sealed until after the Judging Competition in which about a dozen took part. Nor.: 1, Mill; 2, 3, Charlton. Hen: 1, Mill; 2, Robertson; 3, Napier. Bord. Ck.: 1, Weir; 2, Mill; 3, Brash. Hen: 1, spl. Weir; 2, spl. Brash. Scotch Fanciers: 1, Bowman. Gold: 1, Michie; 2, Ritchie; 3, Bowman. Siskin, etc.: 1, Adam; 2, Ritchie; 3, Napier. A.O. Finch: 1, spl.; 2, Ritchie; 2, spl. Michie; 3, Wallace. Hen: 1, spl. Brash; 2, Spittal; 3, Adam. Pairs for Mule Breeding: 1, 3, Bowman; 2, Spittal. For Flyb.: 1, Weir; 2, Spittal. Old Mule: 1, Weir. Prizes in Judging Competition: 1, Adam; 2, Hutchinson; 3, tie, Weir and Charlton. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Watson and his stewards was accorded.—J. Charlton, Sec.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Meeting Feb. 19, for election of officers. Mr. W. Forster was elected chairman and Mr. J. Stanger sec. Committee, R. Coates, R. W. Boyd, Wild, A. R. Young, J. McDonald, and R. Bewick. Balance sheet was considered satisfactory. New members: Messrs. Fletcher, R. Forster, H. Briggs, J. Stobbs, D. Curry, J. Jackson, Wylliett, and C. R. Appleton. We had a good schedule last season, with 46 classes for 26 members, and paid 9s. 6d. a class for 6d. a cage; five entries made a full class. We have a good schedule this season, and we would like a larger one if members can improve it. Our yearly sub. is 5s., and is open to any radius. We are running a section special, for each member to pay 1s., the money to go to the best bird in that section; if enough for a second best bird in the section it can be made at next meeting, March 11. Sections are Norwich, Crest, C.B., Bord., Yorks., Mule, Canary, A.V. British birds. Section 1: Linnet, H.M., Linnet F.M., Siskin, Redpoll and Twite, Greenf. No. 2, Goldf. and Bullf., Chaffinch, Bramble, Bunting, and A.O.V. Hardbill. Birds in section to be bred by exhibitor in 1916. Anyone wishing to become a member should send name to sec. We have arranged for a table show July 15, to be on the table by 12. We have lost one of our members at the front (Mr. J. Walker, of Birtley). He used to keep the shows alive, and is sadly missed at our meetings. We have had our late sec., Mr. J. Robinson, home from the front for a few days, also Mr. J. Redpath.—J. Stanger, Sec., 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell S.O., Co. Durham.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Feb. 24, headquarters, Seven Stars, St. John-st., Wolverhampton. Owing to the heavy snow storm very few members were able to attend. Mr. M. Jacquemin presided. Letters read from Sec. B.R.C.C. and Sec. of Leeds Roller Club, re "Board of Control"; the matter was left in abeyance until next meeting. Elected members: Messrs. Mason, Garbett, Ramsay, Boddice, H. Mason, Heltzman; total membership, 70. I have 1,500 B.R.C.C. 1916 rings to dispose of. Fanciers wishing to join should apply to J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec., 9, Gorsebrook-nd., Wolverhampton.

HANLEY C.B.S.

First annual dinner, Angel Hotel, Feb. 19, with a good attendance of fanciers and their wives. As soon as the menu was got through Mr. C. J. Robinson introduced the new President, Mr. Barker, who proposed the health of the Society and wished it every success. The balance sheet showed a balance of £7 10s. 2d. in hand on the year's working, and the Society had also three challenge cups which showed every credit to the Secretary, Mr. C. Beckett. Officers for 1916: Mr. Barker, Pres.; D. Lawton, Vice-Pres.; C. J. Robinson, Chair; G. Lawton, and T. Hawley, Vice-Chair; Committee, all members. Mr. C. Beckett was asked to take the duties of Sec. again; Mr. W. Brown, Treas. Discussions were heard on cups; then Mr. W. Brown, sen., obliged with a song, and Mrs. C. Beckett sang "The Soldier's Daughter." Mr. C. J. Robinson made the presentation of cups, medals, etc.: Yorks. champion cup, Mr. G. Lawton and Mr. S. Pygott, tie, 144 each, decided to hold the cup six months each; Novice Yorks., Mr. C. Beckett, his second year in succession; Nor. Nov., Mr. W. Oldham, challenge cup given by Mr. C. Beckett; Mr. G. Lawton received a spl. as the winner of last year's Yorks. champion cup, and Mr. Beckett a gold medal as winner of Novice Yorks. cup, also a tea service for most points in Novice Yorks. for the year with 204 points. Mr. C. J. Robinson was heartily thanked for the three fine stands for the cups he gave to the Society, and one of the most enjoyable evenings was brought to a close.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne C.B.S.—Mar. 7, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Hints on Breeding; discussion, by Wm. Green. Ordinary business.—J. Whitehead.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Station Cafe, 8. Address on British Birds by Mr. A. Broadbent.—C. Bailey.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 7.30. Questions and answers on breeding matters.—E. Johnson.

Ardwick and Manchester Dist. C.B.A.—Feb. 7, St. Thomas Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Table show of Yorkshires and A.O.V. Can.; judge, Mr. J. R. Schofield; Brit. judge, Mr. J. Beswick.—J. Spencer.

Aberdare C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Miller's Restaurant, 7.30. Discussion of rules; receive subs.; enrolling of new members. Local fanciers invited to join.—J. M. Shelby-James.

Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Trades Hall, Belmont Street, 8. Notice of motion by Mr. William Allison: "That all young birds competing for trophies should be closed rung the year that they are bred. Any other competent business. Fanciers welcomed.—R. J. Robertson.

Border City (Carlisle) C.B.S.—Mar. 9, headquarters, 7.30. Resignation of sec.; pair show and classification for open show.—J. C. Bell.

Bowling B.F.A.—Mar. 6, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Usual business.—J. Nicholl.

Beamish C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Bird Inn, 6.30. Date of show and other business; intending members please attend.—J. H. Elliot.

Bedford and Beds. United C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Mr. Valentine's, 19, St. Mary's, 6.30. Pair and B.B. and Mule Show. Judge, Mr. A. Keech.—A. Simons.

Bolton C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Church Inn, Folds Road, 7. Monthly meeting. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Brooks.

Booth C.B.S.—Mar. 7, St. Andrew's Hall, 8. Draw up syllabus for 1916.—A. E. Huynon.

Bacup Roller C.C.—Mar. 7, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Report of delegates sent to Manchester Conference; also rings question.—H. Wantling.

Blyth C.B.C.—Mar. 8, Allison's Barber Shop, 7.15. Classification and judge, and fix show date.—J. Henderson.

Clapham C.B.A.—Mar. 7, headquarters, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, S.W., 8. Distribution of prizes pair and Finch show.—T. J. Hose.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 8. Show report and show printing, etc.—W. D. Fryett.

Ciltheroe C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. 1. Southwold.

Cowdenbaath C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Masonic Arms, 6.—A. Robertson.

Edinburgh North-Eastern O.S.—Mar. 6, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. New members enrolled, and general business.—R. L. Spence.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. Mitchell. New members invited.—W. Dawson.

Guiseley, Yeadoh C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Regent Hotel, 7.30. Important.—W. Rose.

Halifax O.S.—Mar. 4, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Syllabus and discussion on Pairing and Breeding; leader, Mr. W. Blackburn. Subs. due for 1916. New members wishing to have name in syllabus must be made at this meeting.—J. J. Dunn.

Higgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Mar. 20, headquarters, Spencer Hall, 8. Table show of British; birds staged before 8.30. Judge, Mr. Allen Silver, F.Z.S. Fanciers invited.—F. C. Knight.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Nightingale Hotel, 8. Table show, Canaries and British; competition for silver spoons.—P. Brooks.

Hull C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. Show for Canary cocks and British birds.—W. Farnandiz.

Leeds C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Lockhart's, next door to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Pair show and arrangement of syllabus for 1916. Fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Mar. 4, Griffin Hotel, Bear Lane, 7.30. Delegates' report of Manchester meeting; judging competition. Intending new members send names and addresses to sec.—H. Best, 5, Alma Place, Beckett Street, Leeds.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Masons' Arms, 7. Booking of hens and admission of new members; nomination of judges. Local fanciers welcome.—W. B. Smart.

London C.B.A.—Mar. 14; 2, York Street, St. James, 8. "Hints on Mating," etc.; discussion.—A. Wallington.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Classification for show; any other business.—H. Hoyle.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Mar. 7, The White Swan, 8. Cl. or tld. buff cock; inkd. or var. buff cock; ditto yell., all unfledged; Brit. hen.—C. B. Day and Roberts.

Laislerdyke B.F.A.—Mar. 4, Railway Hotel, Laislerdyke, 7. Annual prize distribution and smoking concert. Fanciers are given a hearty welcome; some good talent.—L. Hodgson, jun.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Ordinary business.—R. Charleson.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Crown Hotel, 6. Subs., and any business that may arise.—T. Deans.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Mar. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Election of treasurer, and sharp debate, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

Morley C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Shoulder of Mutton, Bruntcliffe, 7.30. Election of officers.—P. Aspden.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Discussion re new headquarters. New members invited.—A. Colley.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—March 6; Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Business of vast importance.—Roy Kell.

Poplar C.B.S.—March 9, All Hallows Club Room, East India Road, Poplar, 8. Pair and Finch show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Fanciers welcome.—H. Prisman.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—March 7, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Minutes of last meeting, etc.—Geo. Lord.

Schoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—March 6, Red Lion Hotel, 8. New members to enrol. Paper by Mr. Davies on the selection of British birds for the show bench.—J. Glover.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—March 8, Reid Hall, 8. Monthly meeting and show of British.—J. Waugh.

Sheffield O.S.—March 7, Rotherham House, Exchange Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden on pairing and breeding of Yorkshire Canary. Friends invited.—E. C. Job.

S.W. London C.B.S.—March 9, Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, 7.30. Arranging for young bird and autumn shows. Fanciers wishing to join should write for book of rules to—W. Lilly, 17, Ilminster Gardens, Lavender Hill, S.W.

Southend C.B.S.—March 8, 5, Priory Avenue, Prittlewell, 8.—Deer and Cundy.

S.E. London F. & F.A.—March 6, 432, Old Kent Road, 8. General meeting and lecture by Mr. Smalley.—R. Jackson.

South Shields—March 4, Cypress, 7.—W. L. Smith.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—March 7, Liberal Club, 8. Guarantees for N.F. shows and specials for season.—W. Everett.

S. London Col. and F.A.—General meeting and show, headquarters, March 9, the Druid's Head, Church Street, Deptford Broadway.—J. Luckham, Hon. Sec.

Southampton C.B.S.—March 8, Waterloo Hotel. Table pair show. Birds staged 7.—W. F. Page.

Wibsey C.B.S.—March 5, Horse and Groom, 7. Arranging shows for season.—W. Chapman.

West of Scotland—March 4, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Nomination and election of judges. New members now being enrolled.—W. Hutchinson.

Wigan C.B.S.—March 4, Legs of Man Hotel, 7. Lecture. Friends invited.—E. Ball.

Walsend, Mid-Tyne Association—March 8, Station Hotel, 7. Nom. for judges for show and other business. Please note no table show. Cannot get big room. New members invited.—G. Greenwell.

Wakefield O.S.—March 4, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Inter-club shows, etc., for 1916.—J. Isberwood.

West Stanley Patriotic F.F. & C.B.S.—March 5, South Moor Social, 6. Prize money, specials, ticket money taken.—R. Hutchinson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—March 4, Commercial Hotel, 6. Table show of British, Linnet, Greenf., Goldie, or Bullie, Redpoll, and A.O.V. Judge, Mr. J. W. Robson.—Wm. Cresswell.

Windhill C.B.S.—March 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Classification for members' shows, etc.—Taylor and Halliday.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—March 6, 6, The Broadway, Wimbledon, 8. Annual general meeting. Report and balance-sheet; election of officers and committee.—G. Griffiths.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—March 7, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Mule and Hyb. pair show. Judge, Mr. T. Frazer, Partick; also sale of surplus stock.—A. H. McLean.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MOPY AND RUFFLED (E. Allfrey).—The bird seems to have contracted a chill, which will probably be the fate of many during the shocking weather conditions of the past week. Keep it in a quite warm place, and see that the warmth is fairly equable, especially that it does not drop to a frigid degree during the night. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw seed. In the water add five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre two days in every three for a fortnight, or you may stop it sooner if the symptoms have quite disappeared.

FITTING UP A ROOM (W. Chamberlain).—Three cocks will be quite sufficient to run with ten hens in the room you describe. Keep the floor thickly strewn with gritty, clean sand, and the food and water would be safest from mice on a small table in the centre of the room, with a strip of tin four inches wide tacked closely around each leg about four inches from the floor. For small twiggy bushes to fix at intervals around the walls for nesting sites nothing beats Scotch fir, though holly, or hawthorn will answer the purpose fairly well. In these bushes the little wicker basket nests, usually sold at a penny each are just the thing when securely fastened in the angles of the twigs, not more than one in each bush. Besides these sites you may hang up on the walls a number of the small wooden travelling cages in which Rollers are usually sold, prepared by removing the perches, water-pot and seed-box, and taking out the short bars at the end over the seed-box. These make excellent and safe nesting sites, which are much appreciated by the birds. They may be hung anywhere, in the corners and around the walls, though it is best not to place them at a height that is inconvenient to peep into them if necessary at any time.

MOULTING AGAIN (E. L. S.).—I am afraid the bird's age is against him ever getting quite robust again, but still, the following treatment for three or four weeks should give him another start. Keep him quite on the warm side, and it would be an advantage if you kept a light cover over the cage until the feathers had ceased dropping. Also see that the temperature is fairly equable. In addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and

sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, bran and broken groats, and a morsel of banana. You may also give a dandelion leaf daily as soon as you can find them, which you may already do in warm, sheltered nooks and corners. With a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape limit the dietary to the above-named items. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three for a month.

DOUBTFUL SEX (V. E.).—The indications you name are not infallible, but so far as they go they are rather in favour of the doubtful bird being a cock. You mention nothing about song, and this would be quite the surest sign for you to be guided by. You should cage the birds separately, give a morsel of bread and milk daily sprinkled with soft sugar, daily every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana, or small spray of water-cress, or leaf of dandelion and a pinch of maw, which should bring out the birds into full song very quickly at this season, and thus make them reveal their sex more definitely.

TOO EPICUREAN (A. M. J.).—If the birds are so easily upset by partaking of mixed seed or luxuries it is probably the outcome of a too liberal indulgence in these luxuries. The remedy is easy. Do not indulge them to any appreciable extent. Let them go on with the staple of plain canary seed, and give just a pinch of summer rape twice or three times a week, a little boiled or soaked rape occasionally instead of soft food, and green salad should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Narmour's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fanciers," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

whenever seasonable. It would do them no harm to add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water daily for a week. During the breeding season, as they appear to enorge themselves at that time to the detriment of the young, you should remove the cocks when the hens begin to sit, leaving the latter to hatch out and rear the young by themselves, and start from the first with a mixture of equal parts bread crumbs or crushed biscuit and egg yolk, and double the proportion of bread or biscuit by the third day, and begin then to give green food daily, and allow a fair quantity of it, giving the egg food twice a day only—morning and afternoon. Then you should find less difficulty on this score.

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR (Uncle Jim).—The bird is most likely in a hypersensitive condition owing to having become weakly and anemic. You should see that it is not hung high up near the ceiling where the air is always more or less vitiated and unwholesome, and it is generally more than less so. Also see that it is in a bright and healthful position, where it will have the benefit of plenty of fresh pure air without the disadvantage of direct draughts; offer the bath on every mild and bright day, and give it regular and methodical attention as advised to "Beginner, Horseshay," in our last issue. Every third day for a month give, besides the staple seed diet, a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, and drop on it each time two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and then sprinkle it lightly with soft sugar. On the intervening days give first a

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morsel of banana or green salad when you can get it in a fit condition for use, and also, if you have any available, give on these days a mealworm, and on the other days give a third of a teaspoonful of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, niger, sesame and chopped sunflower seeds. In the drinking water add 20 drops of chemical food every second day during the month. It will be best seen after this treatment whether the bird is worth keeping.

PULLS HER FEATHERS (F. H.).—You should first make yourself quite sure that the bird and cage are quite free from insect pests. For red mite examine the cage closely, especially around the joints of the door, ends of perches, etc., and if you find any areas covered with a fine white powdery deposit you may be sure the cage is infested with this pest. On the other hand, catch the bird and examine the body, especially under the wings, and you will soon discover if there are any grey lice present. In either event take the necessary steps to eradicate them, as you will have seen in this column several times just lately. If no insects are present, the bird may be simply suffering from ennui. Try and find her some occupation. Keep a morsel of some green-food, fruit, or even a few seed heads of grass if you can procure any, in the cage for her to peck at, or tie a morsel of string on to a wire for her to unravel. Every second day you may with advantage give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts millet, niger, teazle and broken groats, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed and also a mealworm if you have any of the latter available. Give a morsel of bread and milk three times a week. All these in addition to the usual staple diet of canary and rape, or plain canary. In the drinking water add ten drops of emon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week or so.

EARLY MATING (C. H.).—If you mean that you have already mated the Yorkshires, you have done so much too soon, as, possibly, the weather conditions of the past week will have already convinced you. But assuming that things go on all right you should remove the cock from the Yorkshire hen as soon as she begins to sit and cage him alone until the second hen is ready to begin nesting and the time is more appropriate. A month hence is quite early enough to begin breeding. By that time the Yorkshire hen may have sat her appointed time on the first clutch, and may be ready to follow on after the Norwich hen has nested. But anyway, you cannot do better than separate the cock and keep him alone from the time the first hen begins to sit until the proper time for nesting, which will be about the end of March, according to the condition of the weather and the birds, or the first week in April. Then mate him with the hen which is most keen on nesting, and leave them together until she has laid her clutch and is commencing to sit, when you must remove him as already advised, and mate him with the second hen. When the second hen begins to sit, remove him again and cage him separately until the first is again ready for him for the second brood, and then repeat the same procedure. In each case you will leave the hens to hatch out the eggs and rear the young by themselves, which they will do just as well as if the cock was left with them. You should begin to give a little green-food to young broods about the fourth day, and thenceforth give a little freshly-gathered each morning and afternoon until the young are safely reared. As you seem to be quite a tyro you would be well advised to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager will send you, post free, for 7d., and study its pages well during the next few weeks. It will save you much disappointment.

NOT MOULTED (M. A.).—There is a great probability of the bird dropping into moult very soon and thus frustrating any attempts at breeding with her for some time to come. You could expedite matters by moving the bird to a cold-room without fire, but see that it is not exposed to any direct cold draught. This removal would probably throw the bird into moult immediately at this season, and then you would only need to cover over the cage for two or three weeks, and after that keep the bird in a comfortable but not heated temperature, where the warmth was fairly equable in order to get the moult over as speedily and completely as possible. By taking these steps at once you may have the bird fit for breeding about the middle of April, and still have time to get a normal season out of her. You must not, however, mate her for at least two or three weeks after she has quite ceased dropping feathers, and it would be exceedingly risky to mate her with a moult impending—much better give her a season's rest than do that. As regards the feather-pulling, you may safely treat her the same as advised in latter part of reply to "F.I." in this issue.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FEEDING A GREENFINCH (Novice, R. C. W.).

A good staple food for the Greenfinch is the following: canary 2 parts, rape seed 1 part, teazle 1 part. In addition to this you may give him occasionally a little linseed and hemp, and, if you can procure a packet of real wild seed mixture, let him have a spoonful twice a week. He is very fond of sunflower, and although it is somewhat fattening, a few grains three or four times a week will not hurt him, providing he is in a cage large enough to exercise in. When this cold spell of weather has gone, you can hunt round for green-food for him. There are several other kinds of food suitable for the Greenfinch, but I think you had better procure the Nutshell on the Greenfinch, in which you will find all particulars. (2) The reason your birds quarrel is that they are not yet quite fit, but you need not leave them long enough together to do any damage to each other.

BREEDING MULES AND CANARIES (J. W. H.).—Your sample of rape seed is particularly good, and I must congratulate you upon growing it yourself; it will be very useful now the supply is somewhat limited. (2) If you are able to manage it in the way you suggest, there is no reason why you should not take a nest of Canaries from your hen the last round. The reason breeders have a nest of Canaries first is that the hen is usually fit for breeding before the Finch is ready, and some hens are out going to nest as long as they possibly can. They are forced to pair with a Finch, and the summer is sometimes very far advanced before they begin breeding.

KEEPING OWLS AND MACPIES (Denys Weston).—Both Owls and Macpies can be kept in captivity, although the former are not great favourites with bird-keepers. The Owls require a flesh diet, such as Sparrows, mice, butcher's meat, and

beetles. If you have the means of procuring all these you would be able to keep an Owl. I have had two or three in my time, but I do not "hanker after them." I really think they are more trouble than they are worth. The same amount of trouble and expense would give you far more pleasure with other birds. The Macpie, on the other hand, is a most desirable pet, always amusing and full of life. His food consists of various kind of soft food, such as soaked Melox, puppy biscuits, chicken meal, or insectile food as used for insectivorous birds. He can also have all scraps from the table, smashed nuts, acorns, wheat, and various insects. He should have a cage not less than three feet long with one or two good stout perches (a piece of broom handle does admirably). Let him bathe on all suitable occasions.

LOSING BIRDS (A. Ellison).—I gather from your letter that you have recently lost a number of your birds, both freshly caught and others. I am inclined to think you have imported some disease among them which is carrying them off. My best advice is to send the next one you have die to Mr. Yates for examination, together with the necessary fee for his report. You would then know the cause of death, and possibly be able to avoid more losses.

BREEDING BULLFINCH-CANARY (S. C. Duval).—If I understand your query correctly, you wish to pair a cock Bullfinch to a hen Canary. If you have the birds, there is no harm in your attempting this cross, although it is usually bred the other way—that is, Canary cock and Bullfinch hen. The birds should be put together to get used to each other at once, and if you intend seriously trying to breed with them I would advise you to let them have one of your small aviaries to themselves. (2) The Canary hens should be put in the outside aviaries in the early part of April, taking them, of course, from a cold room, and choosing a period of warm weather for their removal.

FEEDING A GOLDFINCH (V. E.).—It is far too early to think of forcing a Goldfinch into breeding condition. Yours is even now much more forward than the majority of Finches, and I fear you are keeping him too warm, or doing something out of the usual to get him in the condition he is. Remember, the Goldfinch in a wild state is a late-breeding species, and should be treated accordingly. You might try him again this season with the same hen and another. It is not a difficult matter to run a Finch with two hens. As regards feeding, I would advise you to get our Nutshell booklet on the Goldfinch, and feed as directed, both as regards seed and other food.

TROUBLE WITH A REDPOLL (C. M. A.).—The trouble with your Redpoll is that you have fed him too well, and he has had insufficient exercise.

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Discontinue your present method of feeding, and make up the following mixture. Equal parts of canary and teazle seeds, and half the quantity of rape; give him this as a staple food. Offer raw carrot, apple, or other fruit, also be liberal with fresh green-food as soon as you can get it. Dissolve at once as much Glauber salts as will cover a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of water, and add to it six drops of syrup of rhubarb. Give this in the morning, and remove in six hours; before giving them this, take their water away for two hours. Repeat the medicine two days later. Treat both birds in this manner.

LINNET WITH CRAMP (F. C. C.).—Bathe the bird's leg and foot in fairly warm water, then well rub the shank and foot with Old St. Jacob's Oil, working the toe about as you do it. Give the bird an aperient; as much Glauber salts as will cover a sixpence dissolved in one oz. of water. Use the oil daily until you see an improvement, then every other day will probably be sufficient. See that his perches are not all exactly the same size—have one very thin, and the others somewhat larger.

LINNET ILL (M. A.).—I am sorry you do not tell me how you feed your bird, as I feel sure there is something in your treatment that is not quite correct. Give 10 drops of syrup of rhubarb in the drinking water for one day, and repeat a week later. Make some hot bread and milk, and dust a little powdered bismuth over it, giving maw seed to eat in addition. Then soak some canary, rape and teazle, and supply a spoonful daily. I would advise you to get our Nutshell booklet on the Linnet, and treat afterwards as advised in it.

SAMPLE OF SEEDS (Linnet).—I must say that I do not think very much of your sample of seed. It is badly harvested, and much of it immature, besides which it possesses quite a musty flavour. Such seed would possibly have no ill effects upon birds in the open where they get plenty of fresh air and exercise to work it off. I would not advise you to use it in a stock mixture, but a small quantity could occasionally be thrown into an aviary for the birds to peck over.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

DO CALIFORNIAN QUAILS BREED IN CAPTIVITY? (D. Weston).—Yes, but they usually do best in a naturally planted enclosure, though this need not necessarily be large. They require the accommodation given to poultry, viz., a dry and draught-proof shelter, a dry scratching shed, in one corner of which should be a heap of brushwood, and an open run; if this be narrow, it should be planted along the back with a few spreading bushes. A lofty aviary is, however, the best, as the Californian is almost as much an arboreal as a ground bird, and if the aviary be at all low it would be well to keep one wing of each bird properly clipped, or they may damage their heads when they fly up. Their nest is simply a slight depression in the ground which they line with a few bents. Quail chicks require more live-food than poultry chicks, and they should have five ants' eggs and gentles liberally, also

custard for the first ten to fourteen days, but they soon begin to pick up seed, when the supply of live-food may be gradually lessened. Grass clippings, weeds, and other green food should be supplied ad lib at all stages.

FINCHES FOR CAGES (W.K.).—First let me say you nothing smaller than a double breeder without a partition. The question ought not to be how small a cage can I keep a given bird in, but how large a cage can I give it. A pair of Budgerigars would do well in a roomy cage, and, of course, make a fine show of colour. A cage containing, say, two each cock Avadavats and Gold-breasted Waxbills, and one cock each Orange-cheek Waxbill, Firefinch and Conion Glen, would make a charming display and give a considerable amount of soft, pleasing song. Put up three rush nests for them to sleep in, and use only twiggy branches for perches. Another nice series of larger birds would be, cocks only: Grey-necked Serin (Cape Canary), Green Singing Finch, Orange Weaver, and an Alario Finch.

AMAZON WITH GROWTH (Copeland).—I cannot give you a helpful reply while you tell me practically nothing about the bird, no word of how you feed, whether it is tame, a new acquisition, or how long it has been troubled with the growths. I can only say if the bird will allow you to handle it foment the growths with hot water of a heat which does not cause discomfort to your hand. By some means give it a little honey and borax direct to the mouth twice daily, either from the end of a small stick, or spread on a piece of bread, biscuit, or anything similar it will eat. Till the bowels have been well moved, let its drinking water consist of equal parts of Dinneford's Magnesia and tepid water; afterwards only give this sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving freely without being watery-lose. When not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with chemical food. Keep the cages very clean and the bird free from draught.

ARE THEY INJURIOUS? (Shrubs).—The only doubtful one, in my opinion, is the lilac, but I have no real warrant for this doubt; nevertheless, from the beginning I have mistrusted it and never used it. Michaelmas daises, sunflowers, cornflowers, marigolds, and mignonette are all useful in the aviary, both for ornament and utility. I should put in one or two evergreens, say a euonymus, common broad-leaved laurel, and a Portugal laurel; hops and wild clematis are good climbers, and if there are any internal standards supporting the roof of flight put a rambling rose against each. Dock, cow parsley, mallow, plantain, dandelion, and the like make good ground herbage.

FIVE QUERIES (G. H. Leek).—(1) The small green Parrot-like birds in the possession of Italian fortune-tellers are Budgerigars. (2) Yes, they are the smallest of the Parakeets. (3) Their food is canary, white millet, green-food, cuttlebone, grit and water, also millet sprays. (4) An all-wise cage would answer well if it were roomy, say 20in. long, 12 to 15in. wide, and 13 to 24in. high; or a semi-box-type wood cage of similar dimensions, or larger, would answer equally well; use twiggy branches in lieu of perches. (5) They breed freely in cages, but are more prolific in an outdoor aviary, and being gregarious, a small flock is usually kept together in a roomy enclosure, where they are a picture at any time of the day or season. You could breed them in a cage, though they might under such conditions try your patience a little before settling down to nesting. Get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2d. post free, from our Manager, it will tell you all about them.

COW-BIRDS (Piper).—Not difficult to keep once they have got over the journey to this country. They eat a considerable quantity of canary and millet seed, insectile mixture (soft food) and some live insects daily, mealworms, and almost any kind you can capture for them. Mine always showed a predilection for a little ripe fruit, but this taste is by no means general. They also eat green-food somewhat irregularly, at one time partaking thereof freely, and at another almost ignoring it. They are fond of a daily tub, and should not be deprived of it. I have had many specimens, and have had no difficulty in wintering them in an outdoor aviary. I should state, however, that I have not kept them further north than London.

WHAT BIRD? (Curious).—It is rather difficult to define your bird for several reasons. It is a young one, I should say, and not yet in mature plumage, and it is not easy to grip your comparison as to size. If it is a slenderly-built, long-tailed bird, it is probably what is called the All-Gen Parakeet, though I doubt this, as from the head colour you name (it all depends on the depth of the hue) it may possibly be an immature hen Blossom-headed Parakeet. However, if you will kindly make me a pencil diagram of the bird, marking in the approximate length of body and tail in inches, and also divide it up into the various colour patches and write the name of the colour in each patch, I think I can then definitely name it for you. It would be a help if you could give me the colour on the body beneath the wings, and if there are any other small patches of colour indicated anywhere do not fail to include them. I will keep your query by me awaiting the above details.

PLUCKING ITS FEATHERS (B.M.W.).—I do not think the sand is the cause of the trouble, but you can easily make this an impossibility by well baking the sand before use. Once feather-plucking has been indulged in for some time its entire cure is almost an impossibility, apparent cures being followed by frequent relapses. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. In lieu of the general mixture get one quart each canary and white seeds, white oats, hemp, dari, maize, safflower, sunflower seeds, and shelled peanuts—well mix and keep a supply in the cage; give very little cheese; it can have such extras as pieces of household bread, biscuit, plain cake, nuts in variety, such ripe fruit as apple, and banana, etc. Also keep grit (put a pinch of grit on top of sand daily), cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon continually in the cage. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into its drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days well colour the water with chemical food. Spray it twice weekly (but not during severe spells of weather) with a tepid quassa solution. Continue the treatment for two months at least, and then report progress.

AMAZON NOT MOULTING WELL (E. L. S.).—There is not much the matter; no apparently continuous moult is not very uncommon. Give it in lieu of the ordinary drinking water equal parts of Dinneford's magnesia and water till the bowels have been well moved; follow this by well colouring the water with chemical food, except once a week, when one teaspoonful of the fluid magnesia should be put in the water in lieu of the chemical food. Keep it fairly warm and in as regular a temperature as possible, and guard carefully against draught. Continue to give the cod-liver oil emulsion, as this will help

to keep it going while its appetite is not good. Apple is very wholesome; let it have as much as it cares to take. As it persists in taking only certain seeds it must have them, but try it with white millet and safflower seeds, as the variety will be of benefit. As regards getting Budgies to come on the finger, with an already tame bird this should not be very difficult. Use a piece of short stick at first, about as thick as a pencil (a natural stick would be better), and from this to the finger should be merely a question of time and patience. The two cocks should agree together unless they get jealous of each other, owing to both wanting to be petted at once, or each not caring to see the other petted while it stands aside.

DO BISHOP WEAVERS SING? (Welwyn).—All Weavers sing, and sing vigorously, especially during the nesting, but whether most people would call their song a melody is a question. Out of the nesting season the sexes are much alike in plumage, but the variations of the cock bird are usually more contrasting, the colour of his beak more red, and the hue of his plumage generally a little warmer than that of the hen. In the breeding season there is no difficulty in telling them, for while the hen retains the same plumage all the year round, the cock now puts on (comes into colour) a gorgeous satin-like garment of black and yellow, black and orange, or black and scarlet, according to the species. I do not think there is any prospect of them nesting in a cage, though bachelor cocks will weave love nests therein. Several species have bred of late years in natural garden aviaries.

ROSELLA PARAKEETS (Rosella).—(1) It is quite safe to leave them together. (2) I consider it doubtful that they will nest before 1917. At the end of the summer I should catch them up and examine the underside of the flight feathers, in an adult male they are cross-coloured, in a female there is a white streak crossing several of them, forming an irregular white band. It is not well to breed from brother and sister, and when you have ascertained their sex as above I should try and make an exchange with some other fancier to your mutual benefit. (3) You can add fruit to their "bill of fare," and should not give them Parrot mixture. Canary, white millet and white oats are quite sufficient for their seed menu. The other items of dietary you name are quite in order; they can also have stale dry crusts, pieces of biscuit, and a few shelled nuts if they should care for the latter.

COCKATIEL GOING BARE (A. J. D.).—It may be a case of what is called "French Mould," a lack of power in the bird to reproduce shed plumage, owing to inbreeding or some other form of weakness. It

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each); No. 8 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

may, however, come right in the course of the next few months. Put the birds (it will not hurt any of them) on a course of Dinneford's magnesia and chemical food, giving the former sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely. Continue to feed as at present with the following additions: A dish of white oats, and ditto of broken biscuits. It will be well while the birds are under this treatment to remove the bath; at the present season they will be able to get a rain bath when they want one, or if your aviary is all covered in then supply the bath twice a week only. Continue the treatment till the end of March, and then report progress.

BUDGERIGARS WITH YOUNG CANARIES (L. Scott).—I am afraid it is a most risky experiment, which will end only in disaster for the young Canaries, for according to my experience the young Budgies are more mischievous than adults. When I kept Budgerigars in a large aviary with Finches, Buntings, etc., years ago, all went well until they began to multiply, and the young Budgies proved to be murderous little wretches; it was not malice, but merely the result of youthful playfulness, but this did not help matters much for the poor Finches, and I certainly advise a separate flight cage for the young Budgies. Some hen Canaries slug almost as lustily as cocks.

INDIAN ROCK PARAKEET (A. G. H.).—The gram and soaked bread is all wrong, but you must not stop them too suddenly; you must break them off gradually and get the bird on to the diet given in the book as quickly as possible. Water is necessary for Parrots of all kinds, but where it has been with field for a time, the bird must be accustomed to it gradually and allowed to have a few sips at intervals during the day, but as soon as it is accustomed to it again then the water can be left in cage continually. If you were to give it an untasted supply it would over drink to its own hurt. Roughly, the dietary of the bird may be summed up as: Seed mixture, nuts, ripe fruit (any kind it will take), with pieces of biscuit, plain cake and stale crusts as extras. Cuttlebone and grit should be continually in the cage, but grit, like the water, should be given with caution at first, when a bird has been debarran from the same for a time.

POST MORTEMES.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 2s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. Sawyer.—Canary died of toxic poisoning, due to substances generated in the intestine, the products of bacteria probably introduced with food.

Miss Constance Andrews.—Cirrhosis or hardening of the liver, a disease of some standing, and primarily induced by the ingestion of some irritant or poisonous particles at some period.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Birds for an Outdoor Aviary (Novice).—If you will send your name and address, and repeat your query, with some particulars as to whether you prefer Canaries, foreign birds, or British, we shall be very pleased to help you.

MASSIVE, lightly marked, Crested cock, grand songster, 15/-; lovely buff marked Border cock, winner first and special, four classes, 15/-; clear yellow cock, 10/6; clear buff cock, 8/6; exchange Yorkshires, either sex: Reynolds, 23, Main-rd., St. James, Northampton. (307)

SALE or exchange for singing Canaries 18-ct. heavy solid gold chain ring, cost 42/-, sell 25/-; lady's 9-ct. gold keyless wrist watch, cost 35/-, sell 20/-; 1-plate double extension leather bellow camera, with tripod and fittings complete, cost 57/6, sell 20/-; L. Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Letonstone. (308)

SALE or Exchange, two clear yellow Norwich cocks, and two buff hens, 35/-, and 30/- pair; grand stock birds, also buff Norwich cock and yellow hen, 25/-, worth double, would exchange two pairs for good English concertina, treble, 4 keys; approval: Wilkinson, 113, West View, Clitheroe, Lancs. (300)

FOR Sale, 11 Yorkshires, some winners, two nine-compartment cages, 6ft. flight, 4ft. flight, singing cage, six show cages and cases, all as new, 41 worth of seeds, 10 cottle fish, egg mill, seed mill, prayer, all utensils, 410 the lot, a bargain; particulars by letter: J. Hubbard, 52, Penygraig-rd., Penygraig. (299)

Mainly Foreign.

TALKING Parrot and cage, ideal pet, healthy condition, 20/-; Mrs. F. Carry, 206, Dudley Port. (309)

EXCHANGE talking Parrot and cage for birds, or sell 25/-; Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (299)

TWO Parrots; what offers in common cock canaries: Mr. Finch, 38, Wardley-st., Garratt-lane, Earlsfield. (302)

AMAZON Parrot, well acclimatised, grand plumage, say few words; exchange gent's speed cycle, 76, Woodbine-st., East, Rochdale. (303)

SALE or exchange for pair Yellow Budgerigars, cream and white Pom., three months, sell 10/-; Cleaves, George-st., Pontypool, Mon. (305)

PEACH-FACED Lovebirds, acclimatised, 50/- pair, sent at my risk: cash or deposit Editor: C. A. Luer, 87, Selater-st., Shoreditch, London. (309)

Miscellaneous.

BRADBURY boot patching machine, 75/- cash; or exchange: 17, Pembroke-rd., Walthamstow. (310)

48 KEY Lachenal concertina, treble, 42/- cash; exchange: 17, Pembroke-rd., Walthamstow. (316)

WHAT offers for a good pair of Crests or a good dog: J. Henderson, 21, Cowper Square, Blyth. (309)

WANTED, pair Canaries; exchange rolled gold watch, new: Drummond, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (309)

EXCHANGE Lady's silver watch for cock Roller: Mortimer, 13, Rally Gardens, Bishops Auckland. (309)

ANOTHER Brindle Mastiff dog 30/-, or exchange; deal head: Fred Roberts, 7, Rhodes-st., Castleford. (309)

TAME Owl, 3/6; Eclipse guitar zither, 15/-; or exchange Canaries: Oldfield, 8, Mount Pleasant, Clowne, Derby. (309)

TWO strong boots, size 13, both left foot, exchange Canaries: Hanbury, Somerset Boathouse, Congleton. (309)

EXCHANGE five exhibition Homers, two workers, for Canaries, Mule, anything useful: Sissons, South Milford. (309)

WILL exchange liver and white Spaniel dog for two pair Borders (clears), or sell cheap: Hind, Lorch, Annan. (312)

WILL give a near new square Parrot cage for a good yellow Norwich hen, or offers: Steele, 201, City-rd., Manchester. (310)

ELECTRIC cable, two coils, 220 yards (new); what offers cash or exchange: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (309)

EXCHANGE good safety razor for a yard dog; hob-tail preferred: H. Milne, Dunkirk House, off Holland-st., Rochdale. (309)

FINE old violin, cost £8, sell £2/10/-, exchange; offers invited; all letters answered: Stapleton, 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (207)

EXCHANGE good fishing tackle for British or Roller Canaries: Wilson, 188, Tompkinson-rd., Stockingford, Nuneaton. (303)

EXCHANGE 100 fretwork designs for Randall's hens, 1915, or offers; yours first: Jeffries, Vine House, Shipston-on-Stour. (305)

WANTED Norwich cock, songster, for two show cages, case; cock Bramblefinch, 7/6 lot; 11, Duke-st., Swinton, Rotham. (303)

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The Great Grey Shrike, the bird on the left of our picture, is a somewhat rare visitor to our shores, and is not often seen on the show-bench. The Waxwing is much better known, as it sometimes comes to us in immense flocks, and it is a familiar bird at our exhibitions. The Great Grey Shrike here depicted won 1st prize and special at the Aberdeen show for Mr. E. Taylor, Glasgow, and the Waxwing is the beautiful specimen which won 1st prize at the Holborn Hall Show for its owner, Mr. B. Robinson, Redditch.

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A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder of high-class Crests; a few good Crested cocks for sale, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and 30/- each; approval.

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GENUINE clearance sale. Grouped up. Group 43. Must sell all my birds immediately, until after the war. Unfledged varieg. buff hen, 1st Bristol in class of 16, also other honours, under Battye and Robson, price £4; also young clear buff hen, grand size, £3; clear buff cock, 1914 bird, 1st leading, etc., with young clear yellow hen, 45/- the pair; yellow cock and variegated buff hen, 1914, £3; 1915 marked buff cock, 30/-; ditto variegated buff, 20/-; young clear buff, 20/-; clear yellow cock, 20/-; young variegated yellow cock, 40/-; and many others; no dealers; stamp reply; cash or deposit: Wren, 57, Norrey's aven., Oxford. (321)

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1914 clear buff cock, winning 1st and 2nd, good head and substance, and unfledged yellow hen, 40/-; another 1914 deep chested buff and unfledged yellow hen, 35/-; grand stock pairs; cocks proved breeders; approval; cash or deposit: Dean, Holmwood, Matlock.

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for stock, 1915 bred, grand heads, substance, lovely quality feather, two clears, two marked, 12/6 each, or 45/- the four; grand ticked buff hen, topper, 8/6; also 1915 bred massive big headed clear buff hen, deep chest, gem, only 15/6; bred from cup winners: George Cubley, Lutton Gwts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

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Having attested, my entire stock of Norwich, including winners in champion section, for disposal; cocks from 10/6 to 50/-, hens from 7/6 to 30/-, pairs from 15/- to £3 10s.; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned; here's fine opportunity for amateur or novice, as material is already made for successful exhibition; these are absolutely genuine. (328)

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BREEDER OF CHAMPION NORWICH

has a few birds bred from his well-known strain of winners still for disposal; see this season's show reports; inspection invited; approval; prices from 10/- each, pairs from 15/-: 8a, Percival-st., High-town, Manchester. (266)

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH

From our well-known strain. Only few left. Yellow cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; buff hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

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RHODES noted Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, winners of cups, gold, silver and bronze medals, etc., latest wins, 1st and special Leeds, two seconds, fourth, he, 5 specials, International; 5th, two c's, Wolverhampton; fourth, c, Bacup; winners bred and sold by me this season, first and special Bacup, champion class; fifth, special, Leeds; fifth, special, International; cocks from 25/-, hens 7/6; 40, James-st., Bilston, Staffs.

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, breeder and trainer purest Seierters, Glucke, etc., 110 bred 1915; stamp. (86)

PURE Roller hens, 3/- each, or two 5/-: Gray, Warthill Station, York. (324)

WANTED Rollers, best prices given; prompt cash offer to: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (328)

1915 Roller cocks, singing, 4/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2/4, 3/-: Lloyd, A. Varies, Gorseinon, Glam. (304)

FIVE young Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung, 4/6 each, 18/- for the five: R. Fletcher, 25, Cross-st., Prescott. (319)

GRAND singing cocks, no choppers, 6/6 each, bargains: Seymour, 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (323)

Several high-class Roller hens, grand condition, 3/- and 3/6 each: Miss Jones, Harlech House, Aberystwyth. (328)

TWO 1915 bred Roller hens, Ives' and Randall's strains, good ones, 8/6 both: George Cubley, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire. (324)

WANTED good Schoolmaster; give good silver English lever watch, cost £6, sell 25/-: Worrell, Church-st., Anfield Plain. (321)

WANTED first-class Roller Schoolmaster, also hen to match, cheap; state colours, strain: Cigar Stores, Cartergate, Newark. (323)

ROLLER Canary, in full song, B.R.C.C. 1915 rung, Randall's, and new drawing-room cage, 25/- cash: Lindley, 79, Clarke-st., Rochdale. (320)

BARGAIN, splendid pair of Water-Glucke Rollers for sale, 15/-; cock in full song: F. W. Stiekland, Westminster-rd., Rushall, Walsall. (321)

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TWO 1915 buff Roller hens, healthy, 6/-; six splendid single 18in. square cages, 4/- lot; stamp reply: Hilton, Queen's-rd.-terr., Littleborough. (319)

GENUINE Three extra deep Glucke cocks, B.R.C.C. rung, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each; exchange: John son, Brunswick-terr., Stackstead, Bacup. (319)

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PAIR 1914 Rollers, Club rung, Randall's strain, first P.O. 10/6, rare bargain; tremendous large 1914 Yorkshire yellow hen, sell 3/-; letters only; stamp reply: Collinson, Confectioner, South-st., Bourne, Lincs. (323)

ROLLER hens, buff, deep yellow variegated, invaluable for breeding, colour and song, 3/6 and 4/- each; five clear, deep yellow, double Roller-Yorkshire cross, 4/- each; cocks all sold: Seekings, 62, Wichech-rd., March, Cambs. (323)

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K. PERICLES, Champion Rollers, has few cocks for disposal, bred from his well-known winners, also winner of the champion young birds point competition, 1915 season of the P.R.C.C. Gluck and Water Gluck strain, 20/-, 25/- each; approval: "Akropolis," 37, Palatine-rd., Withington, Manchester.

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Splendid Roller cocks, full song, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 5/- upwards; Yorkshires and Norwich same prices; stamp reply: Russell, 83, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (302)

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Scotch Fancies.

WANTED, good stock Scotch Fancy hen: Richard Allan, 4, Old Irvine-rd., Kilmarnock. (326)

SALE or exchange, grand big buff pied cock (bred), value £3, for buff hen, any colour; approval: Burnside, Ellenslea, Lesmahagow.

Yorkshires.

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MESSRS. AMBLERS, the Crystal Palace Champions, can spare the following Yorkshires: Big variegated buff cock, feathered like silk, grand stock bird, 37/6; buff exhibition cock, beautiful shape, like wax, £2 2/-; another show bird, 60/-; clinking buff stock cock, lovely feather, 35/-; four grand pairs 20/- pair; full of quality; best blood procurable. Note our new address: 8, Rawson-st., Harrogate.

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WANTED Norwich, best price given: Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (319)

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TYPICAL colour-fed Yorkshires; cocks, singing, 10/-; hens, 5/-: Stark, 222, Ribblesdale-rd., Street-ham. (312)

PREVENTED breeding, high-class stock birds, cocks, hens, 10/- to 50/-; approval: Levy, 614, Fulham-rd. (312)

FIVE well-bred Yorks. hens, three yellow, two buff, 3/-, 3/6 each; approval: Lang, 73, Oakfield-rd., Walthamstow. (319)

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HIGH-CLASS unfledged buff Yorkshire cock, 15/-; buff hen, 5/-: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (321)

TWENTY good class upstanding buff and yellow hen Yorkshires, 4/6, 5/6, 6/- each: Harper, 21, Hanover-rd., Kensal Rise, London. (292)

FEW pairs Yorkshires, also odd hens; grand quality; seen any time: Scudder, 45, Ashland House, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W. (324)

FEW grand young Yorkshire hens, splendid condition, 4/6 and 5/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Smith, 10, Waterloo-st., Hove. (324)

HAMILTON, 71, Pulborough-rd., Southfields. Hens: Closed ring clear buff, 10/-; yellow green, 10/-; marked buff, 5/-; inspection invited. (320)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for cash, same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton.

YORKSHIRE yellow cock, yellow and buff hens, three, 12/6; pair Green Budegiers, 6/6; room wanted: Hodgson, Newton House, Northallerton.



HENS???

Extra good large Yorkshire and Norwich hens, ready to nest, at 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Colour-fed or natural colour. Also good Sib. bred hens for light or dark Mule breeding at same prices. Champion large Norwich cocks, on full song, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Pairs, matched to breed winners, at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. All colours in stock. Matched pairs of Crests at 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. Crested and Crestbred Cocks at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Ditto Hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand lot of Border hens, including even marks, self cinnamon, self greens, and clears, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Matched Pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair. Reliable Feeding Hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. Terms: Seven days' approval.

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/6; Binn's strain; approval; inspection invited: Harris, 9, Whitecross-rd., Richmond, Surrey. (292)

P. JOHNSTON, 123, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, London, N., offers few choice buffs, some winners; excellent value offered to clear surplus; stamp reply.

UNFLEDGED clear buff cock, Cinnamon-marked hen, 12/6 pair; cold-room bred; on approval; stamp reply: Taylor, Lindon-st., Haworth, Yorkshire. (315)

LARGE upstanding yellow cock Yorks. Canary and two typical buff hens, all young, 20/-; or would sell separately: Howard, 27, Rosslyn-bill, Hampstead, London. (323)

R. TINDALE offers several pairs of real good Yorkshires, at prices from 30/- to 65/- per pair; approval; deposit: 6, Gill-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (326)

CRAVEN, Yorkshire exhibitor and breeder, has four buff cocks, good length and size, fine carriage; pairs, buff cock, yellow hen: 8, Yelverton-terrace, Plymouth.

SLIM, stylish Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, sacrifice 15/-; or exchange two house-moulded cock Goldfinches; approval: Robinson, 294, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire. (325)

TWO pair Yorkshires, 1st and 3rd Wimbledon Pair Show, see report, 25/-, 22/6; odd typical cocks and hens from winners, bargains; deposit: Farley, 196, South Park-rd., Wimbledon. (321)

WANTED, two Yorkshire and two Norwich hens; only reliable and the highest class entertained; particulars and lowest price: S. Atkinson, 29, Park-ercent, Finchley, London, N. (326)

H. NEIGHBOUR has a few good Yorkshires for sale, also one yellow cock and three buff Border hens, also Greenfink-Redpoll pair, 5/-, cheap to clear: 12, Arthur-rd., Holloway. (322)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires for sale; some real good pairs from 17/6 per pair; odd birds: cocks from 12/6, hens from 6/6; seen any time; approval, deposit: H. Smith, 114, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (324)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Norwich from my noted strain, cocks at 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; on approval: E. Cheshire, 24, Crawford-st., Bradford. (194)

1914 YELLOW cinnamon marked Yorkshire hen, long slim typical specimen, sell 10/6; or exchange for good clear or lightly-marked buff Yorkshire hen or pair Borders: Sutherland, Rambodde, Forres.

KING'S celebrated Yorkshire, splendid length, type and quality; cocks, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (328)

G. R. BARKER—Having selected my breeding stock have two pairs to dispose of, same strain as my winners, 25/- pair; see show report last week; inspection invited any time: Dale-terr., Lingdale, Boosbeck. (321)

HIGH-class Yorkshires, including cup winners, clears, cinnamons, marked green, marked pink eyes; pairs or singles; inspection invited: also Yorkshire-Belgian crosses: R. Welsh, 93, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (195)

EXCHANGE pair good Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow hen, unfledged, for 3 double breeders, 36x15 x10, good condition, or sell, 18/-; light Goldfinch mule cock, winner, healthy, 15/-: Smithers, Builders, Hadlow, Kent. (325)

WILL give 7/- each for any quantity of colour-fed cocks, or 10/- pair; no matter if small, providing healthy, and cocks on song; send your offers at once to G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. Telegrams, Parakeet. 'Phone, Central 689.

CHAMPION Yorkshires: Buff cock and yellow hen, first class pair, same I use myself, will breed winners 20/-; another grand pair, not quite so long, 16/-; grand young reliable hens, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; approval, 4 days; cold room kept: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (303)

REDUCING my breeding stock; clear yellow cock, 30/-; unfledged yellow ticked cock, 20/-.

The above are bred from my noted winning strain. This is a bargain, and will get good value for their money; approval: Willie Wadsworth, Station-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (326)

CHAMPION Yorkshires.—G. A. Parker has some of the best; winners of nine cups 1914 and 1915; cocks, 10/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; pairs, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-; cash or deposit; reasonable approval; inspection cordially invited: 17, Litchfield-aven., Stratford, E. (265)

WINNERS for sale.—(1) Clear yellow cock, winner many 1sts and specials, and recently vic Holborn Hall; (2) clear unfledged yellow cock, 1st, spl. members' Plymouth show, wonderful feather, good length; (3) marked buff stock cock, by noted winner, has produced winners this season: C. W. Nicholls, Seed Merchant, Helston. (313)

1914 upstanding clear buff Yorkshire cock, 7/ins., very long wings, little open feather, 21/-; typical variegated yellow hen, 12/6; pair 30/-; 1915 clear buff cock, winner, and extra long clear yellow hen, 22/6 pair; yellow Green hen, 8/6; clear buff hen, 10/6; all above are healthy, typical birds of grand type and quality; only require seeing; approval: Drew, 27, Oxford-st., Manchester. (317)

H. J. CHITTENDEN invites you, if in Bradford, to call and inspect his stock of Yorkshires any time. Having to reduce his stock of well-known winning Yorkshires that have produced so many winners consistently for years, if not able to call will send on approval. Yellow or buff cocks, clear or variegated, fit to win, at 15/-, 20/- to 35/-; hens, 8/6, 10/-, 15/- to 25/-, for quick sale; they must be sold and are really good birds: 53, Carlisle-rd., Marnham.

800 PAIRS YORKSHIRES,

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair

I have some splendid specimens of Yorkshires at above prices; every bird is in perfect health and condition; cocks in full song, hens in perfect feather and full of life. My rooms contain over 1,600 Yorkshires at the present time, and I invite you to come and make your own selection. If that is not possible I will send one or more pairs to any address in the kingdom, on 10 days' approval at my sole risk, on receipt of cash or deposit with editor. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to everyone.

Single birds as follows: Cocks, in full free song, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; hens ready for pairing, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 to 20/- each.

Travelling cages 3d. extra; see my advt. on page 124. The above can be supplied in yellows or buffs, clears, ticked or marked.

All birds put on rail sameday as order is received.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder, Exhibitor and Exporter, AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; cocks, 10/6; hens, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each, worth 30/- each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorks. (304)

ATKINSON AND FIRTH

Having further decided to reduce our stock we have about 10 pairs of extra choice birds from 2/- upwards; state wants: 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford.

WANTED, YORKSHIRES

Colour-fed; give 7/3 each, cocks, full song; 3/3 hens, any quantity. Bankers, County of Westminster and South Western 'Phone 3217 Dalston. Particulars, stamp reply: Oliver, 101, Bridport-place, Hoxton.

G. SNEAD

has a fine selection of Yorkshire cocks for sale, from 10/6 upwards; only a limited number of hens, price £1 each; every bird my own breeding; satisfaction guaranteed; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: Address, 133, Arncliffe-terrace, Horton Grange-rd., Bradford. (324)

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

I have absolutely the finest and largest stock of Yorkshires and Norwich in Bradford that are for sale. One grand unfledged green marked yellow cock, 7in. long, and can win, price 20/-; with buff hen to match, 10/-, or 28/6 the pair; also some good long slim cocks, well bred and in full song, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens to match, feathered like silk, at 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 12/- each; all cold-room bred and ready for breeding. Norwich same prices. Six days' approval. Cash or deposit Editor: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (323)

INSPECTION INVITED

Stock birds for sale, cheap; cocks and hens; yellows, buffs and variegated; seen any time; guaranteed healthy and in breeding condition: H. Smith, 114, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (322)

Various Canaries.

SMART yellow Yorkshire cock, in song, first P.O. for 4/- gets him: Sagar, 27, Eboda-st., Nelson. (322)

MUST sell. Four beautiful young cock Canaries, from outdoor aviary, 5/6 each: Ward, Corsham, Wilts. (320)

TWO pairs of yellow Canaries, 15/-; bargain; must sell, joining group: Ayles, 15, Harris-st., Markhouse-rd., Leyton. (327)

BARGAIN: Grand lot Canaries, cocks 3/6, pairs 5/6; package, 3d.; approval: McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

I WILL give 10/- a pair upwards for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart., 530, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (293)

NORWICH, Yorkshires, Rollers, Borders, singles and pairs, from 4/-; fancy cages cheap; part exchange Yorkshire show cages: Saunders, 117, Boyson-rd., Walthow. (319)

SPLENDID pair Norwich Canaries, 15/-; big Norw. wch hen, 7/6; grand cock Goldfinch Mule, 7/-; variegated cock Mule, 10/-; Linnet cock Mule, 5/-: Abbott, 16, Trafalgar-rd., Greenwich. (322)

MULES—HYBRIDS.

WANTED cock Goldfinch Mule, in song, good colour: Elliott, Carlett, Eastham, Cheshire. (325)

BROWN Linnet Mule, Goldfinch note, used to catching, 10/-, or offers: Turbulla, Montgomery. (319)

THREE splendid young hen Canaries, suitable muling, 10/6 lot: Troke, 71, Parchment-st., Winchester. (319)

COCK Linnet and hen Canary, bred several nests of Mules, sacrifice 10/-; honestly worth £3: Mrs. Dutton, Dunstable.

TWO 1915 cock Linnet Mules, good songsters, Finch notes, 7/6 each, or 14/- two: Grindley, 11, North-aven., Letchworth, Herts. (321)

CANARY-REARER 1914 cock Goldfinch, splendid colour and condition, certain breeder, 7/6: Arthur Brotherhood, Newport, Salop. (327)

CHARMING variegated Goldfinch-Canary Mule, lovely colour, in full song, 12/-; approval: Walcock, 18, Lakefield-rd., Wood Green. (330)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sole light Mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (304)

TWO grand unfledged Norwich hens, selected specially for muling, extra size and colour, 10/- each; approval, deposit: only terms: Gibbon, High-st., Stourbridge. (320)

GOLDFINCH Mules, one dark, 12/6; two var., 5/6 and 10/-; cock Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, winner, 20/-; cock Goldfinch-Redpoll, 30/-: A. Williams, jun., 18, Elgin-st., Kirkcaldy. (320)

SCOTCH Linnets, immense size, splendid colour, good lacings, breeding condition, 3/6 each, three 0/-; exchange Canaries; approval: Macrystal, 16, Langlands-rd., Govan, Glasgow. (309)

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

- June 10-12.—**Liverpool Grand National British Bird Show.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 65, Brunswick Rd.)
- Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road.) J. W. B., J. C. B., G. L., C. H.
- Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
- Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)
- Nov. 17-19.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
- Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes St.)
- Nov. 29-30.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

- J. C. BARNES**, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
- THOS. BENNETT**, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.
- J. W. BRUCE**, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
- W. A. COWGILL**, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
- GEO. GARDNER**, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
- C. HOBBS**, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
- J. HOLROYD**, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
- J. R. HOUGHTON**, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
- C. A. HOUSE**, Brinkdene, Lide, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
- J. W. METCALFE**, Yorkshire Aviarist, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
- W. MUNDELL**, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
- H. NORMAN**, The Lyric, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Canaries and British Birds.
- J. PATTERSON**, Chinside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist in Border-Fancy Judge.
- J. A. PAYNE**, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
- C. E. SILK**, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
- JAMES STANGER**, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
- HENRY TAMS**, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
- S. TICKELL**, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
- W. VARDY**, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
- J. WILCOCK**, The Fountain Inn, Ecclehill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
- G. WILSON**, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Bilt., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
- W. YOUNG**, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Twitterings.

Garston B.B.A. has fixed July 1st for its N.F. Show, and Dec. 2 for the Annual Show, writes Mr. R. T. Lonsdale, hon. sec. Will local sees. and others please note to avoid clashing.

I have taken over again the secretaryship of the Ilkeston C.B.S., Mr. G. Siddown having resigned, so all communications should be addressed to me, writes Mr. T. Smith, 5, King Street, Ilkeston.

A lecture on Hybrids, by Mr. Mortlock, will be given at the monthly meeting of the London and P.O.S. on Thursday, March 16, at the Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street (adjoining the old G.P.O.), at 8. All fanciers welcome.

Fanciers should book to 60, Paddington St., near Baker St. Station, on Monday next, March 13, at 8, to hear Mr. Frank Cole's lecture "Shall I win if I inbreed?" Those who attend may rest assured it will be an hour well spent.

On March 25, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, commencing at 6.30, there will be a smoking concert and distribution of prizes of the Yorkshire Union C.B.S., Yorks C.C., National Green-backed Y.C.C., and the Open Norwich P.H.C.

We have received from Mr. Enoch Tams, Longton, his 1916 catalogue of birds, appliances, breeding and requisites, etc. Prices are little if any above those ruling before the war, and Mr. Tams says he is offering at low prices to keep his trade together. A very laudable proceeding.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawing of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

The prize offered for the best answer to the question "What is the best singing bird?" has been awarded to Mr. A. H. Mudge, 47, Wilton Grove, Morton Park, Wimbledon, for his reply which appeared on page 129 of our March 4 issue. The cash or books to value, as may be preferred, will be sent on application.

Owing to being grouped up, writes Mr. T. W. Wren, Oxford, I find I must sell the whole of my stock of Canaries, British, etc., which I am advertising this week in CAGE BIRDS. I am very disappointed to have to do so, but hope to take up the hobby again after the war, all being well with me.

British Classes for Yorkshire Union Shows.

It has been decided that at future shows held under Yorkshire Union rules two open classes for British birds will be provided.

IN AID OF THE NOVICE.

In our issue of Feb. 26 we invited our readers to answer any or all of six questions as below:—

- 1.—What variety of Canary is the best for keeping as a household pet; why is it the best, how should it be caged, and how should it be fed?
- 2.—If you had a friend who wished to start Canary breeding with one pair of birds, without any previous knowledge, how would you advise him to begin, and how should he proceed throughout the breeding season?
- 3.—What is the best British seed-eating bird for a novice, and how should he cage and feed it?
- 4.—What is the best British insectivorous bird for a novice, and how should he cage and feed it?
- 5.—What is the most likely pair of birds to produce rare or unique hybrids, and how should they be housed and fed? If young should result, what special treatment would they require?
- 6.—What would be a nice small collection of foreign birds that might be kept by anyone without especial skill, and how should they be treated?

The response to our invitation has exceeded all anticipation, and it gives us great pleasure to find that the more experienced among our readers are so ready to give their knowledge for the benefit of those who may yet have to take their first step in the fascinating hobby of bird-keeping.

It has been impossible this week to do more than to take absolutely at random one reply to each question, but we shall publish a further selection next week, and announce the winner of the prize. (See page 145.)

The Patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club.

Secretaries of Societies desiring the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club should write to the hon. sec., Mr. E. Barron, 119, Montrose-st., Glasgow.

The Late Wheatear.

One of the earliest birds to return in spring from its African winter quarters is the Wheatear, familiar in the hill country, and on arrival and towards its departure on our shores also. Conspicuous from its white rump, it is also beautiful in its grey and black or warm buff plumage, according to sex and season. But there are two races of this bird, and it is the smaller of the two which arrives first, to be followed a month later by the larger race called the Greenland or greater Wheatear, which is only a bird of passage here, seen on its way to and its return from its breeding haunts beyond our islands. Probably late Wheatears seen inland are in most cases to be referred to the larger race, as the bulk of them must pass through later at both seasons. One of our readers, says the "Glasgow Evening Citizen," saw one on his garden wall at Cardonald on Oct. 16, a likely date for the Greenland Wheatear, and a suspiciously late date for any self-respecting common Wheatear.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Gateshead C.B.S. will be held on March 18, at 8, at Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, for the election of officials, etc. Having called this meeting, writes Mr. W. Curry, Sec., 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle, on a date to suit members their attendance will be appreciated, and a hearty welcome will be given to new members. Any member who cannot attend should sent to Mr. Curry any business he would like to have brought forward on the agenda.

Birds at the Front.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has made in its journal a collection of notes on bird-life sent home by soldiers in the trenches. Men write of the pleasure with which they hear Larks, Thrushes, and even Nightingales singing with absolute unconcern in places where the sound of bursting shells and the rattle of the rifle was heard day and night. A gunner records the eccentric behaviour of a family of Blackbirds that built their nest in the body of a field gun which had only been out of use for four days, and during that time the nest was built and three eggs laid. Though the gun was fired each of the three days afterwards, two more eggs were laid. "Last night when the bird came back to her nest they were standing to and getting the gun ready for action. The bird sat on a hough above and waited till they had finished." Soldiers who have been through gas attacks allege that they have been warned by the behaviour of the birds of the coming of the gas during the night. Before the smell of the fumes can be detected in the trenches the soldiers are warned by the noise of birds awakened from their night peches.

How I Began
Canary Breeding.
By S. T., Dover.
(Continued from page 48.)

A Comprehensive Account of the first season's doings of a novice, which should make Canary Breeding easy to those similarly placed.

AT this time I reduced the food to plain canary seed, and gave no greenfood until the day before I expected chicks, when a little egg-food was placed in the egg-drawer.

On the morning the chicks were due I found some shells on the sand-drawer and then sung it all over the house that I had some chicks, and later in the day I found that three were hatched. Think of the delight, and how I watched the old lady perform her duties—a most interesting period. I now placed the pure yolk of egg, well chopped, for the hen to feed from with the usual maw seed scattered on to keep her keen on it. About the other two eggs, these I found later to be clear. Never mind; I was quite satisfied with three little ones.

The Menu When Young Are in the Nest.

After the second day I added some well crushed tea biscuits to the egg, so that it was about half and half, and on the fifth day I gave a little green food, chickweed in its seedling stage, also a little soaked rape was added to the egg-food, taking care that this seed was not left in the cages for more than ten hours, or it would have gone sour; in fact when the weather is very warm I consider now six to eight hours quite sufficient.

On the eighth day the little ones' eyes were open. Egg-drawers and all utensils were kept very clean, for I knew that too much attention could not be paid to this item. After the tenth day I gradually substituted the egg-food, and gave some prepared egg-food, many kinds of which are advertised in CAGE BIRDS, and I found this far cheaper, and quite as well.

I kept an eye on the young birds to find out whether they were being catered for properly by the mother, this can easily be detected by their little necks. I was extremely hopeful one day when I saw the cock bird feeding the young, he had been very good all through. About this time I prepared a new nest for them, taking the old one away. It is not necessary to put a lot of material in it, just the pan with a good lining is all that is required.

On the twenty-sixth day I found the youngsters beginning to get to the edge of the nest, they should never be suddenly scared when this is to be seen taking place, once they are frightened out of the nest it is very difficult to make them keep to it again. It is always advisable to keep them to their nest as long as possible but about the twenty-eighth day to the thirtieth the birds insisted on inspecting the cage from floor to perch. This is a time when they must be encouraged to feed for themselves. Into a small vessel I placed the egg-food and a little soaked rape

Singing Contests.

BARNSELEY.

Linnet contest, Dove Inn, Doncaster, the first time we have had a face sing, and hope it is the last if they call this Linnet singing. We had two members of Castleford Club to give us information. 1 min. face and 3 bluff, 4 in all; 1, Hardman, 100 sec.; 2, Jones, 90; Fairham, 38; Coles, 25. Castleford members thought it an open sing, but if we have an open sing it will be advertised in CAGE BIRDS. —J. Hardman, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, March 4; 33 birds entered for 4 minutes time singing, and some very nice singing was heard. 1, 145; 2, 109; 3, P. Piper; 3, Beard, 91. Open sing March 5; 37 competed, 3 minutes' time sing. 1, 2, 3, Piper. Mr. Piper is open to sing any red-breasted bird in Yorkshire, 5 seconds a break, 4 minutes time, from 41 up to 45, in the Pontefract Club window.—J. Beard, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Mar. 5; 26 birds sang. 1, Binks; 2, Wharman; 3, shared Wigfield and Binks. Judges, T. Summers and W. Lipman. W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Club open contest, March 5. Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane. Twenty birds faced the judges, A. Lorrman, N. Solomon, 1, Chippendale; 2, 4, Dearlove; 3, J. Lorrman.—F. Turner, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest, March 4, for time and quality. 91 birds sang for 8 prizes, combined Leeds and Castleford. Quality singing. 1, Wharman; 2, Stead; 3, Chippendale; 4, Butler. Judges, Naylor and Hayes. Time singing: 1, W. Watkiss; 2, 8, Morley; 3, Colinson; 4, Wainright. Judges: E. Wainwright, J. Brindley, C. Scott, A. Watkiss. Chalker, G. Worral. March 5, quality contest. 23 sang: 1, Thompson; 2, Wood; 3, T. Johnson; 4, Sissons; consolation prize, Sissons. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Hayes, Linnet contest, March 5, 18 sang: 1, Wood; 2, Johnson; 3, Thompson; 4, Stead. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Hayes. —W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

mixed on to the floor of the cage, and it was not long before I found the youngsters making curious inspection with their beaks to find out what it was for.

Teaching the Young to Feed Themselves.

Now I began to get puzzled, puzzles come in every undertaking. The old lady had taken a nasty idea in her head—plucking the feathers from the young. Feathers were flying all over the cage-bottom; some were placed in the nest. I knew what this meant; she wanted to nest again. What was I to do?

This is how I overcame that difficulty. The youngsters were placed in the next compartment, sliding in the wire partition, took the nest pan away, and the cock. The result was she seemed to find nothing else to do but feed the young through the wires, as they kept worrying her for a feed. The young had to be taught to feed for themselves as much as possible at this time, so I placed in a shallow vessel (egg-drawer will do) some soaked seed (canary and rape) and in another vessel some egg-food scattered with maw, a little crushed hemp, and crushed canary.

Crushed seeds help them along wonderfully. They will make an awkward job of it at first, but in a day or so they will get more used to it. I tried putting the wooden partition in for an hour or two daily, so as to make them try eating for themselves; this I found very successful, and at the end of five weeks I found them looking after themselves very well, so I put them into a separate flight. I did not offer the bath to young birds until they were about seven or eight weeks old.

Beware of the Draught.

About the moult—here I learnt a lesson. My little corner where the birds were kept was found to be too draughty as soon as the cooler winds came due, and one morning I found one poor little bird in a helpless condition, trying hard to breathe by gasping. I guessed pneumonia had seized him, and I tried at saving his life—but alas! he died that evening. I soon set to to remedy matters, and put the birds in a room facing S.E., where no draughts could reach them. I did not lose any more birds through the moult, nor have I had trouble with any since.

I might mention I did not try colour-feeding, as I was seeking to overcome all troubles, and get used to the routine. These birds I have now, and have been offered 10s. for the one which turned out to be a cock. I have only related the history of one pair; I had two going that year, from the other pair I reared two out of three eggs. Being handy with tools, I make all my own cages, and have just completed a large flight built to the walls of the room which is admired by all who see it.

During the last three days I have sold birds to the value of £2 6s. through a local advert. I have a friend who has taken up this hobby through my selling him a bird, and this year is going in for it strong. He has the "Bird Fever," and a very pleasant fever to have too. Let any reader try his or her hand at Canary breeding, and I feel sure none will ever regret it. I have found my practical experience through CAGE BIRDS, never once being verbally schooled. If one uses proper methods, Canaries can be made profitable.

The Best Softbill for a Novice.

The Starling.

By DAN McARTHUR (Edinburgh).

IN choosing a bird for a novice the essential points to keep in mind are cost, hardiness and easiness to feed, rather than song or beauty, and the softbill I have selected—the Starling—combines all three points admirably.

The cost in this case need be only a few coppers—a hand-reared one can be had for a couple of shillings. It is one of our hardiest birds, and very easy to keep in health. It will eat almost anything. Add to these facts natural beauty, cheerful, continuous, if chattering song, the power of mimicry, a knowing manner and cheeky familiarity, and you have a bird that is far above the Blackie or the Thrush for a novice. To my mind that is. As a children's pet he stands alone, being so tame and confiding.

A box cage is the only one suitable, and it should not be less than 24 by 15 by 15 inches if the bird is to get justice, as he is one of our most active birds, full of the joy of living. The inside should be painted light blue or green to throw up the beauties of his spangled breast and purple neck. The wire front should have a wide door so that every part of the cage can be thoroughly cleaned. The tray should be of galvanised iron (zinc is out of the question at its war price) one inch deep, and covered food and water vessels outside. Two perches from back to front and one running right across the cage about two inches up from tray and level with the food holes. I also put on a hinged slip of wood to keep the tray in, and make the cage look more finished.

A bath seems to be more necessary to these birds than food, and it can't be too often given. As one of the hang-on kind is of little use to them, the bird must be encouraged to come out and have a plunge on the floor. Truth to tell, he'll not need much encouragement! The cage can then be properly cleaned while he noisily preens his feathers on the spar of your favourite armchair, and a judicious bribe of a maggot will soon tempt him back into captivity again.

Food is simple enough. I mix seven parts of a regularly advertised mixture (about 3½d. per lb.) with two parts chicken meal and half a part each of ants' eggs, dried flies and ground silkworm pupæ. This gives an average of 6d. per lb., and makes a nourishing staple food. I steep grocers' currants in hot water, and give them daily as a tit-bit from the fingers, using the water to wet my mixture with, as it is full of colouring matter.

I vary this by using milk, soft fruit, cold potato, boiled rice, and even dripping. "Ring the changes" is a good motto. Of course maggots, flies, spiders, beetles, etc., are all greedily accepted and are beneficial. Lastly see that his tray is cleaned regularly and his perches more so, give him gritty sand, a lump of cuttlefish—and, I nearly forgot, now and then a dose of salts!

The Best Canary as a Pet Bird.

By J. TAYLOR,
(Haworth, Yorks.)

THE best Canary for singing, and as a pet bird is the common or mongrel variety with a cross of the Roller in it. It is the cheapest, is more hardy and a more constant singer than a pure-bred bird.

To most people who keep a Canary, the cage is of more importance than the bird it contains, and the cage must be hung in the window for neighbours to see that they have a fancy cage. Now the window is the most possible place in which to keep a bird. In summer it is scorched by the sun, it is chilled by the cold winds of winter, and at night it gets all the ill-effects of gas where that is used.

The best cage in which to keep a pet Canary is a plain box cage with a removable wire front. It should not be less than 16 inches long, 12 wide, and 14 inches high, with seed and waterglass outside on the front of the cage, with reasonable sized perches, not the pencil sort which you generally find in fancy cages. The food should be good sound plain canary seed in the feeder, and twice a week a teaspoonful of good mixed seeds should be given in a small pot placed inside of cage.

Fresh water must be given daily, the

water-glass not merely emptied and filled again, but cleaned. Green food is required, in summer a bit of lettuce, watercress, or seeding groundsel without its coarse leaves, plantain and dandelion heads are all good. In winter the safest green food is a bit of apple or a bit of boiled carrot, given inside the cage on days on which the mixed seeds are not given. The cage must be kept clean, and a good sprinkling of clean, sharp sand put in the bottom.

If you wish to keep your bird clean, healthy and happy, a bath must also be provided. A penny white ware dish makes a grand bath for "Dickie," and he should be taught to take his bath outside of the cage. This does not take long if you have a little patience. Choose a nice bright day, place his cage on a table with the bath just in front, and quietly open the door, cage door I mean, not street door. Your bird will soon learn what it means, and will enjoy the fun.

Of course you will keep your eye on the cat, or pussy will soon have an eye on the bird. Start with a young healthy bird and keep on the lines laid down, and I think you will have very little trouble with your pet. I once gave a friend a young Canary which was kept as I advised, and which sang up to twelve years of age, and died of old age a month or two short of sixteen years old.

The Best British Seed-eating Bird for a Novice.

By MISS S. RUBY (Cork).

A NOVICE who wishes to make a start in British bird keeping should get a Linnet first, and if he (or she) is not able to keep that very hardy bird in health, he couldn't tend a Sparrow!

I happen to know from experience that a "Linnie" (as the Scotch say) is a strong bird, having had one myself for ten years, and it was a few years old when I got it. At last it died of old age. I wonder would it have lived so long if free?

The proper cage for a bird of this kind would be a "box" cage, i.e., wired in front only; the length to be 16 inches by 12 by 8 ins. deep, with a door at one end. Three perches would be necessary, two going from back to front, and one the length of the cage for the bird to perch on when feeding or drinking.

The best food for a Linnet is Canary summer rape, and teazle, and occasionally a little hemp. The latter being a very fattening seed, should not be given frequently. A pinch of a wild seed mixture might be given twice a week. I read once that "a Linnet feeds on all kinds of seeds." What an accommodating appetite that bird has! Green food, such as dandelion, the tops of groundsel, or young lettuce, is necessary at times. A piece of cuttlefish bone should be placed between the wires of the cage for the bird to peck at.

A bath may be offered three or four times a week. If the bird will not bathe it may be sprayed gently, but first run it into a wire cage so as to keep the "box" cage dry. The cage should be hung out of doors every day if possible, but in a sheltered place if the weather be very cold or windy.

A cold room, free from damp, is the best place to keep Linnets in, or any caged British bird for that matter. By "British" I mean birds that are with us at all seasons of the year.

Foreign Birds for Novices

By MISS A. CHATTERTON (Crouch End, London).

THE following is my own experience of keeping foreign birds, and no one could possibly have known less than I did when I started nearly two years ago.

They have all been kept in two outdoor aviaries, and I have not lost any from cold or disease, with the exception of egg-binding among some hens.

I consider the birds I have quite the hardest and best for a beginner. The larger aviary (length 7ft., width 4ft., height 7ft.), contains white and grey Java Sparrows, Saffron Finches, Red Billed Weavers, Orange Bishop (cock only), Cockatiels and Green and Yellow Budgerigars (3 pairs).

The staple food for these is canary seed (1 part), white millet (2 parts). I also give them spray millet, a few oats, paddy rice, as much green food as possible, mealworms occasionally, and a sod of grass for the Budgerigars. The mealworms are not a necessity. Plenty of clean water for drinking and bathing should be supplied, and the floor should be covered with grit and sand.

By this means I obtained over 30 young Budgerigars last season; the Saffrons and the Javas nested, but did not bring off any young. The Cockatiels I only purchased at the end of last year, but hope for success with these this season.

My smaller aviary (length 7ft., width 3ft., height 7ft.) contains Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Gold-breasted, Orange-cheek, and St. Helena Waxbills, Bengalese, Black-headed Mannikins, and Avadavats. Most of these are pairs, the rest single specimens. Others such as Combassous, Spice-birds, Bib Finches, and any other small Finches could be kept with these satisfactorily.

The staple food for these is canary seed, Indian millet and white millet in equal proportions; green food, etc., as for larger aviary.

If kept outdoors such birds require plenty of snug little rush nests hung up for bad weather or night use. I should say that my aviaries are partly sheltered by two walls from cold wind and driving rain.

My own is a collection of thirty-two birds, but fewer or more birds could be kept on the same lines. Either Waxbills or strong-billed birds can be kept, but not together. With the above treatment all these birds have been perfectly hardy, very little trouble, and wonderfully interesting.

On the assumption that a little personal experience is worth a great deal of theory, I venture to write these notes.

Pairs Likely to Produce Unique Hybrids.

By A. W. MEEK (Hunstanton).

IN choosing the following birds as pairs from which one is likely to produce rare and unique Hybrids, I do so for two reasons. Firstly, I know they can be produced, as I have had fertile eggs from them, and secondly there is not likely to be any mistake when the young are put before a judge on the show bench.

The first pair is the Hawfinch cock and Greenfinch hen. In choosing this pair do not, as is the general rule, go for the largest in both sexes. The hen may be as large as you like, but the cock should be on the small side, so as to correspond with the hen.

A Hawfinch in high breeding condition is a very amusing bird. When he is let through to the hen he drops his wings, spreads his tail, and sings the most weird song you ever heard. He is most gentle to his partner, both in feeding and making love to her.

The cage for this pair should be a double breeder with the centre partition removable; this allows it to be made into a flight when they are together, and when necessary they can be parted.

The stock mixture for this pair will serve for both, as what suits the one suits the other, but let it contain a large percentage of sunflower seed, and do not forget plenty of green food, and a mealworm or two occasionally. They can be left together until the hen is ready to nest, when they should be run together only for an hour morning and evening. Use hand-reared birds if you possibly can, and your chances of success will be greater than if caught birds are used.

Having got your birds to nest, and eggs are obtained, now comes the difficult part. How are we to get them hatched, and young reared (if any)? It is useless to give them to a Canary (she would in all probability be scared to death when she saw the young). The best thing to do is to find a wild Greenfinch nest, and place the eggs in it, taking her own eggs away; she will then hatch and rear the young. This she should be allowed to do until they are ten or twelve days old, then take them and hand-rear on the following mixture: Hard-boiled egg, insectivorous food moistened, a mealworm or two chopped up, and live ants' eggs.

This food should rear your young until they are able to do for themselves, then gradually get them on to hard seed, but do not stop the soft food too soon. If this method cannot be followed, you must let your own Greenie keep her eggs, and trust to her to rear the young, but the former plan is by far the better, and one I can strongly recommend.

The second pair is the Siskin cock and Bullfinch hen. Here again we must not go for size in both birds, but this time it is the hen that should be on the small side, and the cock as large as possible. Again use the double breeder, but the Siskin must be shut away from the hen as much as possible (with a wire slide) as the seeds used for the hen would very soon put the Siskin *hors de combat*, as he is such a greedy bird, and must be very carefully fed.

A good stock mixture for him is canary and teazle, equal parts, and half part rape, but use as tit-bits wild seed mixture, hemp, and a few cracked sunflower seeds, with egg-food, about twice a week, varying it, and only giving very little. He should be run with the hen every day for an hour or so, but while he is with her take away her seed, or he will fill himself at this.

The eggs should be taken away as laid, and given to a reliable hen Canary to hatch and

rear any young that may be obtained, mixing with the egg-food for the young plenty of insect food, and live ants' eggs (if the hen will use this) and not forgetting the green food. The better plan, however, is to place the eggs under a Linnet, and treat as recommended for the previous pair. The reason I use the Linnet this time is because of the difference in size of beak, both in the young and the foster-parents.

When going in for Hybrid breeding feed as near nature as possible; do not interfere with the birds more than you can possibly help, and do not forget a free use of the bath, this goes a very long way towards getting the birds into breeding condition.

If these few simple rules are carried out I see no reason why success should not follow, and the novice should stand just the same chance as the old hand. If successful, he will be lifted to the top of the ladder in one bound, and make a name for himself in the Hybrid breeding section.

BREEDING WITH ONE PAIR OF CANARIES.

By A. MOORMAN (Carisbrooke, I.W.)

THOSE about to take up the interesting hobby of breeding with one pair of Canaries will get a lot of information if they take *CAGE BIRDS* regularly, or obtain one of the various books advertised in *CAGE BIRDS* on Canaries. A good book to get is "Canary Breeding for Beginners," from which they get good advice and how to proceed.

Before getting the birds, purchase a good breeding cage, fitted with all utensils. Do not on any account purchase one of the old-fashioned breeders with little round holes and square nesting boxes, as these are only fit to breed red mite in. Obtain one with movable wire fronts and sand drawers. A useful size is 30 by 14 by 10, with a sliding wire partition in the centre, this will be useful when pairing and to part off the young later on.

Commence with a common pair of birds, for by so doing you will gain experience before going in for better-class birds. Do not get disappointed if you do not succeed as well as you expected. Keep on trying till you do, as the most experienced breeders get disappointed at times.

Feed the birds on the best Spanish Canary seed, giving a little mixed seed occasionally by way of a change. Give plenty of fresh water every day, well rinsing out the drinkers. Use white pine sawdust for the cage bottoms, not forgetting to give them plenty of grit; fill an ordinary tin drinker with this, and hang it on inside the cage where they can easily reach it.

When breeding give a piece of cuttlefish and plenty of old crushed mortar for them to peck at, this is useful to help form the shells of their eggs.

Pair the birds up about the first week in April; this is quite soon enough, as the weather is more settled by then. Put one on each side of the wire partition, and when you see them feeding one another, take out the partition and put in a nest pan, hanging it on the back of cage or at one end an inch above the level of the perches. Give also some nesting material.

As soon as the nest is completed and you see the hen hopping in and out, you can look forward to her laying the first egg. If she has not laid by the following morning, and you find her huddled up in the bottom of the cage, she will most probably be egg-bound, so gently take her out, get a jug of hot water, tie a piece of muslin over the top, dent it in a little, place her in it, and the steam will penetrate round the vent. Be sure the water is not too hot or you will scald her. Leave her there a little while, and if she has not laid gently remove her and place her in the nest. In most cases this will give her relief.

Take the eggs away as laid until the third, and set her that evening, well dusting the nest with insect powder. If the cock does not worry her, leave them together, but if he does, remove him and do not return him till the young are a fortnight old. He will then settle down and help to feed the young.

After sitting for about thirteen days the young will be due to hatch, so give the hen a little egg food, but as you have only one pair it is not advisable to use eggs to feed them with as it will be too expensive. Get a tin of any of the substitutes for egg food advertised in *CAGE BIRDS*, as most of these foods will rear from the nest.

After the third day, give a little green food, increasing it as the young get older. Watercress is good for them, and is most easily

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obtained of all, especially by any one living in a town. About the seventh day, add a little hemp to the usual canary seed, and if the hen appears to be neglecting young, and does not feed them properly, tempt her with various tit-bits, such as a little malt seed, or summer rape which has been soaked. If you find the hen takes to a certain kind of food, give her plenty of it.

If by any chance the young get pulled out of the nest, and you find one on the cage bottom apparently dead, take it out and place it between the hands and gently breathe on it for a little while, this will generally revive them. Then place it back in the nest for the hen to give it a little food, and it should soon get strong again.

At about three weeks old see that the hen does not pluck them, as about this time she will be wanting to go to nest again, and it is the safer plan to put in the wire partition to part them off, she will then feed them through the wires.

At about four weeks old the young will begin to peck about for themselves, so give a little egg-food, and as soon as you find they are eating it all up, remove them to a large cage and give a little cracked seed, gradually getting them on to hard seed. If any of them look a bit mopy put them on to a diet of milk-sop. Boil the milk, and pour it on to a piece of stale bread, then squeeze nearly dry before giving it to them.

At eight to ten weeks old they will begin to shed their feathers in their first moult, so avoid all draughts, but give plenty of fresh air. Keep a look out for red mite, as these pests come out and worry the birds at night. Get a piece of camphor and dissolve it in a little methylated spirit. Keep the solution in a bottle, and with a small brush occasionally paint the ends of perches and any cracks in the cage. Do not let them get the upper hand or you will find it difficult to get rid of them.

If you have been successful in rearing a few young, sell the young cocks for songsters, as there is generally a sale for good singing birds, and with the proceeds purchase a good pair of stock birds of the variety you intend to keep. Purchase them from a good winning strain, and with patience and perseverance the experience you have gained will set you on the right road to become a successful breeder of Canaries.

Correspondence.

A Territorial and His Chaffinch

SIR.—It may interest you to know that I had a hen Chaffinch in one of my outside aviaries which I got at the latter end of 1913, and which I rung No. 75, 1913. In August, 1914, when I was mobilised with the Territorials, I let a number of my British away, the Chaffinch included, and the others I disposed of. I returned home a fortnight ago, and while having a look at my aviary, which was empty, I noticed a Chaffinch hen fly on to the netting. I opened the door and in a short time she flew in. Imagine my surprise on catching it to find it was the rung hen Chaffinch which I let away over eighteen months ago. It may have been the stormy weather which drove her into her old home, but in any case she prefers the aviary to outside, as I have left the door open for two days, and although she flew out, she always returned.

A. JUNOR.

Proposed East Anglian Norwich Canary Association.

SIR.—In reference to recent correspondence in CAGE BIRDS on the above matter, there seems to be a favourable prospect of the proposed club being formed. I have had several conversations with Mr. J. J. Smith, the originator of the scheme; he means business, and if energetic personal canvassing will obtain the desired result I am certain success is assured. As a matter of encouragement I would suggest that any East Anglian fancier who is inclined to become a member of such a club should advise him of the fact, together with any suggestions he may have to make. Personally I am prepared to do anything in my power to help on this bold scheme, and there are many others in Norwich willing to do likewise. The year is slipping away, and prompt action must be taken if the club is to be formed to operate in the 1916 season. There is one point in the proposal which I think deserves special attention. It is apparently the intention of the club to patronise other societies' shows in the membership area, in addition to holding exhibitions of its own. Here is a golden opportunity for clubs struggling to keep their heads above water.

There is no doubt that all Mr. Smith has written on the question is true; it would bring the leading fanciers of East Anglia into direct contact with each other, create healthy competition, and add interest to the shows of clubs receiving its patronage.

R. TOMLINSON.

Ringed Birds Found.

SIR.—I found a cock Robin this morning in my aviary which had on its leg a ring marked on the front "Witherby, High Holborn, London," and on the back "635." Lowestoft. F. BARNES.

SIR.—A Pied Wagtail was picked up here, Southcote Manor, near Reading, a few days ago with a ring on leg marked "Aberdeen, V.N.V.571." Being a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I thought it would be interesting to others. J. KIMBER.

Oxalic Acid for Insect Pests.

SIR.—In CAGE BIRDS for July 24, 1915, Mr. Thos. Clayton says he uses oxalic acid in lime wash to get rid of insects, but does not say what quantity of water or limewash he puts to it. I am going to try it, as it is not pretty cages I want, but good, healthy, comfortable birds, and if Mr. Clayton sees this, perhaps he will kindly give full particulars and greatly oblige.

G. L. B.

Does the Male Bird Transmit Stamina?

SIR.—In an article in the "Farmer and Stockbreeder," of Feb. 7, Mr. W. G. Tarbet, referring to poultry keeping, states: "Much as the cockerel has to do with his progeny, he has nothing whatever to do with their stamina." Further, he says "Lack of stamina in the cockerel may prevent him being a good 'stayer,' and may prevent him fulfilling his purpose, but so long as an egg is fertilised by him the resulting chicken will not be handicapped by his lack of stamina. The talk on so often hears of weakly fertilised germs is simply talk."

It would be interesting to learn the views of Canary breeders as to whether their experience leads them to the same conclusions.

R. L. CRISP.

The Proposed Federation of Roller Clubs.

SIR.—Would it not be better if the British Roller Canary Club would try to come to terms and not confine their young bird classes to the B.R.C.C. rings only? Why not let both rings compete in young birds class? The B.R.C.C. could give its specials to the birds wearing the B.R.C.C. rings, and have its ring points competition just the same for its own rings. I don't hold with the split in the fancy at all, but the matter cannot be gone into to make a settlement for this year, for I expect both rings are ready by this, but I don't think it right not to let a young bird enter in the young birds class just because it is P.R.C.C. rung. The P.R.C.C. does not confine its classes to P.R.C.C. rings only, and I cannot see why the B.R.C.C. should do it if they call themselves the parent club. I think it would be better if they will let both rings compete for this season, and afterwards we shall have only one ring throughout the fancy. It will help every Roller club to get more birds sent to make each contest a success. When a man has to put a young bird in an old bird class just because it is wearing a P.R.C.C. ring, it is not giving it a fair chance, so I hope the parent B.R.C.C. will give all Roller clubs a chance just for one season till we come to terms.

GEORGE SMITH.

Rational Cages for Pet Birds.

SIR.—Following on this week's popular topic of the best songster, might I invite correspondence on "The rational housing of the pet bird." Fanciers are agreed that the hang-up wire cage is an abomination, although to be seen in nearly every other house in the land, and the bird room box cage is, of course, "impossible" in the dining room.

At a recent show, seeing how artistically such large birds as Cornish Choughs were housed, and having just completed the manufacture of a bow-fronted Crest show cage, it occurred to me that something of this sort would be the thing required, if made of a suitable size.

For the show cage I bought a sixpenny wire front, already painted and "bowed," or bent back at the top; and using some wood lying by, without experience, skill, or good tools, but with "patience, care, and sandpaper," quite a handsome cage is the product. It has the approved sloping ceiling, grooves, and bevelled edges, and sides nicely rounded at the top to match the curve in the wire front.

Such bow-fronted show cages appear to be the correct thing for softbills and for some foreign birds; now, if the curve be made rather larger, say to take off nearly half the roof, and the whole thing suitably adorned, and coloured in accord with the colour scheme of the "better-half's" sitting-room, something presentable could be built to any size. A sand tray should be provided, but to slide out at the back. That correspondents will greatly improve on these suggestions is the hope of

LONDONER.

Egg Bread versus Eggs.

Does Cod Liver Oil Lengthen Feather?

SIR.—As the breeding season is approaching and everything is at such a price, it will be a great help to working men fanciers to get the receipts for making egg food for feeding young ones which are appearing in CAGE BIRDS. I see that cod liver oil emulsion is recommended this week by "Acorn" in your valuable paper; but I am told the oil won't do for Yorkshires as it lengthens the feathers. What is the opinion of other fanciers?

W. CLAY.

Hen Bullfinches and Hybrid Breeding.

The Philosophy of Disappointment.

SIR.—I should advise "Canary Bullfinch" to remember that trials and adversities are really blessings in disguise, inasmuch as every disappointment tends to react as a stimulus to further exertions and experiments. He should also remember that the breeding of Hybrid birds is still a progressive art. Wit bought is always wit taught. I feel sure that as he has been trying for five years to obtain fertile eggs from hen Bullfinches he is made of the right sort of stuff, and sooner or later he will, I think, succeed.

SIR.—I have found that nothing beats a hand-reared Bullfinch hen for Hybrid breeding. I had one reared at Inverness, kept over the next year untried, and the following year mated to a Goldfinch. She laid ten full eggs; these eggs were tested and were hatched by Canaries, but unfortunately the young were not reared. When the Hybrids were ten days old the Canary hens seemed to get frightened at them, and stopped feeding. In such a case the hen Greenfinch, Canary reared, would be invaluable. I trust "Canary Bullfinch" will have better luck next season.

MAC.

The Song of the Canary.

SIR.—I have read the reply to the Rev. H. A. Soame's query by Mr. W. Napper with much interest, but I cannot agree with him in his theory that birds, like us, have to learn their song from hearing their fathers sing. If it were so, why are not all hen birds songsters too? they equally hear the singing of their kind.

Apart, however, from this, many years ago I had good proof that the song of any particular species of bird was due to instinct more than anything else. I took from a nest two unfledged Chaffinches, which were almost free of feather, and my father severely scolded me for what he called a wicked act, as he said the birds would certainly die. However, I put them in a nest of cotton wool in a flower pot, and my father made me some egg food for them.

At the time I had a cock Bramblefinch, and as he took such a lot of notice of the young Chaffinches I put the pot into the cage. At first he was very frightened, but soon got accustomed to it, and to our delight started to feed the birds, and continued to look after them until they were quite grown up. Both proved to be cock birds, and both sang the well-known Chaffinch notes in due course, although I had no other Chaffinch, and never saw nor heard one near where I was living then.

Since then I have brought up other birds which have always been able to sing their natural song without having heard their kind singing it. Not once or twice have I done this, but a great many times. I am confident that it is altogether a matter of instinct, just as much as is the matter of choosing material for nesting and site of nest. Birds of a kind always build like their parents, but surely none will suggest that it is because they remembered what their parent's nest was like.

Of course an infant brought up by a Hottentot would speak as a Hottentot, simply because we have to learn all we know, but if the same law applied to birds then I can imagine all birds singing a jumbled up song, and one song only, whereas you may find a Robin's nest and a Wren's nest within a few inches of one another, yet the children only sing like the species they belong to.

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SPRINGBURN, FOSSIL PK. C.B.C.

Meeting and pair show, Reid Hall, Mr. J. Swan, Pres., chair, and a good attendance. Financial statement showing a balance of £2.0s. 9d. Messrs. Wm. Hutchison and M. Craig judged.

Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, sp. Taylor. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Clark. Yorks.: 1, sp. Tansey; 2, 3, sp. Findlay; 4, 5, Grap. A.O.V.: 1, Taylor. Mating: 1, 2, sp. Clark; 3, Jeffry; 4, Brackenbridge; 5, Hunter. Bull. Hyb. Pairs: 1, 3, Fraser; 2, Swan—J. Waugh, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Pair show, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, Feb. 10. Mr. Skinner judged and gave suitable remarks on exhibits. Entries were small, but some excellent pairs were shown. Mr. Wilson winning in a class of 18, with a grand pair of Norwich. Mr. Ball won spl. best pair with nice Borders. Champ. Nor.: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Macellan. A.O.V.: 1, spl. Hall; 2, Macellan. Nov. Nor.: 1, Wilson; 2, 4, Page; 3, Alford; vhc. hc, c, J. Thorne. Mr. McLeay and Mr. White were elected members.

CLITHEROE C.B.S.

Annual Pair Show at Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moore Lane, with a good entry and some good birds. After the show members and their wives sat down to tea, ably served by Mrs. Bennett. After the tables were cleared songs were sung by Messrs. Cowperthwaite, Wrigley, Metcalfe and Cook. Mr. R. Calverly, the pianist. Mr. J. Briggs judged. Yell. Cock, Buff Hen: 1, Grainger; 2, 4, Cook and Son; 3, Metcalfe; vhc. Calverly; hc, c, Bell. Buff Cock, Yell. Hen: 1, Metcalfe; 2, 4, Cook and Son; 3, Grainger; vhc. Calverly; hc, Bell; c, Wilkinson. Mr. Metcalfe spl. most points, with 2 pairs; Mr. L. Grainger best buff hen; Cook and Son best yell. hen. —J. Southwork, Sec.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Show, Red Lion Hotel, Feb. 12, with 74 entries. Some splendid birds were on view. Specials were won by W. Vardy, J. Adnitt, G. Beardsall, A. Spence and Sawyer Bros. Mr. T. Barlow (Hilcoote) judged and gave general satisfaction. Champ. Nor. (6): 1, 2, Vardy; 3, vhc. Smedley; hc, c, Adnitt. Pairs (6): 1, Vardy; 2, c, Adnitt; 3, vhc. hc, Smedley. Yorks (7): 1, 3, Vardy; 2, hc, Beardsall; vhc, c, Parkin. Pairs (8): 1, hc, Beardsall; 2, vhc, Parkin; 3, Vardy; c, Smedley. Nov. Nor. (9): 1, vhc, Spencer; 2, 3, Holt; hc, Cockayne; c, Hayes. Pairs (9): 1, 2, Spencer; 3, Holt; vhc, Cockayne; hc, c, Hayes. Yorks (7): 1, 3, Webster; 2, vhc, Sawyer Bros.; hc, Cockayne; c, Taylor. Pairs (8): 1, c, Sawyer Bros.; 2, Abbott; 3, Webster; vhc, Andrews; hc, Henshaw. Mules and Hyb. (1): 1, Adnitt. Brit. (11): 1, hc, c, Sawyer Bros.; 2, Adnitt; 3, Cockayne; vhc, Holt. For. (2): 1, Andrews; 2, Webster.—G. Sawyer, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.A.

Annual show, Naish's Royal Stores. Entries came up well considering that a number of our members had been forced to sell out through joining the Army, the novice classes suffering badly through this. A pleasing feature of the show was the increased entry in the British Section. Norwich were well up in quality and number. Yorkshires were excellent in quality, a number of well-known winners being on view. Point special winners: Nor., Thomas; Yorks., Bale; Bord., Raymond, also Wells. Mr. A. Maggs judged Nor., Mr. H. C. Smith Yorks. and Borders, Mr. D. J. Lewis Muling Pairs and Brit., their awards being well received.

Yell. Ck. Nor.: 1, Weeks; 2, vhc, Wells; 3, Rev. Jolliffe; 4, Thomas; hc, Phelps. Brit.: 1, 4, Wells; 2, Rev. Jolliffe; 3, Phelps. Hen: 1, 2, Phelps; 3, Thomas; 4, Rev. Jolliffe; vhc, Weeks; hc, Wells; c, Brallin. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Thomas; 3, 4, Jolliffe; vhc, c, Wells; hc, Phelps. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Thomas; 3, Jolliffe; 4, Wells; hc, Weeks; c, Brallin. Nov. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Williams. Buff: 1, Williams. Pairs: 1, 2, Williams; 3, James. Class 10: 1, James. Yorks. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Bale; 4, Weeks; vhc, Howard. Buff: 1, 4, vhc, Bale; 2, hc, Wells; 3, c, Weeks. Hens: 1, 2, 3, Bale; 4, vhc, Weeks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Bale; 3, vhc, Wells; 4, Weeks. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Bale; 3, vhc, Wells; 4, Weeks. Nov. Yorks.: 1, Lewis. Class 17: 1, Lewis. Borders: 5 classes, all Raymond. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, c, Emerson and Winstone; 3, Jolliffe; hc, Brallin. Goldf.: 1, Price; 2, Ford; 3, Davies; 4, Radford; vhc, c, Brallin. Buff.: 1, Morgan. Greenf.: 1, Ford; 2, Davies; 3, Morgan; 4, Brallin. Linnets or Twite: 1, Price; 2, Davies; 3, Brallin; 4, Ford. Siskin or Redpoll: 1, Morgan. Hardbill Hen: 1, Morgan; 2, Brallin. A.O.V. Hardbill Ck., 1, Morgan.—E. Thomas, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.G.

Annual contest, new headquarters, Griffen Hotel. After the contest officers were elected. Pres., Mr. F. Heaton; Vice-Pres., Mr. E. Peel; Sec. and Treas., H. Best; Auditors, Barnett and Montague; Committee, Messrs. Walton, Hallam, Barnett, Peel, Atkinson. Balance-sheet was read, and although we had a loss on the annual show, we finished up the year with a balance at the bank of £19 10s., which was considered very satisfactory. After a long discussion (re federation of Roller Clubs), it was decided to send Mr. Montague and Mr. Best to represent the Leeds Club at the conference at Manchester. Members elected: T. Elsworth, F. Stones, H. Simpson, B. Whitham, G. W. Cooke, W. Greer, A. Hoyle, H. Roebuck, T. Buckston. A vote of thanks to the judges, Mr. H. Roebuck, Wakefield, and Mr. T. Walton, Leeds, closed one of the best-attended meetings ever held by the club.

Championship Young Birds: 1, Best, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 4, F. 3, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 4, total 23; 2, Barnett, H.R. 6, H.B. 2, Bass 3, S. 3, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 27; 3, Barnett, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 3, F. 2, W.G. 2, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, total 25; 4, Walton, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 3, F. 1, W.G. 4, B.T. 1, G.E. 3, total 24. Novice (Judge, Mr. Walton): 1, Boyd, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 5, S. 3, F. 3, W.R. 1, B.T. 2, G.E. 5, 27 points; 2, Ward, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, S. 3, F. 4, W.G. 4, B.T. 1, G.E. 4, 24 points; 3, Kay, H.R. 8, H.B. 1, Bass 3, S. 3, F. 3, W.G. 3, G.E. 3, 21 points; 4, Ward, H.R. 6, S. 5, F. 3, W.G. 3, G.E. 3, 21 points. Any Age: 1, Heron, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 3, F. 3, W.R. 4, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 1, G.E. 5, 29 points; 2, Atkinson, H.R. 6, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 3, F. 2, W.R. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 2, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, 30 points, 1 off aufg., 29 points; 3, Boyd, H.R. 5, H.B. 3, Bass 3, S. 3, G. 2, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, 28 points; 4, F. Heaton, H.R. 5, H.B. 4, Bass 4, F. 2, W.G. 3, B.T. 1, B.R. 2, G.E. 4, 28 points, 1 off aufg., 27 points.—H. Best, Sec.

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BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

Pair show, Feb. 12, Y.M.C.A. A good show of birds, which showed promise for the breeding season. An interesting item was a judging competition. Mr. Nattrass chief judge. Result: 1, G. Swinburn, a British fancier; 2, G. Hall, another novice; 3, T. Hornsby. During judging a motion of sympathy was carried on behalf of one of our members, John Brownson, who lies wounded in Aberdeen Hospital. A collection was taken on his behalf, and 10s. was put into the cap.

Nor. (10): 1, Burns and Collingwood; 2, T. Hornsby; 3, 4, c. Burns and Collingwood; vhc. Crowther; he, Hornsby. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Button. Yorks (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Nattrass; vhc. he, Crowther; c. Allen. Brit. Single: 1, Swinburn; 2, vhc. Wilson; 3, Swinburn; 4, Button. T. Hornsby.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.
Pair show, Feb. 15, Reinder Hotel, Rye Lane. Mr. J. Robson judged. Entries were good, 42 pairs being staged. Quality also was good, especially in champ. Nor., Mr. F. Cole winning special for best in show with yell. cock and buff hen (Norwich). Other specials: Champ. Yorks. Clarke; Hyb. Clarke, Whiffin; Page; Nov. Yorks., Gilbert; Hyb. Clarke, Whiffin. Visitors had every opportunity of viewing all exhibits and the attendance was good.

Champ. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, Cole; vhc. Haddon. Class 2: 1, 3, Haddon; 2, 4, vhc. Cole. Champ. Yorks.: 1, 3, Clarke; 2, Fairman; 4, vhc. Cant. Class 4: 1, Fairman; 2, Cant; 3, Clarke. Hyb.: 1, Clarke. Nov. Nor.: 1, 2, Whiffin; 3, 4, he, Clemence; vhc. Page; c. Atkins. Class 9: 1, 2, Whiffin; 3, Clemence; 4, vhc. Roberts; he, Gilbert. Nov. Yorks.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Page. Class 11: 1, Gilbert; 2, Taylor. Hyb. or Muling: 1, Whiffin; 2, 3, Page.—A. G. Cant, Hon. Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Very successful show Feb. 16; 59 pairs and 37 British. Judge, Mr. Woodhead. A large number of fanciers and friends were present. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Woodhead for judging. Mr. Woodhead congratulated the members on the fine display.

Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, Thornton; 3, 4, Pace; vhc. Preston; he, Heslop. Buff: 1, 2, Thornton; 3, 4, Pace. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Ronald; vhc. he, c. Robinson. Bord. Yell., ditto Buff: All Watson. Brit. and Can.: 1, c. Hall; 2, 3, 4, vhc. Hogg; he, Robinson. Two Brit.: 1, 2, c. Bearby; 3, 4, Hall; vhc. Gray; he, Applede. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, Wright; 2, Gray; 3, Heslop; 4, Coombes; vhc. Bearby; he, Wellford. Linnet: 1, vhc. Gray; 2, 3, 4, he, Wright; c. Coombes. Greenf.: 1, 4, c. Coombes; 2, 3, vhc. Wright; he, Peacock. Siskin, etc.: 1, Gray; 2, 4, he, Bearby; 3, Wright; vhc. Peacock. Brit.: 1, 2, 4, he, Wright; 3, vhc. c. Gray.—Wright and Watson, Secs.

CAMBORNE F.A.

Third annual pair show, Tehidy Lecture Hall, Feb. 19; 49 pairs. Mr. W. Kemp (Redruth) judged, and complimented the exhibitors on staging such good exhibits. Mule and Hybrid pairs were far above expectations, and seem to be coming to the front in Cornwall. Some of the exhibits were claimed at a good figure. The Hon. Sec., Mr. W. J. Uren, with a good committee, had everything ready in good time for the judge, whose awards were well received.

Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (9): 1, Trevorrow; 2, c. Strout; 3, vhc. Collins; res. Waters; he, Moon. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (8): 1, sp. Collins; 2, Strout; 3, Uren; res. Moon; vhc. Vincent; he, Edwards. Yorks. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen (5): 1, 3, Hocking; 2, res. Oatey; vhc. Rowe. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen (5): 1, sp. Collins; 2, vhc. Oatey; 3, res. Hocking. A.O.V. (2): 1, sp. 2, Collins. Stuling: 1, 2, Coombe; 3, Waters; res. vhc. Collins; he, Rowe; c. Moon. Hyb.: 1, sp. 2, Collins; 3, Coombe; res. Moon; vhc. Rowe; he, Stephens. Sell.: 1, Oatey; 2, Uren; 3, Waters.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Pair show, Central Liberal and Radical Club, Feb. 12. There was a very good entry; judge, Mr. J. Robson. Champ. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Taylor. Varieg.: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Taylor. Amat. Cl.: 1, 2, 3, Farmer; vhc. Stopher. Varieg.: 1, Farmer; 2, Manning. Nov. Cl.: 1, 2, Baxter; 3, East; vhc. he, Blows. Varieg.: 1, 2, East; 3, Blows. Champ. Nor., any col.: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Parker. Amat.: 1, 2, Mrs. Stopher; 3, he, c. Manning; vhc. Gedde. Nov. Cl.: 1, Ferridge; 2, Wadsworth; 3, Webb. Cl.: 1, 3, Webb; 2, Major; vhc. Ferridge. Varieg.: 1, vhc. Simonds; 3, Webb; 2, Major. Amat. Bord. Cl.: 1, 3, Onslow; 2, vhc. Potton. Greens and Varieg.: 1, 2, Onslow. Finch and Can.: 1, Parker; 2, Major; 3, Gelge; vhc. East; he, Oliver; c. Thompson. A.O. Finch: 1, vhc. Parker; 2, 3, Oliver; he, East. Goldf.: 1, Wadsworth; 2, Beeher; 3, Gedde. Bullf.: 1, Beeher; 2, Ferridge; 3, Thompson; vhc. Burrows; he, East. Linnet: 1, 2, Major. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, G. A. Parker. Softbill: 1, Oliver; 2, Parker. Mules: 1, Parker; 2, Webb; 3, Knight.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Pair show, Queen's Hall, Feb. 22. The entry was particularly good, the best the society has ever had. Quality was quite high-class. In Norwich Mr. G. W. Saunders, of Haslemere, held a strong hand, his well-known winner being on view. Yorkshire had two very fine classes. A pair of very high merit, staged by Mr. Hutton, in the buff cock class, were left out in the cold, although many thought they might have been well up in the class, if not at the top. As usual, the novices made a brave show. A feature of the show was the grand array of Borders; type and quality were well to the fore, some of the pairs being almost ideal. The show was well attended, and was ably managed by the sec., Mr. G. Griffiths, who received considerable assistance from Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Owen, and Messrs. Howard, Smith, and Saunders. Mr. Robson judged. Specials: Mr. Saunders, best champ. pair; Messrs. S. and C. Farley, best nov.; other spl. winners were Messrs. Hutton, Hobden, Smith, Marriott, Birch, and Howard.

Champ. Nor.: 1, 2, vhc. c. Saunders; 3, he, Hutton. Yorks. Buff. Ck.: 1, he, Smith; 2, c. Heath; 3, vhc. Brown. Vell.: 1, Hutton; 2, Harris; 3, c. Brown; vhc. Mrs. Griffiths; he, Smith. Bord., Buff. Ck.: 1, he, Hobden; 2, Pegg; 3, vhc. Saunders; c. Rev. Soames. Yell. Ck.: 1, Marriott; 2, c. Hobden; 3, he, Pegg; vhc. Saunders. Nov. Nor., Buff. Ck.: 1, Birch; 2, Nash; 3, he, Jay; vhc. Hamilton; c. Huckle. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, c. Birch; 2, 3, vhc. he, Jay. Buff. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Farley; vhc. c. Cooper; he, Ramsey. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, c. Farley; 3, Cooper; vhc. he, Ramsey. Crests: 1, 3, vhc. Howard; 2, Pegg. Hyb.: 1, Birch; 2, c. Farley; 3, Ramsey; vhc. Hobden. Finch: 1, Hobden; 2, Marriott; 3, vhc. he, c. Farley.

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BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Feb. 17, Crown Hotel; 42 pairs staged. Yorks. were a fine lot, and should breed some youngsters that will be heard of. Norwich were all there for size, type and quality. Sp. best pair, C. Broome, a chinking buff ck. and mld. yell. hen of good size and quality. J. Howells runner-up with a fine pair of Yorks. C. S. Latham won medal most points. Result of judging competition: 1, C. Broome, 32 points; 2, C. S. Latham, 24; 3, W. Jones, 19. G. Broome judged and gave entire satisfaction. Nor. (14): 1, sp. 2, 3, 4, he, c. Broome; he, Gilbert; c. Pitt. Yorks. (16): 1, 4, he, Howells; 2, D. Daniel; 3, vhc. c. Latham. Bord. (7): 1, 2, vhc. Lapworth; 3, c. S. Daniels; 4, Jones; he, Knapp. Hyb. (5): 1, 2, Thomas; 3, 4, Gilbert; vhc. Pitt.—G. Broome, Hon. Sec.

GUISBOROUGH (Priory) C.B.S.

Pair show, Wear's Rooms, Feb. 19; Mr. Marsden judged Yorks. and Mr. G. Barker Nor. and Brit. There were about 50 entries, and some good pairs were on view. The awards were well received. Yorks. Champ. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, Cook; 2, vhc. Wilson; 3, Barker. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Barker; vhc. he, Cook. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Cook; 2, Taylor; 3, R. May; vhc. the Allinson. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Allinson; 2, Cook; 3, Mays; vhc. Taylor. Bord. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Campbell. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 3, Campbell. Yorks. Nov., Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Hewling. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, Hewling; 2, Harrison. Nor. Yell. Ck., Buff Hen: 1, Hewling; 2, Kuaggs; 3, Harrison; vhc. Readman. Buff Ck., Yell. Hen: 1, 2, Kuaggs. Hyb. Pairs: 1, Allinson; 2, Mays; 3, vhc. he, c. Jobling. Brit.: 1, 3, Campbell; 2, c. Jobling; vhc. Cook; he, Harrison.—A. W. Knaggs.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.A.

Show, Feb. 15, Club Rooms, Morley St. Owing to so many members being on Government work, and it being a bit late in the season, entries (45) did not reach high-water mark, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in quality. Nor. opened the ball with 29 in two classes, and a grand lot they were. Crest and C.B. were few, but would hold their own in the best of company. The Cinnas. also were full of type and quality. Judges: Nor. and Cinnas., W. Spillman; Crest and C.B., W. French, and their awards were well received.

Nor. Ck. (15): 1, sp. 3, Wills; 2, Ough; 4, Rowe; 5, Lugg; 6, French; 7, Moffit. Hens (14): 1, Smale; 2, 5, Ough; 3, Wills; 4, Moffit; 6, French. Crest or C.B. Ck. (5): 1, Hutchings; 2, 4, Ryder; 3, Rowe; 5, Hutching. Hen (2): 1, sp. sp. best in show, 2, Ryder. Cinn. Ck. (4): 1, Perrin; 2, 3, 4, Dyer. Hen (5): 1, sp. 3, Dyer; 2, 4, Perrin.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual pair show, Feb. 19, headquarters. The entry was good, and included some excellent pairs; the Lizards shown by Mr. Shakespere were particularly good, and attracted a lot of attention. Special best pair, Bell, a capital buff cock and an excellent partner; Mr. Shakespere's winning Lizards were runners up. Special best pair for Mule breeding was a very fine Goldfinch, with a good yellow hen, staged also by Mr. Bell. Mr. Gilbert had everything in capital order, and was greatly assisted by Mr. Harrison. Mr. H. Norman judged.

Nor., Yell. Ck.: 1, Shakespere; 2, vhc. Bell; 3, he, Gilbert. Buff. Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, 3, Gilbert. Buff: 1, 2, Gilbert. A.O.V., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Shakespere. Buff: 1, Shakespere. Amat., Yell. Ck.: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Cullier. Buff: 1, Harrison. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, Harrison. A.O.V., Yell. Ck.: 1, Harrison. Nov., Nor., Yell. Ck.: 1, Etherington; 2, he, Bell; 3, vhc. Davey; c. Sullivan. Buff. Ck.: 1, 2, Bell. Yorks., Yell. Ck.: 1, 2, Dyer; 3, Durham. Buff: 1, Dyer; 2, Sullivan; 3, vhc. Durham. Muling: 1, he, Bell; 2, Davey; 3, Harrison; vhc. c. Bell. Hyb.: 1, Cullier.

CLAPHAM C.B.A.

Annual pair and Finch show, Clock House, Clapham, Feb. 16. The Sec., Mr. T. J. Hose, arranged and conducted the proceedings with his usual ability, and is to be congratulated upon the success. Entries were good, both in number and quality, and the attendance would have been considered good even in normal times. The Chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale, distributed the cups and medals won during last year to those who were present, and took the opportunity of explaining the objects of the association, with a view to securing new members. Mr. Clarke has won one of the Canary cups outright, and holds another for the second year. It behooves members to attempt to rescue this cup, and also a British bird cup which is in danger of being lost to the association. Mr. J. Robson judged, and explained several points to new members, and he was accorded a vote of thanks.

Nor. Champ.: 1, 2, Hutton. Yorks.: 1, 3, Hutton; 2, 4, Clarke; vhc. he, c. Hawkins. Yorks. Nov.: 1, 2, Allen; 3, Taylor. Crest: 1, Pearce. Nor.: 1, 2, Greenland; 3, 4, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Henry. Goldf. and Can.: 1, vhc. Cooper; 2, Taylor; 3, Vale; 4, Pearce. A.O. Finch and Can.: 1, Hathaway; 2, Pearce; 3, 4, Taylor; vhc. he, Henry. Bullf. and A.O. Bird: 1, Taylor. Hyb.: 1, Light; 1, Vale. Dark: 1, Vale; 2, Cooper; 3, 4, Taylor. Goldf.: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Hutton; 4, Whitmore. Bramble: 1, 3, Vale; 2, Cooper. Chaff: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Whitmore. Redpoll: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Vale. Softbill: 1, 2, 4, Vale; 3, Hathaway. For. Seedeating: 1, Hathaway. Amalg.: 1, Clarke; 2, 4, Pearce; 3, Cooper.

LONDON AND P.O.S.

Twenty-ninth annual show of pairs, British and Foreign birds, St. Bride Institute, Bride Lane, E.C.4, Feb. 17. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries (and Foreign), and Mr. G. Mortlock British. Special winners, Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Huggins, Messrs. Harris, Brown and Day, silver medals; Messrs. Clarke, Crawford, Kerr, Cullers and Crabbe, bronze medals. Most points, Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Huggins, Messrs. Cole and Crabbe. Other special winners: Best in show, Mr. Harris; best Nor. not taking medal, Mr. Huggins. For. Mrs. Huggins; Brit., Tapper; Champ., Cole; Muling Pair, Crabbe.

Champ. Nor. Y.C. and B.H.: 1, he, Harris; 2, Crawford; 3, vhc. Cole; c. Burt. B.C. and Y.H.: 1, he, Cole; 2, c. Burt; 3, Harris; vhc. Crawford. Yorks., B.H. and Y.C.: 1, Clarke; vhc. Fairman. B.C. and Y.H.: 1, Fairman. Bord.: 1, Crawford. Crests: 1, 2, vhc. Day. Mule and Hyb.: 1, Crabbe; vhc. Clarke. Nov., Nor., Y.C. and B.H.: 1, Kerr; 2, vhc. c. Cullen. B.C. and Y.H.: 1, 2, vhc. Kerr. Yorks., Y.C. and B.H.: 1, 2, c. Brown; vhc. Bamber; he, Huggins. B.C. and Y.H.: 1, he, Huggins; 2, Brown; vhc. Bamber. Crests: 1, Mrs. Gould; 2, he, Ward. A.O.V.: 1, vhc. Mrs. Gould. Mule and Hyb.: 1, Cullers. Goldf. and Bullf.: 1, vhc. Tapper. Linnet: 1, Mrs. Huggins. Redpoll or Siskin: 1, Crabbe; vhc. Clarke. Insectiv.: 1, Mrs. Huggins. Light Can. Hyb.: 1, Crabbe. Between two Brit.: 1, Thuring. Foreign: 1, vhc. Mrs. Huggins. Sell.: 1, vhc. Mrs. Gould. The show was well attended and catalogues with awards were on sale soon after judging was finished.—H. G. Huggins, Hon. Sec.

(Several Shows unavoidably held over.)

Club Reports.

WINTERTON F.A.

Annual meeting Feb. 10. Balance-sheet was read, showing a successful year, and leaving a balance in hand of £1 8s. 2d. Owing to several members joining the Forces, it was decided to cancel the 10 miles radius, opening it any distance for membership. All the officers were elected en bloc. A vote of thanks was given to the officers, especially the Hon. Sec., Mr. Austin Bedford. Fanciers are cordially invited.

WIGAN ROLLER C.C.

Lecture, Legs of Man Hotel, Feb. 26, Mr. Kay presiding over a very good attendance. Mr. Kilshaw, Bolton, explained the different Tours of the Roller Canary to perfection, also answered questions as they were put to him in a very apt manner. Mr. Massey, Bolton, gave his mode of breeding, rearing, feeding and tutoring, and gave entire satisfaction. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Kilshaw and Mr. Massey. Eight new members enrolled, making a membership of 50. New members wishing to join please write to W. T. Unsworth, 82, City-rd., Kilt Green, Pemberton, or P. Grenall, 2, Short-st., Pemberton.—Unsworth and Greuell, Secs.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Election of Officers and Alteration of Rules. The following is the result of the ballot for officers, etc., for the coming season: Vice-Pres., H. J. Chittenden (151), J. E. Lendon (57); trustees, H. H. Towers (169), A. Brown (168), R. Garnett (84); scrutineers, R. Wilkinson (158), A. Wilkinson (134), O. Atkinson (52), J. Firth (45), J. Harney (22). In the revision of rules the proposition to suspend Union rules and reconstruct, was carried, 143 voting for and 60 against. The rule relating to first winter show was made to read "on second Saturday in October." It was also decided to add two open classes for British birds.—S. Midgley, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting, Feb. 15, White Swan, Market Place, Mr. Hulse presiding. Mr. Preston elected a member. Mr. Gibbins elected to judge next table show. A very good lot of birds were again staged for the table show. Mr. Herbert judged Open, Mr. Freestone Nov., and Mr. Roberts Brit.

Cl. or Tkd. Buff Ck.: 1, 2, Moore; 3, Hulse; vhc. he, Day and Sturgess; c. Roberts. Mkd.: 1, he, Day and Sturgess; 2, vhc. Freestone; 3, Hulse; c. Roberts. Nov.: 1, Lenton; 2, Layton. Class 4, Nov.: 1, Layton; 2, 3, Hughes; vhc. Pearson; he, Cayless. Pairs for Hyb. Breeding: 1, 2, 3, he, c. Deakin, a wonderfully good team; vhc. Wholton. An interesting criticism on the awards took place, making a very enjoyable meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the judges.—C. B. Day and Roberts, Joint Secs.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Meeting, March 1, Crown Hotel, C. S. Latham chair. Mr. Latham gave an exhibition of egg food making, showing the old method, also a new one of his own, as follows: He took a small saucpan and poured about two tablespoonfuls of milk into it, adding a piece of butter about the size of a nut, and a pinch of salt. He boiled for about two minutes, stirring it with a fork all the while. Then he added sufficient biscuit to make the food nice and crumbly, and it was ready for use. He stated that the birds eat this food more freely than the food made in the old way, and he was of the opinion that it would make hens good feeders. Three minutes was the time taken to make the egg food. A vote of thanks to the lecturer terminated a very interesting meeting.—G. Broome, Hon. Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting, March 1, before a large attendance, room being quite filled. Decided to hold Annual Open Show on Nov. 22, but only to make provisional arrangements in the event of unforeseen things happening. Mr. A. Silver gave a lecture on British birds, which was one of the best members have had the pleasure of hearing. Mr. Silver, after dividing the birds into their various groups, gave migration and breeding habits, following with various ways of keeping and feeding for exhibition, muling, etc. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Silver for the pleasant evening he had afforded members. Mr. Silver, in replying, thanked all for the kind attention given him, and congratulated the Society on its business-like methods; members, he said, must think themselves lucky to have such an able chairman and Sec.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

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YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting, Nelson's Temperance Hotel. Sec. read balance sheet. New office bearers elected: Pres., Mr. C. Martin; Vice-Pres., Mr. J. McLellan and Mr. Wm. Steel; Sec. and Treas., Mr. S. Wood, 4, Toller-road, Glasgow; Committee, Messrs. Girvan, Heggie, Penman, McLean, Park, Priest, Ross, Pinnock, Gibb and Findlay; auditors, Peters and Cochrane. Agreed that members must show with clear drinkers and Canary seed in cage bottoms; that young bird classes be confined to members of the Y.C.C. of Scotland; and that Committee draw up syllabus for 1916-17. Principal prize winners for 1915: Silver cup won outright, Heggie, 177 points; special to runner-up, J. F. Park, 82; challenge rose bowl and gold medal, J. McLellan, 34; special to runner-up, J. F. Park, 28; challenge rose bowl nov., Wm. Steel, 16; special to runner-up, Mrs. Findlay, 15; most points at patronage shows, Heggie, McLellan, Park, Pinnock, Gibb; best hen Queen's Park, Heggie; most points birds out of money, champion, Heggie; novice, Steel, 16; most points old cock classes, Heggie, 112; hen, Heggie, 120; young hen, Heggie, 49; young bird gaining most points, Park, 16; most points member joining 1915, Findlay, 16.—Wm. Priest, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Meeting, 142, High Street, March 2, Mr. Charlton chair. New members elected: J. Nelson, Inskip, Stevenson, and Robertson. Decided that the Maile cup go to best bird in hall at the annual competition. Owing to so few members being present the election of judges was left over till next meeting, the night for booking hens. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—A. Bell, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready)

Meeting Feb. 23, Hunt's Shop, Ocean-road. Mr. J. S. Dixon (chairman) presided over a good attendance, and got through a great amount of business in the drawing up of rules. Decided that sec. write to some gentleman of the town to become president, also vice-president. New members elected: Messrs. Wyhrow, Wilson, Cleghorn, Connor, Sheaberris. Dates for annual and N.F. show at next meeting, Mar. 22.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, Mar. 2, Mr. Jones presiding. Please note date for dinner, 29th, not as before stated. Balance sheet for 1915 read and same highly satisfactory. Mr. Hobson was accorded a vote of thanks for the able management of affairs. The egg-food competition was not proceeded with, but a general discussion took place as to the different methods used. Mr. Howarth had on view a mixture he had used with success. The recipe for this appeared in CAGE BIRDS recently. It saves eggs, which is a consideration nowadays. Messrs. Joward, Hicks and Wainwright elected members. Next meeting April 5; questions, etc.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

NEWARK C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Friendly Societies' Rooms. Accounts were adopted, showing a balance in hand of £3 17s. 2d., which was considered very creditable, considering the adverse circumstances of holding a show during the trying times now existing. Officers elected:—Pres., the Mayor (Ald. W. E. Knight); vice-pres., Capt. J. R. Starkey, M.P., Mr. H. A. Colefax, Ald. F. H. Appleby, Mr. E. F. Nicholson, Mr. V. Warwick, Mr. J. T. Parnham, and Lieut.-Col. MacRae Gilstrap; chairman, Mr. A. Wells; Vice-chair, Mr. G. Hopkinson; hon. sec., Mr. W. Lidgett; hon. treas., Mr. J. H. Lamb; committee, Messrs. W. Measham, W. Staniland (Collingham), W. Ashton (Besthorpe), F. C. Lees, H. Stevenson, J. F. Parker, and T. Spray.—W. Lidgett, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Mar. 4, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds. Mr. F. Heaton chair, before the best turn up of members in the history of the club at an ordinary meeting. The delegates that attended Manchester gave a full report, and it was unanimously agreed that the Leeds Club abide by the resolution passed: that the clubs go on as they are till the next annual show of the Leeds Club, Nov. 10, 11, and each club to send two delegates to draw up a code of rules to be rigidly adhered to by all clubs. New members accepted: Messrs. Morton and Warman. Members then settled down to hear a few birds, and were prepared to give opinions on same, but unfortunately the birds must have known what was expected of them, as they refused to sing, so it was left till some future time to debate on the different tours. Will intending members let me know their addresses, so as to have their names printed in the rule books.—H. Best, Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Well-attended meeting, Feb. 23, Y.M.C.A. Rooms. Mr. R. B. Cairns, chair. Decided to hold our 8th annual show on Saturday, Dec. 2, in Victoria Rooms, Crosshill. Judges elected, and will be published as soon as acceptances are to hand. Committee's alteration of rules submitted to meeting for approval and passed. New members of committee elected, Messrs. D. Keeling, Wm. McKnight, and Wm. McClymont. Decided to hold a British table show at next meeting. Goldf., Greenf., Bullf., Linnet, Siskin or Twite, Lesser Redpoll, hens for Hybrid breeding. Entry 2d. per cage. Birds staged by 7.45; Mr. Mathew Craig judge. A number of specials have been promised, and a good turn-out of birds is expected. New members: Messrs. E. Morris, J. Campbell, J. Brown, Alex. Gentles, J. Carter, J. Booth and G. S. Hamilton.

A pair show was held in another room, 44 pairs in 7 classes. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen (7): 1, sp. Cairns; 2, Hamilton; 3, Stewart. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen (7): 1, sp. Stewart; 2, Hamilton; 3, Cairns. Nov. (9): 1, sp. Hardie; 2, McLuskie; 3, sp. Lees. Yorks (1): 1, sp. Ross. Bord. (4): 1, sp. 2, 3, Thomson. Muling Pairs (10): 1, 2, sp. Steel; 3, Hunter. Hyb. (6): 1, 3, sp. McGovin; 2, Steel. Sp. most points, Cairns; nov., McLuskie. Messrs. A. Maxwell and E. Taylor judged, and gave satisfaction. Next meeting March 29, 8.—A. K. Hunter, Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Fourth annual social St. Thomas' Schools, March 1. It was very gratifying to see so many members and friends present, about 150 putting in an appearance; many ladies were present. We were sorry our president, the Rev. C. E. Gaul, and chairman, the Rev. J. W. Wragg, were not able to be with us owing to their duties, but were pleased to see our president put in an appearance towards the second half.

The duties of chairman were again carried out by our old friend, Mr. Wm. Robinson, who looked as well and jovial as ever, and the social committee were Messrs. Spencer, Moss, Thorpe, Fairhurst, Oldham, and Boothman. Mr. Wheelton gave a piano-forte solo, after which we had songs from Mr. E. Winterbottom, Miss Hunt, Miss Hilda Winterbottom, Mr. Schofield, and Mr. Seed, a duet by Messrs. Winterbottom and Schofield, and a recitation by Mr. Condit. During supper the music was kept going with pianoforte solos by Miss Hilda Winterbottom, and the second half of the programme was ably sustained by the artists, several encores being asked for and given.

It would be unfair to single out any of the artists for special mention, all being good and giving us of their best. Time came all too soon, and the president moved a hearty vote of thanks to the artists for their kindness in helping to make our social such a great success. Mr. Schofield responded on behalf of the artists. "God Save the King" followed, and so ended a most enjoyable evening.—H. Boothman.

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alfreton C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Red Lion Inn, 5.45. Table show of British, 3 classes, Mating and Hybrid Pairs, 1s. per cage. Birds staged 5.45; J. Smedley judge.—Geo. Sawyer.

Aberllyn C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Important business.—Wm. Newell.

Boscombe F.A.—Mar. 14, headquarters, Dolphin Hotel, Horden Road, 8. Business of vast importance. Election of officers, etc. Fanciers welcome (Winton fanciers, rally round). No entrance fee.—E. T. Hames.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Mar. 10, Victoria Hotel, 7. Old bird shows, dates, judges, classes, etc.—H. Fretwell.

Bradford East O.S.—Mar. 14, Park Chapel School-rooms, 8. Arrangements for members' shows. Lecture by Mr. Cruise on Pairing. Subs. for 1916 due. A hearty welcome to new and old members.—J. Spencer.

Burnley C.B.S.—Mar. 12, 75, Lindsay Street, 7. Young Bird Show fixture, classes, judge, cup and specials.—J. Moorhouse.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Mar. 11, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Final arrangements of prize distribution.—P. P. Terry.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Mar. 11, Joiners' Arms, 7.30. Club business.—Jos. Kilshaw.

British Roller C.C.—Mar. 14, The Cock and Lion, Wignore Street, London, W. 7.30.—J. W. Norris.

Barry F. and F.S.—Mar. 11, headquarters, 8.—H. P. Thomas.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 11, Flying Dutchman, 7. Arranging members' shows for 1916, and electing judges.—W. Helliwell.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Important business.—Smith and Lees.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Lamb Hotel, 8. Border judging competition; final judge, Mr. H. Elston.—A. S. Treasurie.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting. Election of officers; report of auditors; also table show of Goldf. and Linnet.—L. Thomas.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 13, Church Institute, Paddington Street, W. 8. Frank Cole's lecture: "Shall I Win if I Breed?" Fanciers welcomed.—F. J. Martin.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Mar. 13, Sydenham Palace, 8. Table show British Hardbill and Canary Nat. Col. F. A. Green.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Mar. 11, Grange Congregational School, All Saints' Road, 7.30. Members' specials.—A. Firth.

Calston B.B.A.—Feb. 15, Reehabite Hall, Siddon Road, 8. Lecture, hints for Breeding Season, by Mr. T. Lowe, R. T. Lonsdale.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Mar. 11, Station Hotel, 7. Business very important.—B. Hainsworth. (Please send your address.—Ed.)

Queries Answered

(FOR RULES SEE LAST WEEK'S ISSUE.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A SINGING HEN (F. Rogers).—It is not so very uncommon for a hen to make quite a tolerable songster, and some such hens also breed fairly well, but whether any given hen is of any use for breeding can only be discovered by giving her the chance to prove the point. You do not mention the bird's age, no whether the bareness around the neck is of long standing, so I cannot hazard a guess whether she is likely to be of any use for breeding next year. If the bareness shows any hereditary trace you certainly should not breed with her. See reply to "Omega" in this issue.

OUT OF CONDITION (C.D. Novice).—By far the best thing would be to reject this bird altogether as a breeding unit. To breed with her will simply be to lay the foundation for more serious trouble with your stock in the future. The following treatment may cure the trouble and, in any case, will alleviate it. Stop giving the egg food for the present, and every second day for a fortnight give instead half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Then mix a week, and resume and give it again for another fortnight. In the drinking water, every second day for a week, give six drops of syrup of Ribwort and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, mixture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for three or four weeks.

BARE AND IRRITABLE (F.W.).—An open wire cage hanging in a window is just about "the limit" of an unwholesome place for the bird, and these cages are not immune to insects. Find a more suitable place for the bird further in the room, where it will be free from direct draughts, and more especially rapid extremes of temperature, which it can scarcely be free from in its present position. Then examine bird and cage closely for the presence of insect pests, particularly the bird itself for the presence of grey lice, and generally follow the same advice as that given to "Omega" in this issue.

BREAK IN BREEDING SEASON (Miss O. Cooper).—A temporary break in the breeding during its height, such as you suggest, though it is not likely to cause any serious harm to birds in a normal condition, may yet give rise to abnormal or erratic conditions during the latter part of the season. Much, however, must naturally depend upon the breed, health and condition of the bird at the beginning. If such a break is quite unavoidable, your best course will be to remove the cock when the hens begin to sit with the first round of eggs, and take them right away out of sight and, if convenient, out of hearing, of the hen, leaving the hen to hatch out and rear the young by herself, which they will do quite as well as if the cock were left with them. Do not return the cock until after your return home, and if any of the hens have the young quite free from their care before you leave, turn them into a large light cage, and have them kept on an ordinary plain diet with a liberal supply of green food during your absence, and do not allow any nesting material or site to

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Mar. 20, headquarters, Spencer Hall, 8. Table show of British; judge, Mr. A. Silver, F.Z.S. Fifty exhibits on view. Special appeal to members to bring friends. E. C. Knight.

Huddersfield O.S.—Mar. 13, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Monthly table show, all Cks., 8 Yorks. classes and 2 Nor.; judge, Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury. A. Lawford.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Revision of rules and other business. Those wishing to join invited to attend. R. H. Dixon.

Ilkerton C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Sir John Warren Hotel, 7. Business important.—T. Smith.

Keighley C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Selections of judges for open shows and alteration of rules.—C. W. Town.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Mar. 18, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Annual balance-sheet, report, election of officers. T. McGregor.

London and P.O.S.—Mar. 16, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, adjoining the old G.P.O., 8. Lecture on Hybrids by Mr. Geo. Mortlock. Fanciers welcome.—H. L. Haggis.

Leith O.S.—Mar. 11, Liberal Club Hall, 7. Classification, election of judges, and booking of hens.—J. A. Muir.

North London C.B.A.—Mar. 15, Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Pair Show and British and Foreign.—P. W. Jeffries.

New Kyo Constitutional Club C.B.S.—Mar. 12, 6.30. Election of officers, etc. Business important.—J. W. Christon.

Newsham C.B.C.—Mar. 11, Newsham Institute, 7.30. Election of officers and judge. Anyone wishing to join, send name to Wm. Gibb, 30, South Row, New Delaval, Newsham.

Open Norwich P. Club.—Members still owing subs. for 1915 please forward before the prize distribution Mar. 18; this is the last time of asking.—Sam Wilcock.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Colliery Inn, 6.30. Special meeting to select judges and arrange section special.—James Stanger.

South Heigham (Norwich).—Mar. 14, headquarters, 8. Appointment of officials for 1916, and general business.—Geo. Cooper.

Spenn Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 13, Brotherhood Rooms, Cleckheaton, 7.30.—Monthly and Union business.—S. B. Grayson.

Swansea C.B.A.—Mar. 11, Mansel Hotel, 6.45. Table show, Bullf. and Greenf., 2 classes each, house-mounted and field-mounted; judge, J. W. Ford. Novices' treat. Mr. Jeffries will stage a team of light Mules for inspection.—D. P. Rees.

Tong C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Lecture on Breeding by one of our members. Fanciers and friends invited.—W. Walker.

Wanstead F. and F.S.—Mar. 16, Cambridge Park Hall, Wanstead, 8. General meeting to arrange rules and fixtures; subs. for 1916 due.—H. S. Loft-house.

West Stanley Patriotic F.F. and C.B.S.—Mar. 12, East Stanley Club, 6.30. Electing committee to distribute proceeds of show.—R. Hutchinson.

Wigan Roller Club.—Mar. 11, Legs of Man Hotel, 6.30. Club business; rings ready.—P. Greenall.

York C.B.S.—Mar. 13, headquarters. Pair show birds staged by 7.45.—V. G. F. Zimmermann.

be in their reach. It is quite possible that some of them may show signs of going to nest when the first brood leave the nest, or casual eggs may be dropped about the cage floor, but these temptations to let them start again must be disregarded. Throw the eggs out at once, and no further trouble may occur. If the birds still appear in breeding condition when you return, you may re-mate them in the usual way and take one more round of nests from them.

IN WHAT ORDER? (R. Bumby).—I should give the preference to the foods you name exactly in the same order as you place them, viz. (1) Egg and crumb of stale bread; (2) Egg with Osborne biscuit; (3) Egg with cod liver oil food, without moisture added; (4) ditto, with moisture; (5) Egg bread mixed with condensed milk. Nos. 1 and 2 I should place streets ahead of any of the others. The moisture contained in a hard-boiled egg is quite sufficient to make the food of the proper degree of crumbliness for use. Any added moisture is simply superfluous and only reduces the keeping qualities of the mixture.

WHICH TO MATE (Heathside).—As a general rule it is best to mate one-year-old birds with those that are older, but when one has only two pairs of birds, one year and two years respectively, no harm whatever can be done by mating the birds of the same age together. In your particular circumstances I cannot say definitely which would be the best matings, as you give me no clue as to which are buff birds, or the extent or description of marking they have on them. You say the two-year-olds are a yellow and a variegated, but you do not say whether the variegated is a yellow or buff. Then you say the case is reversed with the one-year-old birds, and this I do not quite understand, unless you mean that the older pair are both yellows and the younger both buffs. If, by chance, the two-year cock is a clear yellow, and the one-year hen a buff variegated, and the one-year cock a clear buff, and the two-year hen a yellow variegated, then mate them in this way. You also omit to say whether the birds are related.

BALD ROLLERS (Omega).—First of all thoroughly examine the birds and cages for traces of insects, the birds for the presence of grey lice, and the cages for traces of red mites. In the event of either being found, you should take the proper steps for their eradication as frequently given in detail in these columns. It is, however, not at all unlikely that the defect is of physical origin and possibly inherited, in which case it is not very amenable to treatment, and the treatment should coincide as nearly as possible with the normal moulting season in order to get the fullest benefit of it. Keep the birds in a fairly warm place, free from direct draughts, or vitiated air, and every second day for three or four weeks, in addition to the staple food diet, give to each a morsel of bread, size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, then dusted lightly with flowers of sulphur, and, lastly, sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, linseed, and broken grain, and also a morsel of banana until you can get green salads in a fit condition to use them use the latter in preference to fruit. In the drinking water, every second day, preferably on the days after giving bread and milk, add ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Continue this treatment for a month if necessary. You may slightly moisten the bare area with sulphur tincture twice a week for the first fortnight, but avoid as much as possible disturbing the surrounding feathers.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHAT BIRD? (W. D. Gape).—The bird that agrees to your description is the Gyr Falcon. It is a bird of the north of Europe that has only been recorded in this country on two or three occasions. If it is really this bird, I should think it is a young one that has been blown out of its course during the rough weather. The fact of your having to feed it by hand bears out this suggestion. If you are not anxious to keep it, I would advise you to communicate with the authorities at the Zoo, who no doubt would be glad to get it.

LINNET DOING BADLY (J. Booth).—Your bird must have been hung in a draughty place, or kept in a warm room, possibly near a fire or gas, to cause it to re-moul at this time of the year. You appear to be feeding him properly, and the only alteration I can suggest is a little crushed hemp twice a week, and on other days a pinch of gold of pleasure. If you can procure a brand of good wild seed mixture he could have a spoonful about three times a week. This would no doubt contain gold of pleasure among other seeds. Add to his drinking water a course of chemical food, one teaspoonful to 2 ozs. of boiled water four days a week, plain water on the other days. Let him bathe on all suitable occasions.

FEEDING A ROBIN (E. M. Phillips).—I do not quite approve of the foods you are giving your bird, and think you would do better to feed him on a good brand of insecticide food as given to small Warblers and Nightingales, or the following mixture, which you could possibly make up yourself. Powdered Osborne biscuits six parts, best ants' eggs and dried flies two parts each, powdered silk-worm pupae one part, meat meal half a part, by measure. Take the quantity required and mix crumbly moist with grated raw carrot or, later on, finely chopped lettuce, watercress, etc., or for a change cold boiled potato, varying it as frequently as possible and adding a little water or milk, if necessary. The Robin will also eat a few grains of canary seed, and a morsel of sponge cake or soft cheese. He should have a few mealworms or small beetles, caterpillars, green fly, house flies, etc. A little fruit may be given, and berries as they come in season. His cage should not be less than 18 inches in length, and he should be allowed to bathe frequently, using a bath that can be hung on the open door.

HYBRID QUESTIONS (Hopeful).—(1) All the hens you mention have bred Hybrids in cages, but I cannot say they have reared them. As a rule, Hybrid breeders keep pairs of Canaries to incubate the eggs and rear the young. Greenfinch and Redpoll hens, if steady, are pretty reliable mothers. (2) The young Hybrids are generally reared upon egg food, green food, wild seeds of all kinds, and green fly. (3) The spring is the time when all birds come into breeding condition. They should be well fed and given dandelion leaves and seed pods, shepherd's-purse, groundsel, etc. (4) The hen Greenfinch is much duller in plumage than the cock bird, and does not show so much yellow on the butts of the wings, shafts of primary feathers, or in the tail.

BREEDING WITH HEN LINNET (Hen Linnet).—The following hybrids have been bred from the hen Linnet: Canary, Goldfinch, Redpoll, Siskin, Greenfinch, and Twite. In breeding the first one, the Linnet is usually the male parent, in which case the hen can mostly be relied upon to hatch and rear the young ones.

LINNET NOT SINGING (G. A. Shaw).—Your Linnets require a little extra attention to bring them into song. Make up the following mixture, and see that the seeds are sweet and of good quality: Canary three parts, rape two parts, linseed one part, teazle two parts. This as a staple food. Buy two ozs. of each of the following, and mix: Gold of pleasure, niger, sesame, dandelion, thistle, and lettuce, and give a teaspoonful every other day, on other days a few hemp seeds just lightly cracked. Offer green food as soon as you are able to get it free from frost. The one casting his feathers had better have a course of chemical food as advised to J. Booth in this issue.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (A Trying Novice).—The best bird to add to your collection would be a Greenfinch hen; she would agree well with the others, and possibly mate with one of the cock birds, but I do not think you are wise in keeping in the Bullfinch cock, as he is seldom satisfactory for breeding in a cage or aviary. If you decide to take him out, I would advise you to put in a hen Bullfinch instead of a hen Greenie, and then add a cock Greenie or Siskin. With this collection you would stand a chance of breeding Mules, and possibly one or two Hybrids. (2) The egg food as suggested, with green food and wild seeds, would do admirably for rearing purposes.

FEEDING THE HEN (W. J. Parish).—I am sorry to hear you have been so unfortunate in your first venture in Hybrid breeding. I am inclined to think you lost your hen by injudicious feeding. At this time of the year, when snow and frost prevail, I do not risk giving my birds groundsel. At any time this plant is somewhat relaxing, and to my mind is quite unsuitable as a green food during the winter months. A piece of sweet apple stuck between the wires of the cage is greatly to be preferred. If you get another hen and run her with the Linnet, all you need do as regards feeding is to add an extra quantity of canary seed to the Linnet mixture. The safest remedy for a Canary when out of sorts is, a piece of stale bread soaked in hot milk with just a dusting of sugar over it, and a pinch of maw seed given separately. The sulphate of iron was not likely to improve matters; a dose of Epsom or Glauber salts would probably have been more effective. When you get your other hen do not be in a hurry to run her with the Linnet; wait until she has settled down and you see that she is in good health.

A LAME REDPOLL (G. R. D.).—Your bird has probably caught his foot in the wires of the cage and so caused the injury, and probably you are feeding him rather heavily, which only increases the trouble. You did wrong to prick the swollen joint. Your treatment now should be as follows: Bathe the foot in fairly warm water, with a spoonful of borax powder dissolved in a teaspoonful, then gently dry the foot upon a soft cloth and paint it with witch hazel; if the wound is open, dilute it with a little water and hold the bird in the hand for a time until the sting from the extract has somewhat gone off. Dissolve in his drinking water as much Glauber salts as will cover a sixpence, and feed on plain food such as canary, teazle and rape, and supply him liberally with green food. Keep his cage and perches quite clean, and place the perches near the floor of the cage.

BULLFINCH BADLY FEATHERED (H. L. S.).—Your bird has evidently passed through a rather bad time, and I think it is only the good you attended to him that has pulled him through. Carefully examine him for grey lice, as these pests are sometimes responsible for bare places round the head and neck. If he has them, you must clear him either by freely dusting him with insect powder or hand-washing him, and letting him bathe freely in water with a little quassia solution added. Failing these, the cause would be internal trouble. Give the bird first of all an aperient, of a teaspoonful of effervescent citrate of magnesia in four tablespoonfuls of water. Give him this for one day, and repeat two days later. Offer a little soft food occasionally, say twice a week, and a spoonful of soaked seeds daily; see that he eats these. If not, remove his dried seeds until he does. Give plenty of fruit, such as apple or any fruit containing acids. Just wet the bare places with fresh lemon juice, and as the spring advances give plenty of green food, particularly young leaves of dandelion.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

FOOD FOR GREY-BREASTED PARRAKEET (Retlaw).—The Quaker, or Grey-breasted Parakeet is a simple liver and hardy, so long as it is not subjected to draught, the latter no bird can stand for long. Seed mixture: One quart each giant canary and white millet seeds, one pint each hemp, white oats and sunflower seeds, and a pint of shelled pot nate. Well mix and keep a constant supply in the cage. It must also have such ripe fruit as apple, banana, and orange, also any of our English fruits in season that it will take. Apple is very wholesome and most Quakers eat it greedily. Such extras as biscuit, plain cake and dry crusts will help to vary the dietary. Do not give any slops, table scraps, or any animal food. Water, grit, cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood must be considered as permanent parts of the regular diet. Raw carrot is also very good if the bird will eat it, as also are raisins (of any kind) as occasional change.

AMAZON PARROT DULL (R. W. C.).—You must continue the treatment already given, as this will help to tone it up into condition after the throat trouble it has been through. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist and give it a little once or twice daily, either thinly spread on a piece of biscuit or anything similar it will eat, or direct to the mouth from the end of a stick. Also give it a little cod liver oil emulsion daily till it is quite strong on its feet. You can give this in the same way as the honey and borax. So far as possible, without unduly alarming it, encourage it to take as much exercise as you can. With returning health and strength, if it has talked it will resume doing so, and if it has not it should soon begin to pick up words, etc. Report progress in a month.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS (Esperance).—The loss of time is more apparent than real, as these birds differ essentially from Canaries, and once they start nesting will continue to bring up brood after brood right up to the moult, and begin again as soon as this is over, if permitted. If you feed on a mixture of equal parts of white millet, Indian millet spray, also a few white oats and broken pieces of biscuit when they are feeding young, you should have luck with them. Supply tufts of seedling and flowering grass liberally as long as in season. The samples of canary and Indian millet enclosed are of good average quality. I do not consider red millet good feed; many species refuse it. Read the above into our previous replies, and you should have no difficulty in successfully treating your birds.

BREEDING CUTTHROATS, ETC. (Hunt).—Cut-throats (Ribbon Finches) will often rear their young on seed and greenfood alone, but it is better to supply them with live ants' eggs and any smooth caterpillars, spiders, etc., your garden supplies, also a little insecticide mixture consisting of equal parts of dried ants' eggs (best), dried flies, crumbled sponge cake and crushed Osborne biscuits: this will keep indefinitely if stored in a dust-light tin and kept in a dry place. For use, take the required portion and make it crumbly moist with boiling water, a four-pronged fork is an excellent utensil for mixing. If made into a wet sticky mess the birds will not eat it. Pairs of Zebra Finches, Red Avadavats, Grey Singing Finches, and Silverbills should do well and breed in your aviary under similar treatment. If you put in half a dozen hen Canaries as mates for the British Finches you would probably get some hybrids in the course of the year.

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Mr. F. Moore.—Congestion of the liver.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Complaint (S. W. J. F.).—You send neither your own name and address, nor the name of the person who has disappointed you. If you will furnish these particulars, and send at the same time a fee in accordance with Rule 8 on page 133 of last week's issue, we will write a letter to the advertiser. In doing this please repeat particulars as shortly as possible. Why not use our Deposit System?

Wild Birds Protection Acts (J. A. W.).—There are several Wild Birds Acts, all of which are procurable from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Fetter-lane, London, E.C., who also publish the leaflets setting forth local additions to the Acts and the By-laws governing particular counties and boroughs. They would send you the By-law for Glamorgan for two stamps. The close season for the scheduled birds in your county is from March 1 to August 1, and under the local order certain birds are protected all the year round. There should be a copy of this order available for your inspection at your local police station.

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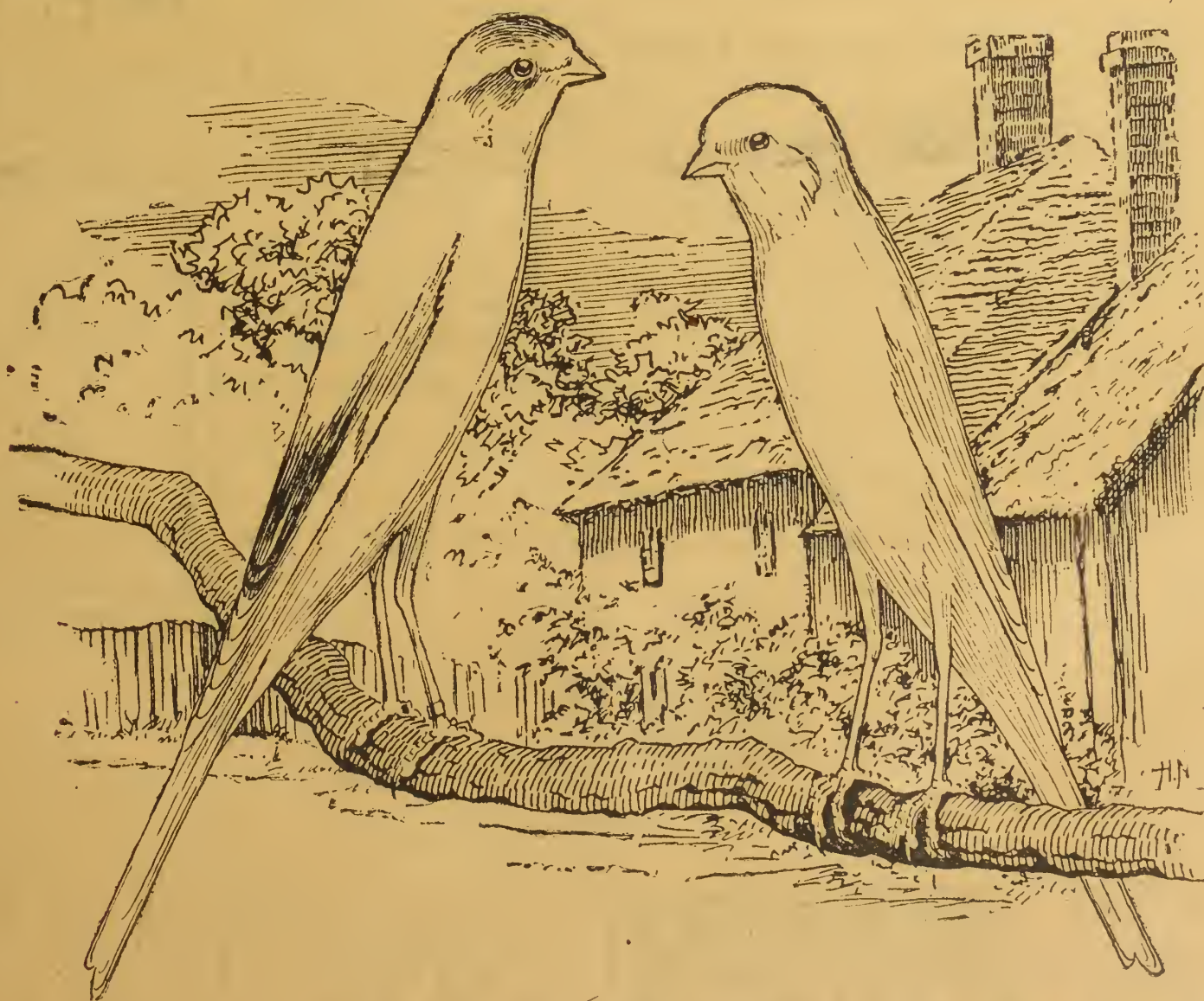


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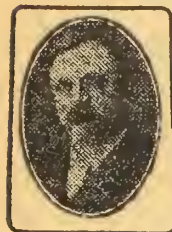
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Splendid Roller cocks, full song, 12/6, 15/6, 20/6 each; hens, 5/6 upwards; Yorkshires and Norwich same prices; stamp reply: Russell, 85, Whitton-rd., Hounslow, Middlesex. (302)

Scotch Fancies.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, two yellow cocks, one buff pied cock, young: Chas. McLean, 57, New-rd., Ayr. (337)

THOROUGH-bred Scotch, clear buff and yellow cocks, 11 each; exchange, Norwich, Yorks., Hartz; Fancier, 9, Drummond-st., Inverness. (343)

GOOD buff cock, 2 hens off winners, accept 35/-; 1 pair class Yorkshires, 25/6; 2 Border hens 5/6; Andrew Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (343)

G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, has two pairs left, high-class birds, I had mated for my own use, yellow cock, buff hen, 40/6; buff pied cock, yellow hen, 10/6; approval. (334)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20-guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.U. 30-guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.; 46, South View-terr., Sandy Lane, Bradford. (337)

E. CHESHIRE, Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich; inspection cordially invited: 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (340)

ODDEN BROS., Breeders, Exhibitors, and Exporters of the best of the world has produced: Thornton, Bradford. (337)

WANTED, good singing cocks, also hens: Jones, 120, Plaistow-rd., West Ham, E. (343)

1915 YORKSHIRE cocks, 5/6, 7/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6; Lloyd Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (340)

WANTED Yorkshires, any quantity; state price: Porritt, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley. (310)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock for yellow Yorkshire hen: Newton, 39, Gledhill-st., Salford. (337)

WANTED, Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules, cocks; Yorkshire show cages: Lauham, 36, Wakecot, Bath. (340)

WANTED, a few Yorkshire cock Canaries, on song: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (340)

YORKSHIRES, high class stock birds, hens 5/6, cocks 10/6: Apply to Mrs. French, 702, Fulham-rd. (340)

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, best blood obtainable; home all day: Metcalfe, 65, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (339)

FINE opportunity, clearing Yorkshires, best strain; cocks, 12/6, 15/6; hens from 5/6: Harper, South-avenue, Stourbridge. (339)

NOTICE: Grand lot Yorkshires; prices reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKean, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (336)

PAIR good Yorks, yellow cock, winner, buff hen, Roller hen, double breeder, 21/- lot; giving up: Bel-lairs, Omdic, Northants. (341)

FIVE cocks, 4 hens, buff, yellow, variegated, five breeding cages, three show; cold-room: Blakesley, Walton House, Hincley. (341)

H. J. CHITTENDEN has buff unfledged cocks for sale, 15/6 to 20/6 each; yellows 20/6; approval: 53, Carlisle-st., Manningham. (343)

WANTED Yorkshire yellow hens, unfledged, also show cages and case; stamp reply: Herbert Radcliffe, 10, Pomona-st., Rochdale. (340)

CHOICE Yorkshire yellow cock, 10/6; buff, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 7/6; bred from my champions: James Thomas, Bingle, Cornwall. (339)

YORKSHIRE cocks, full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; ready for breeding pairs from 10/6: Standard, Aviaries, Newton Heath, Manchester. (344)

1915 CLEAR yellow Yorkshire cock, with pink eyes, bred from cinn. marks, 12/6; Manning, 712, Rom-ford-rd., Manor Park, Essex. (340)

TWENTY good class upstanding buff and yellow hen Yorkshires, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each: Harper, 21, Han-over-rd., Kensal Rise, London. (292)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for cash, same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (340)

SLIM stylish Yorkshire cock, 12/6; exchange rifle to value, or offers; approval for cash only: 43, Ilmeritide-rd., Coalville, Leicestershire. (340)

HAVE some good stock birds for sale, related to winners; cocks, 9/6 to 20/6; hens from 5/6: H. Firth, 10, Kitchener-mount, Harcliffs, Leeds. (336)

EXHIBITION Yorkshire cock Canary, guaranteed full song, breeding condition, price, including show cage, 10/6: Ogden, Round-st., Bradford. (336)

TEN grand young Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 8/6 each; bargain; pair, unrelated, 10/6; guaranteed: 331, Payne, 6, Berkshire-rd., Bishopston, Bristol. (331)

YORKSHIRES, yellow cock, 12/6; three buff hens, 6/6 each; yellow hen, 10/6; exchange jewellery: offers: Taylor, 154, Conningham-rd., Shepherds Bush. (343)

EXHIBITION yellow Yorkshire cock, winner 1st Bishop Auckland and other shows, 15/6; approval: Wearmouth and Hodgson, Westcort, Stanhope. (340)

P. JOHNSTON, 123, Ferne Park-rd., Stroud Green, London, N., offers few choice buffs, some winners; excellent value offered to clear surplus; stamp reply. (341)

I CAN spare few unfledged Yorkshire hens, good feeding strain, marked and clear, 4/6 each; stamp reply: Devine, 1, Brentwood-avenue, Hardwick-st., Hull. (341)

R. TINDALE offers several pairs of real good Yorkshires, at prices from 30/6 to 65/6 per pair; approval: deposit: 6, Gill-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (326)

CRAVEN, Yorkshire exhibitor and breeder, has four buff cocks, good length and size, fine carriage; pairs, buff cock, yellow hen: 8, Yelverton-terrace, Plymouth. (342)

THREE yellow, 1 buff stock cocks, 8 hens, unfledged, singly or lot, sell cheap; inspection invited: Scudder, 45, Ashland House, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W. (342)

CALLED up, must clear: unfledged yellow Yorkshire hen, fourth Carlisle, 41; bought this year from Craig, Sheffield; approval: Woodley, 2, Franklin-st., Larkbeare, Exeter. (339)

GRAND clear buff cock, 1914 bred, grand quality, well up in type, winner first Alfreton, first Sutton-in-Ashfield, first Maudsfield, 20/6; approval: Vardy, Aviaries, Ilthwaite, Notts. (330)

ONE yellow Yorkshire cock Canary, one dark variegated Norwich, good singers, 8/6 each; hens, Norwich and Yorkshire, 3/6; cages 2d.: T. W. Archer, 40, Horse-mkt., Barnard Castle. (337)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Norwich from my noted strain, cocks at 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/6 upwards; hens at 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; on approval: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (194)

HEALTHY Yorkshires for sale. Having selected stock for breeding, I have a few real good pairs from 25/6 per pair; seen any time; approval: deposit: H. Smith, 114, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (341)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, bred from my cup winners; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/6; all splendid birds, standard length, type and quality; approval willingly: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (330)

HIGH-class Yorkshires, including cup winners, clears, cinnamons, marked green, marked pink eyes; pairs or singles; inspection invited; also Yorkshire-Belgian crosses: R. Welsh, 93, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (195)

COMPULSORY sale; cinn. buff cock, 15/6; others from 7/6; yellow and buff hens from 5/6: 6 Yorkshire show cages, 1/6 each; breeders, hoppers, fountains; Goldie-Greenie pair, 7/6, laid in cage; approval, deposit: Cross, Woodside-rd., Tonbridge. (336)

WILL give 7/- each for any quantity of coloured-flesh, or 10/- pair; no matter if small, providing healthy, and cocks on song; send your offers at once to G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. Telephone, 339. (339)

CHAMPION Yorkshires. Tip top clear buff cock, 15/6; another grand bird, 10/6; grand young hens, rather to breed winners, 16/6; grand young hens, rather small, capital quality, 5/6 each; approval: 4 days: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (341)

C. EGERTON, selling all his champion Yorkshires; joining up; big winners; clear buff hen, 50/6; clear yellow cock, 44; yellow cock, 60/6; two buff cocks, winners, 15/6 each; hens from 10/6; feeding hens, 3/6; cash or deposit: 252, Priory-rd., St. Denys, Southampton. (336)

HENS!

LARGE HEALTHY YORKSHIRE HENS, yellows or buffs, in perfect condition, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each up.

SIB, MULING HENS, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each.

BORDER FANCY HENS, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each.

Pure ROLLER HENS, including a few club rung birds, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each.

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MR. MIDDLETON, The old Yorkshire breeder, offers an exceptional smart, long-legged, deep-fleshed yellow Yorkshire cock, rare length, very nearly feathered to perfection, winner of several honours, also specials, 43 10s., worth double for stock; approval, deposit: 32, Mannville-grove, Fell-lane, Keighley. (340)

CHAMPION Yorkshires; having purchased a well-known breeder and exhibitor's stock of Yorkshires, have some for disposal at prices to suit all; cocks from 12/6; hens from 5/6; some winners amongst them; also cages and utensils cheap; inspection invited any time: L. Taylor, 35, Browning-rd., Leytonstone, E. (335)

L. B. YATES has 3 pairs of high class Yorkshires to dispose of. Ticked yellow cock (big winner), buff hen, this pair breeds winners in every nest, 24; variegated buff cock, yellow hen, winners, sure to breed winners, 43; yellow cock winner, buff hen, grand pair, 50/6; all ready for immediate breeding; great bargains; approval: 135, Maybury-rd., Woking. (340)

W. ORMONDROYD, winner over 1,000 prizes, can spare clear buff Yorkshire unfledged cock, winner, lovely type, quality and position, 40/6; another ticked buff cock, 30/6; grand unfledged unevenly marked buff cock, lovely quality, perfect wings and tail, 35/6; buff cock, 1914, winner, feathered like wax, 40/6; every bird in the pink of condition and guaranteed my own breeding: 17, Aberdeen-terr., Lidget Green, Bradford. (304)

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; cocks, 10/6; hens, 7/6; sure winners, 15/6 each, worth 30/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (304)

ATKINSON AND FIRTH

Having further decided to reduce our stock we have about 10 pairs of extra choice birds from 5/- upwards; state wants: 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford. (340)

"DOWDS" CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

Owing to the death of W. Dowd I have all his stock for disposal, some grand birds; cocks from 7/6, extra special yellows 10/6, hens 3/6 and 5/6; all 1914: Heywood, 311, Chapel-st., Salford. (340)

PEDIGREE YORKSHIRES

I have a few birds to spare, Bailey's strain, all bred from expensive stock. Cocks, 10/6, 15/6 each; hens, 7/6 and 10/6 each; money returned in full if not suitable: Stripe, Grocer, Selby, Yorkshire. (341)

HERE'S A CHANCE FOR NOVICES

TWO unfledged hens, yellow and buff, 4/6 each; two marked yellow or clear buff 1914 hens, 5/6 each; all bred from our winners; also even-marked yellow Norwich hen, 4/6; approval willingly: Auton Bros., 5, St. Thomas-rd., Spalding. (335)

10/- PER PAIR

given for Yorkshire, Norwich, or Rollers, any quantity: Goldfinch Mules, 6/6; Linnet Mules, 5/6; cock Goldfinches, 24/- per dozen; deposit "C.B.": Krenner, Tib-st., Manchester. (340)

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Yorkshire specialist, well known stud; can spare very fine yellow cock (unfledged) and grand clear buff hen, 43, gems; yellow cock, 20/6; ditto, 10/6; fine buff hen, 20/6; ditto, 10/6; approval; inspection invited: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (340)

WANTED, YORKSHIRES

Colour-fed; give 8/6 each, cocks, full song, 3/6 hens, any quantity. Bankers, County of Westminster and South Western. Phone 3317 Dalston. Particulars, stamp reply: Oliver, 101, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (340)

G. SNEAD

has a fine selection of Yorkshire cocks for sale, from 10/6 upwards; only a limited number of hens, price 41 each; every bird my own breeding; satisfaction guaranteed; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: Address, 133, Arcliffe-terrace, Horton Grange-rd., Bradford. (324)

INSPECTION INVITED

Stock birds for sale, cheap; cocks from 15/6 and hens from 10/6; yellows, buffs, and variegated; seen any time; guaranteed healthy and in breeding condition: H. Smith, 114, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (322)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires for sale; some real good pairs from 17/6 per pair; old birds: cocks from 12/6, hens from 6/6; seen any time; approval, deposit: H. Smith, 114, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (324)

Various Canaries.

WANTED, good singing cocks, also hens: Jones, 126, Plaistow-rd., West Ham, E. (343)

A FIFW hen Canaries from 3/- upwards, one yellow cinnamon marked: Turner and Roberts, Hapley, Derby. (338)

FOR quick sale, Norwich and Roller Canaries, cocks and hens, moving cause of sale: Barnes, 22, Station Cres., West Greu. (335)

BARGAIN: Grand lot Canaries, cocks 3/6, pairs 5/6; package, 3d.; approval: McKean, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (340)

LARGE selection of healthy young hen Canaries, ready for nesting, 3/6, 4/6, and 5/6 each; exchange anything: Seedsman, 103, Princess-st., Manchester. (340)

I WILL give 10/- a pair upwards for good coloured Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart., 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (293)

FOUR buff hen Canaries, 3/6 each; two yellow variegated, 3/6 each; fine yellow Yorkshire Ciested cock, 20/6; all cold-room young birds: Scott, Bay Fort, Torquay. (344)

NOTICE: two buff, one yellow unfledged buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6; three buff 1914 cocks, 12/6, 15/6; two yellow hens, 7/6 each; two buff hens, 5/6, 7/6. Bond, 87, Uxbridge-st., Burton. (336)

THREE champion Yorkshires, Norwich Plainheads, yellow and buff; Cinnamon Norwich, Cinnamon marked and self green Norwich Plainheads; Cinnamon marked Yorkshires: A. Colby, 8, Row 13, North Quay, Gt. Yarmouth. (340)

MUST reduce stock immediately. Five grand Norwich pairs, bred from my winners, buff cocks and yellow hens, 15/6, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6 pair; yellow cock, buff hen, 17/6; grand show stock hen (buff) 30/6; two good green Crest cocks, 20/6 each; two green Crest hens, 10/6 and 20/6 each; every bird in grand health and bargain: Lane, 95, Meadow-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (342)

800 PAIRS YORKSHIRES,

15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair

I have some splendid specimens of Yorkshires at above prices; every bird is in perfect health and condition; cocks in full song, hens in perfect feather and full of life. My rooms contain over 1,600 Yorkshires at the present time, and I invite you to come and make your own selection. If that is not possible I will send one or more pairs to any address in the kingdom, on 10 days' approval at my sole risk, on receipt of cash or deposit with editor. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to everyone.

Single birds as follows: Cocks, in full free song, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6 each; hens ready for pairing, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 to 20/6 each. Travelling cages 3d. extra; see my advt. on page 152. The above can be supplied in yellows or buffs, cleared, ticked or marked.

All birds put on rail sameday as order is received.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder, Exhibitor and Exporter, AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.

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Grand cocks, in full song, for stock or exhibition, price 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/6 each; grand hens to match, at 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; pairs properly mated to breed winners, at 15/6, 17/6, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6 a pair, all cold-room bred and ready for breeding; 6 days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (244)

MULES—HYBRIDS.

COCK Goldfinch and Norwich hen 14/6 pair, or nearest offer: Tyerman, 56, Rutland Gate, S.W. (238)

THREE large muling Greenfinch cocks, in the pink of condition, 2/- each, a bargain: Minty, Stony-st. Frome. (336)

LARGE Goldie, clicking Norwich hen, 10/6; grand Linnet, hen Goldie, 7/6; Roberts, Queens Hotel, Cerrigydruddion. (334)

THREE cage moulting large cock Linnets, 7/6 each, one bred Mules, 41 the three: Culshaw, Workhouse, Aulaby-rd., Hull. (342)

BEAUTIFUL hens for light and dark muling; list free; also cock Siskin and Greenfinch Mules: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich. (338)

HYBRID breeders, very steady; Goldie and Bullie 10/6; also Goldie and Greenie, 8/6; Rommel, 12, Praed-st., Paddington. (338)

THREE large hen Canaries, guaranteed bred (338)

finch and Linnet mules, 3/6 each, 9/- lot: Gibbo, 95, Peel-terr., Stafford. (338)

LARGE variegated cock Linnet Mule, 1914, singing 10/6; large cock Bullfinch, 2/6; offers exchange: Gregg, Bottesford, Notts. (341)

GRAND cock Siskin, paired with selected hen Goldfinch, kept together all winter, price 7/6 pair: Tucker, 64, Clarke-rd., Northampton. (341)

WANTED Linnet Mule, with pure Linnet song on a no harsh notes, a loud champion songster: C. N. P., 23, Woodberry-grove, Finsbury Park. (345)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sole light M. breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (336)

FOUR, as new, Hybrid double breeders, wire partitions, sand trays, seed hoppers, 12/- the lot: Clingo, 201, St. Benedicts-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham. (340)

MULE breeders, matched pairs, cock Linnet, 10/6; Canary, 4/6; yellow cock Greenfinch hen Can. 4/6; toppers: P. Cawood, 25, Britannia-st., Salford. (338)

TWO variegated Mules, one 4th Larkhall open, the other 1st selling class; exchange Green or Cinnamon muling hens: Cummings

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

- June 10-12.—**Liverpool Grand National British Bird Show.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
- Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.R., G.L., C.H.
- Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
- Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
- Nov. 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)
- Nov. 17-18.—**Hatfield O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Hatfield Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
- Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.** (W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes St.)
- Nov. 29-30.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 20, Bedford Place.) J.R.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

- J. C. BARNES**, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
- THOS. BENNETT**, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate; 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.
- J. W. BRUCE**, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
- W. A. COWGILL**, 115, Washington Street, Gillington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
- GEO. GARDNER**, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
- G. HOBBS**, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
- J. HOLROYD**, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
- J. R. HOUGHTON**, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
- C. A. HOUSE**, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
- J. W. METCALFE**, Yorkshire Aviarist, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
- W. MUNDELL**, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
- H. NORMAN**, The Lyric, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Birds and British Birds.
- J. PATTERSON**, Chirside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
- J. H. PAYNE**, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
- C. E. SILK**, The Aviarist, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
- JAMES STANGER**, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
- HENRY TAMS**, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
- S. TICKELL**, 22, Henny Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Chin. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
- W. VARDY**, The Aviarist, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
- J. WILCOCK**, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
- G. WILSON**, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
- W. YOUNG**, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging at Haurst on August 23.

Kindly notify that 5, Saville St., S. Shields, is my new address, writes Mr. W. L. Smith, hon. sec., S. Shields C.B.S.

Please notify my change of address from 21, Upper Duke Street to 32, Wellington Street, Kettering, writes Mr. W. E. Fairy.

Mr. W. Hook, 12, Lorne Street, Leith, is now the delegate for Leith for the B.F.C.C., and any fancier of the vee gen will be sure to get sound information from Willie concerning the club or the Fancy, writes Mr. W. B. Smart.

At the meeting of March 11, writes Mr. Wyper, sec., the Cumnock and Dist. C.B.S. decided to open their club radius of Scotch Fancies to Ayrshire. Will fanciers please note? Their exhibition is held in Auchinleck on Nov. 25.

The balance sheet of the Harrogate C.B.S. to hand shows that the £9 2s. 4d. brought forward from 1914 has increased to "Cash at bank £16 6s. 1d.," a very satisfactory showing. Besides this there are assets of staging to the estimated value of £5.

I must thank you for depicting the photo. of my Waxwing on the front of C.B. Birds, of which I have been a reader since its first number, writes Mr. B. Robinson, Redditch. I think the drawing does you artist credit. He is a nice bird and has brought me the first challenge cup for my sideboard.

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Millions of Canaries WANTED.

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THE CAPTURE OF THE GERMAN CANARY TRADE.

PLEASE return Mr. J.—'s deposit," writes W. H. Davy, of Maltby, "and also that of Mr. C—. I cannot supply them. From my advertisement in C.B. Birds I had orders for £20 worth of Rollers, £10 worth by Tuesday's post alone."

Such is the kind of letter we are now receiving every day in the week, and a glance at the Wanted columns of C.B. Birds should convince the most sceptical that there is at the present time a huge demand of all kinds of Canaries. Dealers are offering to take any number for export, and are prepared to pay good prices. A friend who called at our offices this week, who, by the way, is not a dealer, made the statement that he could dispose of a million Canaries if he could get them.

Now, what are all these birds wanted for? We will tell you. To meet the foreign demand caused by the stoppage of the German Canary Trade. Each Canary sent out of this country means more money for the war, and a better balancing of the foreign exchange. So it behoves every one of us in the bird world to apply ourselves to the task of improving the present supply of Canaries, and of entirely capturing the trade in export Canaries, especially to America.

The filling of the enormous demand year by year for singing Canaries has been for generations almost a monopoly of our enemies the Germans. During each season thousands of German Rollers have passed weekly through the hands of London dealers, and many more thousands have been exported to Canada, the United States, and to Australia, and all this trade is now waiting for England if we will seize the opportunity.

English Roller Canaries possessing merit fully equal to the best German Canaries ever bred have been for some years produced in our country, but the English breeders have limited their efforts to the production of superlative songsters as a hobby. The commercial possibilities seem scarcely to have been noticed, probably because of an idea that the demand was already being supplied, and that competition would be unprofitable.

Whatever justification might have existed for such an idea in the past is now non-existent. The German trade in Canaries is dormant. Let us kill it, and then bury it beyond resurrection. England can supply the world with song Canaries, and in so doing create an industry which will give employment to thousands of her own people. The services of our experts are available without cost. Our columns are open, and anything we can do to foster the industry and to enable our own people to grasp the opportunity now staring them in the face will be done freely and without stint.

The time is opportune, for the whole breeding season is before us. Let us therefore beset ourselves, and see that the foundation is laid of a trade which will grow with the years. Any man, woman, or intelligent child could make a profit in one season from one pair of Canaries, and this profit could be multiplied according to the number of stock. The birds may be reared in separate cages, in a room converted into an aviary, or in an outdoor aviary in the smallest backyard. The cost of feeding is little, the work is little, the pleasure is great, and the profits are certain.

We propose next week to open a subscription list with the object of establishing a fund for the purchase of Canaries for wounded soldiers, and giving free information on the subject to any wounded soldier contemplating making a start in the industry, and, meanwhile, we shall be grateful to any reader who will give us suggestions on how best to help wounded soldiers to start.

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The principal article in "British Birds" for March, Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, one shilling monthly, is Part 2 of "Wait and See Photography," by Miss E. L. Turner. A long list of recovered marked birds is given, and the usual "Notes" and Reviews complete the issue.

On and after April 4, writes Mr. A. Colley, hon. sec. N. Manchester C.B.S., our headquarters will be St. Stephens Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, where new members and friends will be made welcome. Our old headquarters, Balmoral Hotel, has been given up owing to restrictions by the military authorities.

A Rare Albino.

A purely white Rook is reported to have been recently shot on the Brampton Hall estate in Yorkshire.

A Leap Year Blackbird.

The Blackbird is due to sing towards the very end of February. This (leap year), in wintry weather, says D. R. in the "Scotsman," it was heard in full song on the 29th day. It is an event to be recorded. There was no mistaking it for the vociferous Thrush of the past few months, for, whilst my ear rarely deceives me, the proof was in seeing the bird.

Siskins in Cheshire.

"F.Z.S." in the Liverpool "Daily Post" says that for three years Siskins have been rare in South Lancashire and Cheshire, although in some earlier winters scores or even hundreds could be counted almost daily in the alders and birches alongside certain streams. A little flock of about a dozen formed the only party he has heard of this year in the district.

Dates of 1916 Bird Shows.

Further shows for which dates have been fixed are: Newcastle East End C.B.S., Nov. 24, 25; Barrow C.B.A., Nov. 3, 4; Eastleigh C.B.S., Nov. 15, 16; Garston B.B.A., Dec. 2; Reading C.B.S., Nov. 22; N. W. Glasgow C.B.C., Nov. 18; Newcastle C.B.S., Oct. 20, 21; Manchester and N.C.O.S., Oct. 27, 28; Pontypool C.B.S., Dec. 7. Secretaries should make a note of these and other dates as they are published, so that clashing may be avoided as far as possible.

The Crested Tit Extending.

The Crested Tit, a bird which has always been regarded as a resident only throughout the Spey Valley, seems to be increasing its range. In "British Birds" for December Mr. Ogilvie Grant recorded its presence in Ross-shire in October. Mr. Blackwood, in "The Scottish Naturalist" reports it from Nairnshire, and the writer of Nature Notes in the "Scotsman" says he has seen it in north-east Inverness-shire, in North Elgin, and in east Ross-shire.

'A Veteran Naturalist.'

Naturalists the world over will be glad to learn that a life of the "Grand Old Man" of the bird world (the late W. B. Tegetmeier) is about to be published by Messrs. Witherby and Co. It is written by his son-in-law, Mr. E. W. Richardson, who was long associated with him in his literary and social life. The "life" of the man who collaborated with Darwin, inaugurated the first pigeon flight in England, and who lived through five reigns, can scarce fail to be of absorbing interest.

The Best Softbill for a Novice.

The Song Thrush.

By R. BLINCOE (Rochdale).

WITH so many beautiful and interesting species that can be easily kept in good health, it is somewhat difficult to decide which is absolutely the best for the novice, especially as some points, such as expense, or trouble, in providing proper food, which would deter one man from keeping them, would be a matter of no importance whatever to another, so that in a general question like this one is compelled to take note of every possible consideration before coming to a conclusion; and perhaps the best way is to go through the list of requirements in a novice's bird one by one, eliminating from our list each species that fails in that particular point.

It should be a bird that is easily and cheaply kept without much special knowledge; this relieves us of all the small softbills, which, with the possible exception of Robins, Oxeyes, and Nuthatches, are all difficult to keep in health for any length of time, and even the three species excepted can only be kept where expense and trouble are no object, this leaves us with the larger birds, such as Magpies, Jays, Thrushes, Starlings, and Waxwings.

It should be a bird easy to obtain at a moderate price, this settles the Waxwing, which, although a very easy bird to cater for, is too expensive to experiment with.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet Contest Club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsfall, Mar. 11, another good muster, 34 competing for four minutes' time singing, and best singing this year was done: 1, 3, Piper, 139, 97; 2, Blackshear, 130. Open sing, Mar. 12, 25 competed for three minutes' time sing: 1, Piper; 2, 3, Blackshear—J. Beard, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest Mar. 11, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge-street; 48 birds entered. 1, B. Nelson; 2, Morley; 3, Crompton. Judges, Wharman, Brindley, Watkiss, Milner. Mar. 12, 28 entered. 1, G. Wainwright; 2, B. Nelson; 3, W. Nelson. Judges, Wainwright, Watkiss, Milner, and Dobson.—W. Dobson, Sec.

WIGAN.

Open contest for time and quality, Squirrel Inn, Mar. 4; 28 birds entered. Quality: 1, Knowles; 2, Tattam; 3, Rigby. Time: 1, Murphy, 138; 2, Donnelly, 130; Jones and Fairhurst, dead heat, 80. Timers, J. Murphy, S. Rigby. Judges, J. W. Jones, P. Statham. Next open contest for time and quality, Globe Inn, Leigh, Mar. 18.—S. Prier, Sec.

BARNSELY.

Members' sing, Dove Inn, Doncaster-road, Mar. 11, Waring, timer; Dunk, chalk; for 4 min. time sing. 1, Norman, 2 min. 52 sec.; 2 and 3, shared Hardman and Coles, 2.42 each. Mar. 12, 4 min. time sing. 1, Davis, 3.20; 2, Jones, 3.12; 3, Coles, 3.0; 4, Jones, 2.52; 5, Hardman, 2.47. I see in last week's C.B. Birds that Piper of Pontefract, wants a match. I will sing Piper's bird, or any other in Yorkshire. A letter to the above will meet with a reply.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing Mar. 12, Clarence Hotel, Skinner-lane, Leeds; 20 birds sang, and some grand singing was heard. 1, Wigfield; 2 and 3 shared Playforth and Wigfield; 4, Wharman. Judges, W. Lipman and S. Butterfield.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Athlone Hotel, Saville Green, York-road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Mar. 11; 21 birds sang. 1, Thompson; 2, Sissons; 3, Thompson; 4, Sissons; consolation prize, Playforth. Mar. 12, 24 sang. 1, Wood; 2, Wharman and Stanney; 3, Thompson; 4, Sissons; consolation prize, Chippindale. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor. Linnet contest Mar. 12; 13 sang. 1, Wood; 2, J. Smith; 3, Thompson; 4, Playforth. Judges, Hayes and Hardcastle.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Llanelly Chairman in Hospital at Bedford.

Our worthy chairman, Mr. D. R. Jones, has been in the Victoria Ward, County Hospital, Bedford, for the last six months, writes Mr. D. H. Davies, hon. sec. Llanelly C.B.S., and as time hangs heavily on his hands perhaps some of the old fanciers of that district will be good enough to pay him a visit to cheer him up a little. They will find him just as interesting as they will be to him. I may say that he has always been the backbone of our society.

IN AID OF THE NOVICE.

We are publishing this week a further selection of the helpful articles sent in by our readers in competition for the prize offered in our issue of Feb. 26. It has been impossible to find room for more than a few of these, and we have many more which are full of information valuable not only to the novice but to some of the older hands. We purpose deferring the award of the prize, therefore, until next week, when we shall make a final selection and announce the winner.

It should not be absolutely necessary to devote a great deal of space to it; here again we lose all the crow tribe, and the Missel Thrush, which all require ample accommodation, and are also inclined to be noisy, the last one having a particularly irritating call note and loud boisterous song.

Again, it is as well that it should be of a kind suitable for exhibition, for sooner or later the owner will feel tempted to compare it with others, and it considerably adds to the interest in the bird when this can be done. I am afraid we can leave out the Starling at this point, as it usually gets little chance in a mixed class, and never has a class to itself. Moreover, it has no natural song to recommend it, as have the only two competitors left, viz., the Song Thrush and the Blackbird, and although it is indeed a near thing between them, yet the former has the following advantages over the latter.

It takes up rather less room, both in stock and show cage, it is less quarrelsome if it should ever be desired to let it fly in an aviary with smaller kinds, and it is also receives better treatment from the judges as a rule, whether in a mixed or in the Thrush, Blackbird class, and, finally, if the sweetness of its song does not reconcile you to being wakened up at 3 a.m. during the summer months, well a hen will prove as beautiful, as interesting, and as good an exhibition bird as a cock, and you can rest in peace till breakfast time.

Having settled on a Thrush, the best way to obtain one is either to hand-rear a nest, and pick out the best specimen, or look out for a runner, that is a bird that has left the nest, but is still under the parents' care.

The first process is easy enough if the birds are taken at the right age, when the quills are just shooting. They will then gape freely, (Continued on next page.)

and may be easily fed from a smooth piece of wood. Keep them covered with a dark cloth, and as soon as it is removed they will gape more freely than if left uncovered.

Biscuit and egg moistened with milk is about the best food, but I have brought up many on bread and milk only. Make it sloppy at first, and gradually drier as they get older, until just crumbly moist, and feed every two hours. If you don't get up very early, you had better fill them all up by gas-light just before going to bed, but otherwise they need nothing after dark.

Just before they are old enough to pick you will have to watch them carefully, and as soon as you notice them cease to gape as freely, get a good lump of food on the stick and meet their attempts to pick half way; gradually teasing them on to helping themselves, and lowering the stick until the food on it and that in the pot are practically all one.

This is rather a long job, and I prefer to get a runner, for this saves the first part of the process, but you will probably have to forcibly feed even that the first day, though if you handle as gently as possible and don't frighten it, it may be fed as easily as a nestling afterwards.

After weaning, the most convenient food is Melox. Moistened half a teaspoonful the night before, and in the morning it will all be soft, and have swelled to double the quantity; it takes a bit of practice to gauge the amount of water it will take up, but you are more likely to put too much than too little; you should be able to squeeze the lumps between the fingers, and there should be no hard lumps in the centre. This makes a capital food, and I have kept all sorts of large soft-bills on it, even without any live food, though this should always be given when obtainable.

Any kind of smooth caterpillars, field beetles, scoured gentles, snails (not slugs), caddis grubs (found in small streams), will do nicely, and when these are getting scarce towards the end of the summer, there are the larvae of some kind of beetle to be found under dried cow dung in the fields. These are particularly useful, as they will keep for an indefinite time in moist earth. They are fairly large, and whitish, and at first can be seen on the top of the earth, but burrow more deeply as the season goes on.

With regard to cages, the bigger the better for every kind of bird, but 24 by 18 by 12 is the smallest suitable for a Thrush. If you have a good yard or garden, a hutch is a good thing, and it is not a bad plan to have a movable partition on the plan of a double breeder, so that you can shut the bird in one half while you clean the other. Put the perches as far apart as possible, so as to necessitate the use of its wings.

If you cannot make the hutch a long one, make it as high as possible, and put one perch high up and the other low down. Also try and arrange a small compartment for the bath, which also comes in useful to drive the bird into when you want to catch him. Finally, let him spend a few hours in his show cage every now and again, giving him live food from the fingers to keep him tame, but handle as little as possible.

The Best British Seed-eating Bird for a Novice.

By C. E. DAVEY (Dublin).

IN my opinion, the best bird for a novice to start with is a Goldfinch. It is bright and lively, and altogether attractive in its ways, colour, and song. It is a hardy bird, not given to sulking, and is very easily managed in all ways.

The best seeds, I find, to keep this Finch in health is a stock mixture of 3 parts teal, 2 parts canary, 1 part linseed, and 1 part each of charlock and summer rape, of which the seed hoppers should always be kept full. I also give a teaspoonful of hemp daily except twice a week, and then I give crushed sunflower seed instead.

It is best to keep a mixture of titbits made up of the following: 1 lb. maw seed, 1 pint niger, 1 oz. thistle, and 1 oz. of dandelion seeds, of which half a teaspoonful should be given daily, except twice a week when a little egg food and maw seed should be given.

Ripe seedling heads of dandelion and thistle should be substituted for the seed mixture as soon as they are procurable. If possible, give a little wild green food every day, such as groundsel, dandelion, or chickweed. If this cannot be procured, a small piece of lettuce or watercress may be given, provided the latter is free from frost. They are also very fond of a morsel of banana, say once a week, and a small piece of cuttlefish bone kept always between the bars is a great thing for keeping their digestion in good order.

The Goldfinch is a very clean little fellow, and he is quite fond of taking a bath; this should be given most days in the summer, and every mild day in the winter. The bath should be placed on the cage as early as

possible in the morning, especially in the shorter days.

Now a word or two as to caging him. A very suitable size is 18 in. long, 14 in. high, and 10 in. deep, needless to say of the box pattern, with a front of punched bars. The wires should be half an inch apart. This is quite close enough to prevent the bird getting his head through too far, and yet not so close as to obscure the view of the interior of the cage, as would be the case if the bars were unnecessarily close.

A good colour for the interior is a light myrtle green. The cage should, of course, have two seed hoppers, and the drinker should be of glass, as it is easier to keep clean than tin, and there is no fear of rust. The sand tray, which should fit as tight as possible, so as to leave no room for dirt and red mite, should be kept well sprinkled with sharp bird sand.

No bird will thrive unless kept perfectly clean, the cage must be cleaned out every morning and fresh seeds, sand, and water given. The bird should hang in the lightest and, if possible, the most sunny part of the room. If gas is used, be sure and have the cage below the level of the burner.

I may say in conclusion, that I have successfully kept a Goldfinch in a double breeding cage. He was in full song through the winter, so that although the above mentioned is the usual size for a Finch, they may if desired be kept in a larger, but not smaller cage.

Breeding with One Pair of Canaries.

By A. HOWIESON (Hamilton).

THE second query so completely sums up my own initial state as a fancier, that I consider a brief account of my first step into the realms of the Fancy to be the most profitable answer to the question.

Three years ago I visited a bird show with a friend for the first time, in order to give him some assistance in conveying his birds to and from the show. At this time I was entirely ignorant regarding the management of birds. My friend's success that day, and the pleasure I derived from the experience, instilled in me the desire to take part in this most interesting pastime. I made my desire known to my friend, and purchased from him a good pair of Borders at a very reasonable price. He was as delighted to see me take up the hobby as I was anxious to begin. And I believe this feeling is typical of all true fanciers. They like to see others becoming interested in their hobby.

I next proceeded to obtain as much information about the birds as possible, particularly concerning the kind that I intended to breed—the Border Fancy. I purchased the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the subject, and, having digested the contents of it, obtained "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Claude St. John. This book, in my opinion, is the master-key to success for beginners. I made myself thoroughly conversant with its contents, constituted it my tutor, and followed it closely. I read various other books on birds, particularly those dealing with Canaries, and never failed to question fanciers whom I met on all points concerning which I had the least doubt, and by the time the great day came—one sunny Saturday in the middle of March—I was fairly well equipped to start operations.

After a ding-dong battle for supremacy, in which the hen came off victorious, the birds quickly settled down to business, and ten days from the wedding ceremony the first egg appeared. Here, for the first time, I disregarded the advice of my tutor, and left the egg in the nest. The principle I adopted was to disturb the birds as little as possible. Although I lost one egg out of each of the three nests which I obtained that season, I consider that the nine youngsters I got justified my non-interference with the eggs.

But I am anticipating. On the morning of the fourteenth day I was up with the sun, listening for the tiny "cheep" I was told to expect, but, like King Midas of old, in his anxiety to experience the joys of the Golden Touch, I was too early. So placing some folk of egg in the egg drawer, I went back to bed to possess my soul in patience. Some time that day the first youngster arrived, and one on each of the two succeeding days. And, curiously enough, the one born last was out of the nest first, a dark-headed yellow cock.

For the first three days I gave yolk of egg only, continuing the usual seed diet, of course, a mixture of canary (mostly), hemp, rape, inga, and a little linseed. Afterwards I mixed ground lunch tea biscuit with the egg (adding the white), increasing the proportion of biscuit as the days went on. I kept a careful watch on the cock, in case of accident, but noticing that he was as interested as the hen, and as good a feeder, I left him to perform his parental duties.

When the chicks were a week old I introduced green food—not too much of it—in the shape of chickweed and the young leaves of dandelion, taking care to leave them lying inside for an hour or two before giving them to the birds. These the parents relished, and gave to the youngsters copiously.

All went well, and eighteen days from the hatching of the first egg the youngsters were on the spars. I now introduced some crushed hemp seed, and kept a constant lookout to see the youngsters pick for themselves. While the chicks were in the nest I pursued my original policy of disturbing the hen as little as possible, and watched for a chance when she was off the nest to have a look at the chicks to see that all were alive. I contented myself with one look each day.

When I was thoroughly satisfied that the youngsters were doing for themselves, and when the parents began to show signs of impatience with them, I removed them into a large cage by themselves, and looked forward to the next nest.

Previous to putting the birds together I joined the local club. This enabled me to meet fanciers from whom I obtained much useful information. At the First Feather show two youngsters from the first nest gained first and second prize, and at the animal show, with a very considerable entry, a clear buff hen from the second nest won the cup for the best young Border in the hall, and was runner-up for the best young bird cup. I had also a few successes in open competition, results which speak for themselves.

Pairs Likely to Produce Unique Hybrids.

By F. ARCHER (Huddersfield).

I THINK the most likely pair of birds to produce rare and unique Hybrids for the novice would be a Greenfinch cock and Bullfinch hen.

They are reasonable in price, and say for 6s. one can get a decent pair of birds—2s. 6d. cock Greemie and 3s. 6d. Bullie hen (house moulting). Of course even cheaper birds than these may be procured, but they will be fresh-caught specimens, and for Hybrid breeding I prefer house-moulting birds. They are steadier, more reliable, and used to a cage.

Having secured my two birds, how shall I commence? I purchase a two-compartment cage with a wire slide where the birds can see one another. As the breeding time comes into season, which is the latter end of May, you will notice the attention given by his lordship to his mate through the wire partition.

As for feeding and the keep of the birds, I have found that a good Finch mixture will answer admirably for the Greenfinch. He will do well on almost anything in the seed line, and with the usual green food, and a little egg food, he seems very little trouble. One can easily tell whether he is ready for pairing or otherwise, for if he is ready he will constantly be calling, and now and again he will try and brighten the surroundings with his little song. It isn't much of a song, but while he is at it, his heart and soul are in his work.

Her ladyship, the Bullfinch hen, I am going to have the most trouble with, thinks the novice. Yes, be careful how you feed. Give plain canary seed with a little sunflower now and again, and as many buds as are procurable, such as apple or any other buds from a fruit tree. When the blackberry is out, tempt them with these, as they are very fond of them.

It is now about the season for pairing up, so I am just giving a few hints about what to do. The novice will ask, What about the nest? Well, this is easy; if the birds are to be bred in a cage, procure an old nest-lining of a Thrush, or a Greenfinch; put this in the bottom of the cage, and the hen Bullie will adapt herself to her surroundings and build in it. If in an outside place, she will prepare her own.

One will notice her in breeding form by the way she goes about her business, and this is most interesting. She will move about to her partner in a most fascinating style, and times too numerous to count will tell you she is pairing.

If we have the birds paired up and everything is going straight, what about the eggs? Special attention will have to be paid here, or all will be lost. If you think the hen is about to lay, shut off the Greenie. Be up early next morning, take away the egg and substitute a dummy. I should not risk the eggs with her, but should either transfer them to a Canary hen, or to a Linnet or a Greenfinch nest outside.

This latter has been tried with success, and I myself think it is the best way, for when the eggs are given to some other bird outside the young are fed on all that Nature

supplies. Keep an eye on the nest, and as they get along, say just over a fortnight, transfer to the cage and hand-rear.

Crushed hemp seed, and hard boiled egg make a good food at this age, but as the young develop, use less of the egg food, and get them on to crushed seed. At three weeks they will show signs of picking for themselves, and a little soft boiled food might be added to the crushed hemp to replace the egg food.

To my mind a little insectivorous food is beneficial, for it contains dried flies, ants' eggs, etc., which do nicely for nearly all of our British birds. A young mealworm or a spider will be relished and much enjoyed, if same are procurable. This could be mixed with the food.

In my experience of bird keeping, I have found that the moult is the most trying time of the year, and proper treatment during the moult leads to success. Our friend here, "The Novice," has, we will suppose, bred a good bird, and wishes he could moult him.

He notices the birds looking raggy, in other words, rough, at about the middle of August. The bird is showing signs of moult, and he should prepare a good colour food, or purchase some from a fancier's shop, the best he can get.

I mix my food with the seed, and in doing so have found that my birds have taken the colour well. Be careful the food is always sweet, and do not feed with colour one day and miss the next, or the birds will come out uneven in colour. This would spoil their chance on the show bench, for, although the bird may be a good one of its sort, the faulty colour feeding during the moult will have spoilt his appearance. The colour food can easily be over done; about a tablespoonful each day will answer admirably if the food is given alone, and some prefer this way, but I have found that mixing the food with the seed is as good a way as any.

I have been greatly interested in the various hints which have been given for the benefit of the novice, and I am sure it is the duty of every fancier to keep the hobby at the high standard to which it has attained. In these trying times we must keep our paper going, and if the novice can be encouraged, then we shall have effected something more important than may at first be imagined.

The Best Canary as a Pet Bird.

By MISS S. RUBY. (Cork).

THE best Canary as a household pet is, I should say, a common one. It often happens that the owner of a pet bird knows very little about its management, and little errors of treatment that might cause illness in a well-bred bird would not have much effect on a common one.

Household pets get too many dainties in most cases. A pinch of mixed packet seeds (including hemp and linseed) given on one day, and the same the next day, as the little pet got no variety since the day before! So on every day. The best plan with regard to mixed seeds is to buy each kind separately and mix them afterwards. Give best canary as a staple diet, and twice a week give a mixture of summer rape, teal, and white millet. Give only a pinch at a time. No hemp should be given during hot weather, and only occasionally in the winter. A little maw would be beneficial when the bird is beginning to moult, and during the moult some nourishment such as a little egg food once or twice a week may be given.

Give a bath frequently during the summer, and only on fine mild days during the other seasons. Always give it in the morning before the cage floor is cleaned out, as the floor gets wet even when the bath is hung on the door. A few drops of quassia solution may be added to the bath occasionally. Even if the bird has no insects the quassia will not do any harm. The floor of cage should be wiped dry when the bird has bathed, and covered with sand.

A pet Canary should not be kept in an open wire cage; they are too draughty. The best cage is one open (wired) in front only, and 18 ins. long, 14 ins. high, and about 9 ins. deep. In a cage of this size the bird would get plenty of exercise, and at the same time be free from draughts.

Green food such as dandelion or watercress may be offered now and then, but in the winter ripe apple would be better for the bird's health. A piece of cuttlefish bone should be kept in the wires of the cage. Fresh water should be given daily and the vessel well cleaned.

A household pet bird is usually kept in the living room where there is a fire all day except in warm weather. Now, warmth is

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day and cold air at night (or rather in the early morning) do not help to keep a bird in the best of health. A good way to avoid bad effects from the change of temperature is to place the cage at night in the coolest part of the room, and cover half the front with a cloth. This will keep the bird in much the same temperature as it was in during the day.

The cage should neither be hung very high nor very low either. "Below burning lights" we are often told in the query columns of *CAGE BIRDS*, and this gives the proper position in three words. On a calm, mild day hang the cage out of doors for a few hours, but not in the sun—the hot sun, I mean.

When a bird's nails grow too long they must be cut, and this is easily done. Catch the bird gently, hold each nail up to a strong light, and cut nearly to a pink vein that runs down the nail. If you do happen to cut the vein, a touch of Friars' Balsam will stop the bleeding. The foregoing treatment should keep a canary in good health, and a healthy bird is a cheerful pet.

By A. J. NANKIVELL (Camborne).

ALTHOUGH I am a Yorkshire fancier and a great admirer of this variety, yet as a household pet I consider the Norwich Canary superior to all others.

It is not, like many of the others, a bird of position, and it can therefore be kept in the most simple manner. With very little trouble it can be trained to leave its cage and take delight in flying about the house, returning again at will; it can be taught many kinds of tricks, and often becomes greatly attached to its owner. In addition to this it is not by any means an inferior songster.

The best class of cage in which to keep it is a box cage, the back, top, and sides being made of wood, with a wire front. This protects the bird from draughts, and keeps it close feathered and in good condition. The dimensions I recommend are 18 inches long, about 15 inches high, with a depth of about 12 inches; a cage of this kind gives plenty of room for the exercise which assists in keeping the bird in a healthy condition.

Its staple diet should be the very best Spanish canary seed, occasionally mixed with a little summer rape seed, and in cold weather a very little hemp seed would not be out of place. During the spring and summer it should be given a plentiful supply of green food, such as groundsel, chickweed, and occasionally a few dandelion flowers. Of course, it must always be provided with a plentiful supply of fresh clean drinking water in glass vessels, and during fine weather a bath of clean water should be supplied at least twice a week.

Correspondence.

Early Canaries in an Outdoor Aviary.

SIR,—I have a Yorkshire Canary which went to nest with three eggs, and on March 5 two young Canaries were out, and the other egg hatched on the following day. I now have three nice young Yorkshire Canaries in the nest. My birds are kept in an outdoor aviary at the top of the garden, with no heating apparatus of any kind. I was surprised to find the eggs hatched in spite of the bitter cold winds and snow we have had. Has any of your many readers got any young birds yet in an outdoor aviary?

H. R. EVANS.

Oxalic Acid for Insect Pests.

SIR,—When cages are whitewashed with lime wash or whiting it is a common practice for the birds, hens particularly during the breeding season, and both sexes during the moult, to pick off and eat the dressing from the sides of the cages as far as they can reach it. Therefore, seeing that oxalic acid is a very poisonous substance, it certainly seems advisable for one to be sure in what proportions they mix this substance with whitewash, and also to be sure if it is a safe thing to use in such a way at all.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SIR,—In reply to "G. L. B.," I got an old wine or whisky bottle, scald about 4 ounces of oxalic acid, fill up the bottle with water; shake well before using. I have just finished cleaning down, as we say in Yorkshire; every cage was washed, with a soft brush, with the acid out of the bottle; this makes the old lime boil (get well into the joints), and give a smooth face for the new coat of lime or distemper.

In mixing the oxalic acid with the lime I use about a breakfast cup full of the solution to half a bucket of prepared lime, and a rather less quantity for distemper. I keep the bottle of oxalic acid always charged, and when cleaning the perches from time to time I dip the perch ends into the bottle, particularly during the summer months or breeding season.

I have tried almost every possible or thinkable remedy, but this is the only one I have found to destroy red mite, etc. I thank you, Mr. Editor, for allowing us to help one another through your valuable paper, *CAGE BIRDS*. I am certain that "G. L. B." will find the same satisfaction that I have done from the use of oxalic acid, namely, perfectly clean cages.

THOS. CLAYTON.

Does the Male Bird Transmit Stamina?

SIR,—With reference to the quotations given in letter by Mr. Crisp last week, let any rational person examine the matter in this manner. All organised forms of animal life may be roughly divided into two classes as to the manner of bringing forth young—oviparous and viviparous. The former produce young by means of a fertilised ova which is deposited, and the young brought forth apart from the body of the parent; in the latter class the young is brought forth alive in a more or less perfect state resembling its parent, the earlier stage of origin from a fertilised ova being completed within the animal economy. Consequently, if we allow that the male of a bird has nothing to do with the transmission of stamina to his offspring we cannot by any stretch of the imagination suppose that the male of any other animal possesses this power, and it would naturally follow that our stock breeders would be fully justified in using for stock any old spavined or broken-winded stallion or physical wreck of a bull, without any detrimental effect upon the offspring. But do we find it to be so? It is a very fatuous theory. If, as the writer quoted says, the talk about weakly germs "is simply talk," this theory is surely more talk, and very mischievous talk at best. I am perfectly sure that any fancier who acted on this suggestion would have very real cause to bitterly regret doing so.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SIR,—It is very pleasing indeed to note that Mr. R. L. Crisp is still interested in Canary breeding, and his query this week on the question of stamina should be particularly interesting to all fanciers, especially as the breeding season is so close upon us. I sincerely hope that we shall have the views of many old fanciers upon such an all-important matter as stamina in our birds.

Personally I have always had the opinion that unless the cock and hen were both in sound, healthy breeding condition it is practically impossible to produce that innate vigour in the progeny which we all desire, and without which the fancier cannot possibly succeed. Whether the youngsters derive more stamina from the cock than the hen is a matter upon which I should not care to give an opinion, but, I do know from many years' experience that should there be any faulty construction or weakness of any kind in either the cock or hen it will most certainly be reproduced in some of the youngsters. Especially will this be noticed in the later nests when the staying power of one or both of the old birds is ebbing out.

Every fancier knows the difficulties of pairing up his birds each season to avoid weaknesses and faults. Age, condition, shape, feather, etc., must all be carefully considered, and any mistake made will certainly affect the quality of the young birds, and a precious twelve months will have been lost.

It is very easy, even to the most experienced fancier, to breed a fault, but very difficult to eradicate it afterwards. Surely lack of stamina is not one of the least of faults. I feel sure that lack of stamina in birds is often brought about by the fancier taking too much out of his stock the previous breeding season. Inbreeding, too, of course to excess, is another certain way of lowering the vitality of one's stock, and where this experiment is tried the fancier should carefully mark each youngster and throw out any that show the slightest weakness.

I should like to read Mr. R. L. Crisp's own views on this matter, and I am sure his experience would be most valuable.

E. J. BANKS.

Hen Bullfinches and Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—Re the letter from "Canary-Bullfinch" about getting fertile eggs from the hen Bullfinch and bringing early into breeding condition, may I, as a great lover of this bird, say a few words? I have never been without two or more Bullfinches during the last ten years, and have bred with them pretty well every season. If "Canary-Bullfinch" has tried them for five years, and had no fertile eggs, there must be something wrong with the treatment. In the first place, it is, in my opinion, a great mistake to try and push the hen forward. The thing to do rather is to keep her back until one is quite sure that the cocks are ready. The time to get fertile eggs from Britishers in captivity is July and August, and especially this would apply if trying with Goldfinches, as they are late breeders.

By bringing your hens forward early you are only asking for nests of unfertile eggs,

which, needless to say, wears the hen out to no purpose. Once a hen Bullfinch starts laying, she goes on with nest after nest until the moult comes on, and unless she is in good form the moult claims her as a victim. There is no doubt about this.

If breeding with a Canary cock, the above statements must be modified to a certain extent, but my advice would be to keep the cock back, and take the nests as late as possible. As regards running the cock out and in, I think this is nonsense with a Bullfinch hen, as it is only likely to excite her, and "put her off." Bullfinches are "lost" without their mates during the breeding season, and simply spend their time in calling for them instead of attending to their domestic duties.

I recommend that the surroundings should be as natural as possible. Let the Bullfinch build her own nest, and lay in it, if feasible. I have had them do this in a large cage with a small shrub in a pot inside. In this way I once got a nest of seven eggs, all fertile, but this was in August, with a pair of very tame Bullfinches. I usually breed them in a large aviary. There must be plenty of green food going—chickweed and shepherd's purse, and a few dandelion shoots, buds, fruit, etc., thistles, and so on for the Goldfinch, plenty of bathing and plenty of room, and if the birds are really paired, the cock seen to be feeding the hen, and so on, there should certainly be some fertile eggs obtained.

I hope "Canary-Bullfinch" will let us know if he does have any luck after this.

(MRS.) G. CHRISTIE.

The Y.C.C. of Scotland's New Rules.

SIR,—I see by the report in *CAGE BIRDS* that members must now show with clear drinkers. I take that to mean glass drinkers, as used on Border Fancy show cages.

Uniformity apparently being the object in view, could not the standard Yorkshire Union show cage be adopted? Then you would have all cages, perches, and drinkers alike; perhaps with advantage to the lesser lights in the Fancy.

The rule that young bird classes at patronage shows be confined to Y.C.C. of Scotland members may compulsorily enlist a few new members, as presumably intended, but debars our English brothers, who invariably patronised these classes at our open shows.

Might I take this opportunity of asking what the above club proposes to do for the novice Yorkie breeders this season?

FORWARD.

Proposed Federation of Roller Clubs.

SIR,—In reply to the letter in *CAGE BIRDS*, Mar. 11, the B.R.C.C. are trying to smooth things all round, so that all the clubs shall once more be working in harmony together; all that is required is a little give and take to make the whole fancy united again.

The following suggestions I have sent to all secretaries of Roller Clubs to bring before their members:—That the B.R.C.C. recognise the P.R.C.C. rings for this season at all shows, on the understanding that only one ring be used in future. That the B.R.C.C. patronage be given to all shows. That societies receiving the B.R.C.C. patronage print in the schedule the judges' names and the classes they are to judge. That the B.R.C.C. annual show be held outside London for a series of years at different places, also the annual general meeting when possible. That as the present scheme of having the different secretaries of roller clubs as vice-presidents, to report the various doings of their societies, has not been a success, the secretaries, by virtue of their office, be committeemen, and according to the strength of each society they to elect extra committeemen. All matters of importance to be submitted to each society and voted on by the committee.

In making these suggestions I sincerely trust that all of us will let bygones be bygones, and try and come to an understanding that will be satisfactory to all parties.

J. W. NORRIS.

SIR,—I have been a close follower of the above discussion in your valuable paper, *CAGE BIRDS*. That there should be complete unity between all Roller clubs is most desirable, but the procedure pursued by some of the branches to attain that object, is, to my unbiassed mind, both selfish and dictatorial.

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The Roller Fancy owes everything to the parent club, B.R.C.C. who, I dare say, saw many "ups and downs" until they secured the necessary subscribers to keep the club out of financial difficulties.

We all have our grievances, but would it not be more effective if, instead of creating discord throughout the Fancy, for those fanciers who think they are not treated properly by the B.R.C.C. Control Board, to subscribe to the B.R.C.C.? This course would give them a voice at the next general meeting, enable them to present their proposals, and, if necessary, put forward their own representatives to sit on the Board of Control.

That this is the best and more straightforward way to smooth out all differences now existing between the clubs, as well as for the advancement of the Roller Canary Fancy, is the humble opinion of a B.R.C.C. member.

C. EVANS.

Does Cod Liver Oil Lengthen Feather?

SIR,—I have not noticed any ill effects from the use of cod liver oil, and I think the good which comes from the use of a little will far outweigh what little may be caused in the way of length of feather. For myself, I fail to see what harm will be caused by length of feather through feeding the young in the manner I stated, as the whole of the body feathers will be cast off at the first moult, and if no oil is used during the moult, where will the harm come from? I am quite aware that Yorkshires should have short, hard body feather, and if that class of feather is on the birds in the natural order of things, I don't think a little cod liver oil will have any ill effects, even if used during the moulting season.

I hope other fanciers will let us have their opinions on the use of same. I am only a young fancier myself, and am quite willing to be taught by older fanciers. In my method of using the egg-bread I see I state 1 part sugar; this should be half-part sugar—please correct.

ACORN.

The Disputed Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Simons, I may say I was the first to have the privilege of adjudicating where one of these birds was exhibited, and that was at the First Feather show of the Darvel O.B.C. in August. I examined it very carefully, and had no hesitation in accepting it as a Hybrid, which it was claimed to be. In its nest-feather, its colour and markings were about intermediate between a young Thrush and a young Blackbird, and even at that early age its actions showed unmistakable evidence of the Blackbird.

I did not see the bird again till the Darvel show in November, when Mr. Anderson had two on exhibition, one of them having been placed first by Mr. Peter McQuiston. The above bird was then clean moulted, and I was surprised how much it resembled its male parent in breast markings. Its back and tail, however, were more smoky in colour than a Thrush's, also the latter was perceptibly larger than that of a Song Thrush, and the bird occasionally jerked it open in true Blackbird style. I also heard it utter the familiar Blackbird "chuck."

As young cock Blackbirds do not come into full adult colour till well on in the spring, then developing the ochre beak and eye-ceres, it should not be expected that Hybrids off the Blackbird would show traces of these before that time, but when these are fully developed the parentage of the birds should be beyond dispute, the yellow beak and eye-ceres being the hall mark of a genuine Blackbird Hybrid.

CAVIN ALSTON.

SIR,—I am pleased to know that Mr. Simons seems to believe I am making an honest claim for my birds, and I trust that, as he suggests, other fanciers will do the same. I showed one at Carlisle under Mr. Robson, and it was put out. Then the same bird was sent to Brechin, under Mr. Watson I think, and was placed 3rd. One was sent to Glasgow under Mr. M. Craig and was placed 7th (see Mr. Craig's letter in *CAGE BIRDS* some time ago). Then two of them were shown at Darvel under Mr. McQuiston, who placed them 1st and 5th. Then lastly the three were sent to the Holborn Hall show last month under Mr. Robson again, who still adheres to his old position, declaring that he knows they are not Hybrids at all.

Mr. Simons says I don't seem to be afraid to show the birds. Why should I, knowing them to be genuine? I trust the time may come when the only one who has condemned them may find himself under the necessity of taking back much that he has said against them.

T. H. ANDERSON.

(This correspondence must now cease.—Ed.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—Mar. 23, Station Cafe, 8. Adjournd address on British Birds, Mr. A. Broadbent.—C. Bailey.

Ardrick and Manchester C.B.A.—Mar. 21, St. Thomas's Old Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. General bus. (prize-money table show paid); sec's report; money for social tickets to be sent in; initiation of new sec.—J. Spencer.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Mar. 21, Ahlett's Cafe Room, Market Street, Brit. Bird show; birds staged 8. Judge, Mr. W. Mallinson, Liscard. Members note, owing to lighting restriction. New members will be enrolled. 1s. per annum. Subs. due for first half-year.—A. E. Lloyd. (Date not stated.—Ed.)

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Mar. 21, Ahlett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. British Bird show; judge, Mr. W. Mallinson, Liscard. Gold, Linnet, h.m., f.m. Greenf., Redpoll, Siskin and Twite, Bramble and Chaffinch. 1s.—A. E. Lloyd.

Barrington and Chippington C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Social Club, 7. To take subscriptions and elect judge for next shows.—T. Sanderson, sen.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Club Hall, 6.30. Balance-sheet, etc.—W. H. Christer.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Usual business; replies from judges. New members specially invited.—J. C. Charlton.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Black Swan, 7.30. Last show's prize-money and final arrangements of syllabus.—A. Walton.

East Ham F.S.—Mar. 23, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Arrangements for first monthly show, etc.—W. A. Harwood.

Green Canary Association.—Mar. 23, Oldham Hall, 3. Annual general meeting.—T. R. Jones.

Hetton-Hole C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Important business; new members enrolled.—Geo. Vipond.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Mar. 20, headquarters, 8. Table show of British; judge, Mr. A. Silver, F.Z.S. Birds staged 8.30 sharp. Questions invited. Members please attend in force.—F. C. Knight.

Llanelli C.B.S.—Mar. 18, headquarters, 7. To read balance-sheet and other very important business.—D. H. Davies.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Mar. 21, The White Swan, 8. Mule or Hybrid; programme to be arranged for summer meetings; fanciers invited.—Day and Roberts.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Selecting judge for first table N.F. show.—R. Charleston.

Northern Norwich P.C.—Mar. 25, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7. Annual meeting, balance-sheet, election of officers, etc.—F. W. Laidlow.

Northern Brit. M. and F.B.C.—Mar. 25, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Table show, all varieties, including pairs for Mule or Hybrid breeding. Fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

Manchester and N.C. O.S.—Mar. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Judges for October show, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. General business. New members invited.—A. Colley.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Clubroom, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General business; election of new sec. pro tem.—A. W. Newton.

Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S.—Llwynellyn Hotel, March 23. General meeting. Judge for F.F. show.—J. H. Bevan.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Feb. 21, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, 8. Table show British and Mules.—W. Dyer.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Mar. 23, headquarters, 7. Arrange rambles, and general business. New members invited.—H. H. Vaughan.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Mar. 23, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W. 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robinson on "Pairing and Breeding." Fanciers and others welcome.—W. R. Beasant.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—Mar. 22, Eagle, Chatham Road. Show; judge, Mr. W. Dalton. Classes as Handbook. Special competition in Chaffinches, Redpolls, Siskins, and Twites for Finch Cup. Entries Mar. 20.—A. Wasey.

St. James's-Less F.A.—Mar. 20, Men's Club, St. James Road, 8.30. Dispersal of rule books for 1916, and lecture by Mr. T. G. Bransford.—T. G. Bransford.

S. Shields C.B.S.—Kindly notify that 5, Saville Street, South Shields, is my new address, writes Mr. W. L. Smith, hon. sec. S. Shields C.B.S.

South Shields Always Ready.—Mar. 22, Hunt's shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Dates for annual and N.F. shows; select judges and other important business. Hearty welcome to new members.—J. W. Watson.

Wakefield O.S.—Mar. 21, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. business of members' show for year.—J. Isherwood.

with the Bullfinch cock. If so, procure a young healthy bird as soon as possible, and when he has steeled down a bit introduce him to his future partner. (2) It is impossible to tell you what the Hybrids would fetch. Large, shapely, good coloured specimens would be worth several pounds, indifferent ones about as many shillings. I would advise you not to worry about the price; the main thing is to breed them; hundreds of fanciers try, and the majority fail. It is not an easy problem, but well worth trying to solve.

BREEDING LINNET MULES (Lennie).—I seem to have answered this query several times lately. (1) The Linnet-Canary Mule can be bred in a cage the size of an ordinary breeding cage. If you have no partition, you should train the Linnet to run from it into another cage, by inserting a thin stick and gently driving him into the spare cage. Do it gently without frightening him. (2) I answered this question fully last week, under the heading "Linnet not singing"; kindly look it up, the treatment suggested will suit your bird. (3) The place will do nicely for your birds providing they are free from direct draughts. Cold does not affect them, it is the damp and cold currents of air blowing directly on them. (4) The birds should be finally put together when the beak of the Linnet is dark, and blue-grey in colour, and he is in full song, and the hen flying from perch to perch, flapping her wings, and calling repeatedly. After they have been together a few days give them a nest-pan and some nesting materials.

MORE LINNET MULES (C. T. Squires).—Kindly read the advice given to "Lennie" in this issue, which applies to your birds in several ways. If your bird is in song there is no reason to alter your method of feeding, but if very backward a little extra attention as suggested will assist him. There is no reason why you should fail. It is not a very difficult matter to breed Linnet Mules.

WHAT IS THE YELLOWHAMMER? (E. V.).—The Yellowhammer, so called, is the Yellow Bunting, and is not, strictly speaking, a ground bird, although, like most other birds, seeking its food on the ground. It frequents hedgerows, and sits for hours on the topmost spray of a bush, warbling its little song, and it also roosts in a tree or hedge. Its nest is usually placed among Brambles not very far from the ground.

RAPE AND GROUNDSEL (D. Sandle).—I am afraid a written description will not assist you much in identifying some of the wild plants. Rape seedlings you can grow yourself, by sprinkling a little seed on a damp surface such as a cloth or box, with a very little sand in it, and placing it in a warm corner: in a few days it will commence to sprout. Groundsel is a weed that is in bloom nearly all the year round, and I thought everyone knew it. I would advise you to ask some of your friends to show you some. It is useful, but not by any means the best of the wild plants. Why not procure our book, "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," post free 1s. 2d.? It contains descriptions and illustrations of all the wild plants mostly used by fanciers.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD GOLDFINCH (Novice, E. M. V.).—If your Finch is healthy and coming in song he will be all right for breeding. It is not so much the age of the bird as the condition. I have known them to breed at a greater age than yours. Give him plenty of dandelion, both the leaves and the seedling pods.

BUILDING AN AVIARY (G. H. B.).—You would have done better to have given me a rough sketch. The glass already in will give plenty of light. Yes, arrange the seed boxes as suggested, in the driest place. In addition to the birds you have I would suggest a mate each for the Greenfinch and Linnet, and you could also add a pair of Siskins.

ESTABLISHING AN ALBINO STRAIN (Rusticus).—I have never heard of anyone establishing an albino strain, although albinos have been paired, and the result has been normal coloured birds. My own impression is that the experiment should be continued, the offspring being paired back to the parents, and then possibly by judicious breeding it might be managed. (2) I have kept Finch eggs ten days and had them hatched. They should be kept cool, and turned every day. (3) Your mealworm trouble arises from your not keeping them warm enough. If the place is kept dry and warm I do not see why you should fail.

GOLDFINCH AILING (Electric).—Dissolve in two table-spoonsful of water as much Glauber salts as will cover a threepenny piece, and add to it five drops of syrup of rhubarb, and give this in place of the drinking water for one day, and repeat two days later. Feed on soaked seeds, mostly teazle, say a spoonful daily, and see that he eats it. Give a portion of bread and milk and dust over it a little powdered bismuth. Give green food as it comes into season.

BREEDING WITH MULES (W. Clifton).—The generally-accepted theory is that Mules will not breed, although some bird-lovers claim to have had young ones from them.

GOLDFINCH GOING BARE (Bull Dog).—Kindly look up last week's CAGE BIRDS, and follow the advice given to "E.L.S." for his Bullfinch. Add a few sunflower seeds to his seed mixture.

WHAT BIRD? (A. Deeming).—I fancy from your description that your bird is the Reed Bunting. (2) The Buntings have not yet bred with Canaries. His food should consist of canary seed mostly, with a little mixed seed occasionally, and a spoonful of soft food.

MULE FROM ROLLERS (Novice, A.S.).—(1) You will get some good songsters from the Linnet and Roller Canary, which I suppose is what you want. (2) I would advise two pairs in the aviary and one pair in a breeding cage. You should be able to get all the other information you require from the Hybrid book you have. If you are in doubt at any time I shall be pleased to assist you.

MULES (Southport).—You do right to get experience before going in for high-class birds. (2) Pair the Greenfinch and hen Canaries off in separate cages. Let them get used to each other as soon as possible, if they quarrel, just run them together for an hour or so occasionally. (3) Your room will do nicely, but a rack or bench would be better than hanging the cages on the wall.

BLACKBIRD WITH COUGH (Belfast).—What you term a cough is really internal trouble caused through injudicious feeding. You should vary your diet, and you do wrong to give him the fat meat. If he has any at all it should be lean cooked meat, either mutton or rabbit. Give him an aperient of Glauber salts, as much as will cover a shilling dissolved in two table-spoonsful of water, and given him to drink for six hours; repeat two days later. Make the change in his food and mix scraped raw carrot or boiled potato with it; also give fruit-

(2) Improper feeding is the cause of the young Thrushes having fits, and your subsequent loss of them. Get our Nutsell Booklet on the Thrush and Blackbird, No. 4, price 3d. post free. It tells you how to rear them.

BREEDING HYBRIDS (Novice, A.L.B.).—Yes, you can breed with your Redpoll-Siskin in a cage, but it should be rather larger than the one you have, nearly double the size would be better. Your feeding is all right. Increase the green food as the spring advances. I would advise you to get the "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," post free 1s. 2d., from our manager.

SAMPLE OF SEED (Aviary).—Your sample of seed contains quite a nice collection, including shepherd's purse, chickweed, dock, thistle, etc.; no wonder the birds like it. (2) You can certainly try to breed with your Redpolls; they have been known to breed in captivity. Feed as you are doing now, with just a pinch of maw and crushed hemp about twice a week, and dandelion leaves and seed pods and other wild food. Put a nest and building materials in next month.

SAMPLES OF FOOD (A. M. C.).—Your sample of egg bread is quite sweet, and would do nicely for feeding and rearing young ones. The sugar you have added appears rather coarse; I would advise you to use finer, then it would do admirably. Use it just as it is, do not add seed to it. Give all seed separately. (2) The insect mixture requires more ants' eggs in it, or something to give it a little more body, such as a spoonful of hard-boiled egg, or even the same quantity of the egg-bread, soaked in hot milk, otherwise it is quite all right. You did not say what birds you wanted it for.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PROTRUDING INTESTINE (T. Thwaites).—The vet. will have to do what can be done. It should be possible, after again putting in the stitches, to fix a bandage round the bird's body protecting them, but of course, neither the vent nor the oil gland on the lower back must be obstructed. I tremble to think what the bird may say while the operation is being performed! What you mention re the anaesthetic is not uncommon, it frequently happens that anaesthetics and narcotics act more slowly or more rapidly on the feathered world than humans, for the variability of action occurs both ways with respective opiates, etc. I regret I cannot help further, for if the bird further outwits the vet and refuses to wear the bandage, then it will have to be left to reap the fruits of its own folly.

BENGALISE IN CAGES (Bengalee).—(1) Yes. (2) Canary, white millet, and a millet spray, green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water. (3) Yes, but not with quite the same freedom or certainty. (4) Probably they would use a nest pan, but a rush nest or small travelling cage fixed up in one back corner of the cage, near the top, with the entrance hole facing the light, would suit them better. Bengalees are not without interest; they are decidedly pretty and have some quaint actions, yet they have some lethargy in a cage, which is absent in the aviary. Furnish your cage with a twiggy branch at each end, leaving the space between the two open for flight. You can easily put a steel screw-eye into each end of the cage to receive the base of the branch.

RING-NECKED PARRAKEET (Chunavie).—I take it that it is merely the outer lining of the upper mandible that has been shed, and that the beak as a whole is still intact; if so, it is only a matter of time before things will be normal again. Of course, the dietary is all against it, and I should advise the keeping continuously of a small tin of Canary seed in the cage, and, when you notice it taking any, supply a mixture of canary, white millet and hemp. If the top mandible as a whole has come away, then reproduction will be a lengthy process, if such takes place. I have known split and broken mandibles slowly renewed, but not a whole mandible, but I should say it would be very probable that such would be the case. Keep the bowels moving quite freely, not watery loose, by an occasional laxative, and put it on a course of chemical food; also a little cod liver oil emulsion daily, lightly spread on bread, etc., would be helpful.

AVADAVITS AND WAXBILLS (E. M. V.).—I am combining your queries, as they are similar in habits and treatment required. You should get our two Nutsells, "Avadavits" and "Waxbills." 3d. each post free from our manager—they should help you greatly. There have been one or two isolated cases of successfully rearing young in a cage, and you should succeed if you give them a roomy cage, which provides some room for flight. In a cage 3ft. x 15in. x 2ft. high you could have one pair each of Avadavits and Waxbills, and with a rush nest at each end of the cage they would agree together and nest and rear young if so inclined. They have a very pleasing soft song, and their call note is sweet and pleasant and not monotonous.

ROSE FINCH IN POOR PLUMAGE (Dusk and Dawn).—Wash the bird once a week for about a month with tepid water containing a little quassia essence. Also keep the bowels moving quite freely by an occasional laxative (Dinneford's magnesia in hy an occasional laxative), and continue to use the chemical drinking water, and continue to use the chemical food. Give it as much green food as it will eat, fresh lettuce now, flowering and seedling grass later. As soon as the weather is warm enough keep it outdoors for a good portion of each day, and its condition should improve. Re the Bullfinches, this really is not my province (Foreign and British Bird and queries should be on separate pieces of paper), and you must repeat next week, but I may say that they might have been frightened by Owls or a passing cat, but the cause of death could only be ascertained by post mortem examination. Send the next to our Mr. Yates, according to the rules; he will tell you true cause and suggest remedy.

HOW MANY BUDGIES CAN I KEEP? (F. Roberts).—Three breeding pairs if you dispose of the young as soon as they are able to fend for themselves. You could keep twenty at one time in the aviary—that is, young and adults, but there should never be more than three breeding pairs. It is not well to let the beautiful sight of a crowd of Budgies jostling together tempt you to transgress the overcrowding rule, such an error you would pay for a little later by having a deteriorated and shabby stock.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

DOES IT MATTER? (H. Edmunds).—(1) Certainly it matters, a great deal, too, about mating up birds now. The vile weather conditions we have experienced since your query was written has probably convinced you and the birds of this. The end of the month, provided the weather is favourable, or the beginning of April, is quite soon enough to put them together. (2) Treat the birds that are thick and mopy as follows: Every second day, in addition to the staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a leaf of dandelion, if you can get any, or a morsel of banana. In the drinking water, every second day for a week, add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the next week give instead five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and dilute sulphuric acid every second day. (3) The cocks that do not sing, if they are not included in the mopy ones, treat as No. 2, but give the aperient for three consecutive days only, and then, instead of the gentian mixture, give every second day for a week or fortnight, 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. (4) It is quite possible to breed successfully in the kitchen, but it is, as a rule, a most unsuitable place. (5) Provided you allowed the enamel to dry hard before the birds were put in the cages there would be no harm in doing the insides with black cycle enamel, but it would give the cages a dark and sombre appearance which would not add to their attractiveness. Why not something a little more bright and cheerful?

A QUARTETTE (A New Beginner, T. D.).—(1) The staple seed diet is, of course, left on the cages for the birds, in addition to the regular supply of soft food when there are young to be fed during the breeding season, if this is what you mean by this query. The staple mixtures you name are not very good ones. The winter diet contains far too great a proportion of gold of pleasure. Give a staple either of plain canary only, or a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. All other seeds give separately as extras, and add a supply of egg food when necessary during the season. (2) A tireless energy and activity of the birds, the hens constantly calling to the cocks and vice versa, the hens flapping about the perches and occasionally pulling at their breast feathers, and the cocks picking up and toying with any piece of material that comes in their way, and their full vigorous song, are the usual signs of good breeding condition. (3) It is usual to line the pans with felt. But if the hens are good nest-builders and have a good supply of material it is not absolutely essential. You can buy pans ready lined, or the linings ready to put in. (4) If the cock has now ceased to drop feathers he should be in fit condition for mating by the first week in April. As you seem quite a novice, I would advise you to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d. post free, and be guided by that during the coming season. Moulting would suffice to keep it out of song. It should open out as soon as it has quite got over the process.

EGG SUBSTITUTE (J. W. P.).—(1) Personally, I do not consider it as good as freshly prepared egg food for rearing young, though it has been used successfully for the purpose. (2) There is no reason why it should not be quite as good for colour feeding, provided the colour is mixed with it and allowed to stand a little time before using, to allow the colour to penetrate into the somewhat hard bisect granules.

BARE ONE SIDE (Frank).—Although you say you have examined the bird, and can find neither lice nor mites, the symptoms are so suggestive that I would advise you to try again and thoroughly over-

haul the cage to be quite sure it is free from red mites. It is useless examining the bird for this pest. If you find the cage infested, take the steps so often advised in this column to eradicate them, and in either case treat the bird for a month or so the same as advised to "Omega" in last issue.

MOULTING AND DIARRHOEA (Crest).—Thanks for report. Glad to hear the moulting is better. Stop the medicines for a week, and then resume and add six drops each of dilute sulphuric acid and tincture of gentian and a crystal of sulphate of iron as big as a split pea to the drinking water every second day for another fortnight. For the diarrhoea in the hen you might try adding to each two table-spoonsful of water a small teaspoonful of infusion of cascarrilla and five drops of tincture of catechu every second day for a fortnight. I do not think you would be well advised to breed with this bird.

BAD COMPANIONS (F. H.).—I take it that the bird which you say "rolls" is a tutored Roller, with a more or less highly developed type of tutored song. In this case, if you keep it in the same room as a Roller which has never had any tuition, but has developed a type of song of its own, which probably means that it possesses many very bad expressions besides a low type of song, you will certainly run a great risk of corrupting the song of the tutored bird. They are not desirable companions by any means if you value the pure song of the educated bird.

A DUET (Romney).—(1) The sample of seed sent contained a very material proportion of canary seed. The rape it contained is a very fair quality of summer rape, and suitable for any class of Canary. (2) It is not absolutely essential to remove the cock out of hearing of the hen when you remove him whilst she is hatching and rearing the young, but it is certainly advisable if it is convenient. Keep them out of sight of each other, if not convenient to do any more, and in the great majority of cases things will work out right.

A TRIO (H. B. F.).—(1) There are several good brands of egg substitutes on the market upon which the young can be reared, so that it is quite "possible." See reply No. 1 to "J.W.P." in this issue, which applies equally to your query. I should give preference to a good home-made egg-cake, as it could be made fresh oftener and thus be fresher. (2) There is no real necessity for sieving the seed if the seed boxes are emptied and cleaned weekly, the husks blown off the seed regularly, and the dusty portion shaken to the bottom of the box and thrown out after carefully running off the good seed from it. All the big dealers who advertise in our columns sell the sieves, as you would see if you consulted one of their catalogues. (3) The best all-year round staple diet is plain canary seed or at most a simple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Any other seeds are best given separately as extras.

WENT WRONG IN MOULT (Pendulum).—I see no reason to suspect that the bird is yet beyond cure. Keep in a comfortable temperature for the remainder of the early spring, but do not overdo it, and see that she is free from direct draughts and impure air. Every second day for two or three weeks, as may seem necessary, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sugar cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BREEDING BULLFINCH-CANARY (L. Scott).—

The general rule is to pair a Canary cock with a Bullfinch hen, because the cock Bullfinch has the reputation of being an unsuccessful partner in captivity, although a few fanciers claim to have bred Hybrids with him. If you have the Canaries to spare there is no reason why you should not try

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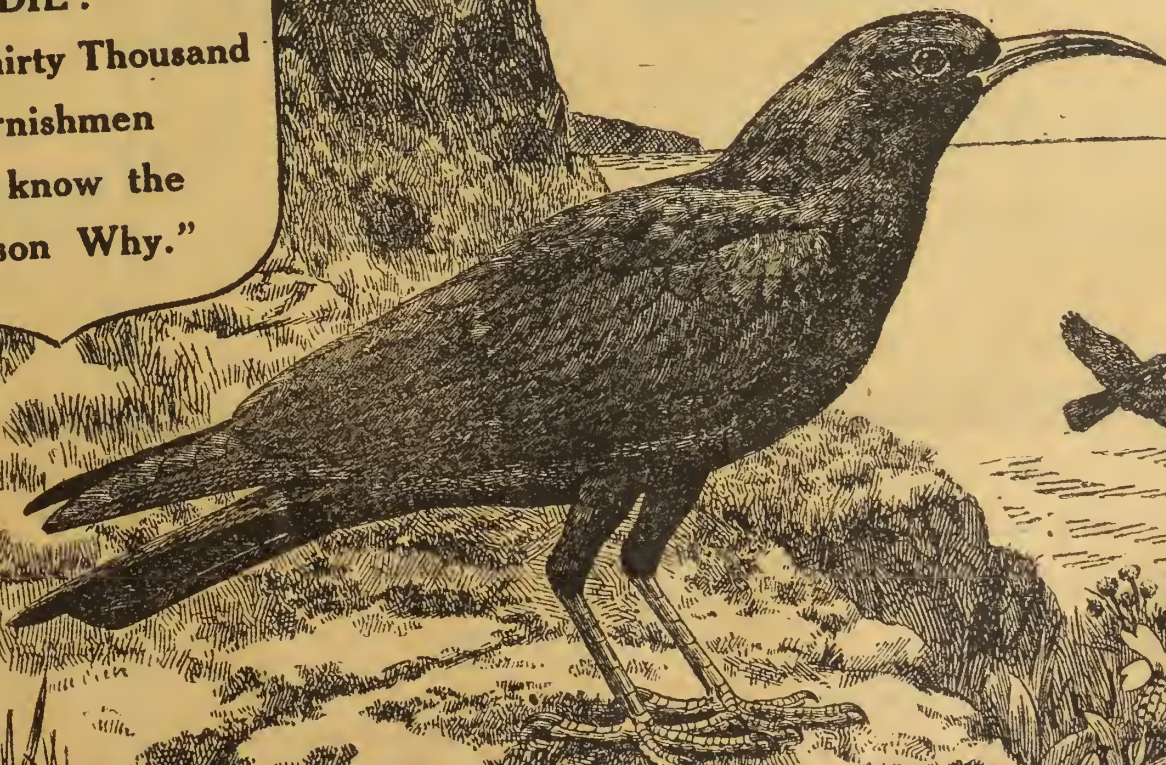
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GENT'S AND BOYS' SUITS FREE!

Astounding Easter Offer for a few weeks only to "Cage Birds"
Readers! Send only a post card and save pounds.

Now readers, would you like a suit or pair of trousers absolutely free? Perhaps your boy also? A most astounding offer is being made by a well-known London firm! They have discovered a remarkable Holeproof Cloth. You can't tear it! Yet it looks just the same as £3 or £4 suitings. You can't wear it out, no matter how hard you wear it, for if during six months of solid hard grinding work every day of the week (not just Sundays), you wear the smallest hole, another garment will be given free! The firm will send a written guarantee in every parcel. Think, readers, just 15s. 3d. for a man's suit, and only 4s. 9d. for a pair of trousers, or boy's suit 5s. 11d., knickers 2s. 3d., guaranteed for six months' solid grinding wear, and replaced free of charge if hole appears.

The Cloth.

As previously stated, this really marvellous cloth is absolutely untearable—you cannot tear it, no matter how hard you try; but possibly the thought arises that being of such hard-wearing quality, it must resemble in some shape or form the ordinary old-fashioned cord. That is not so. Side by side with the very latest designs in tweeds, and the best of our fancy worsteds, readers without testing the cloth would be unable to say which was holeproof and which was ordinary tweed. It is absolutely identical in appearance, and for considerably less than a sovereign, it is possible to obtain the design and colouring which in ordinary tweeds could not

be procured under £3 or £4. The designs are suitable for office and best wear and field or rough wear, so that readers, whether at work or at leisure, need have no hesitation in wearing garments made from this remarkable cloth. The cloth could not be torn by a barbed wire fence, it is quite impossible to tear it, and the manufacturers predict that just as soon as the public learn of its remarkable wearing qualities, ordinary tweeds and serges will become a thing of the past. For your boys it is the very cloth.

Prices Extraordinary.

The prices of garments in this holeproof cloth are truly remarkable—of course, they are cut very low, more or less, to induce the public to test the cloth. It is possible to procure a really well-cut, smartly-finished suit consisting of jacket, vest, and trousers for the absurd sum of 15s. 3d., whilst a pair of trousers guaranteed for six months' solid hard wear could be obtained for merely 4s. 9d., or gent's riding, cycling, or walking breeches for 6s. 3d. Boys' Suits from 5/11, knickers 2/3.

Method in Making.

Readers naturally ask the question, can these goods be well made for the money? Here again is the result of the employment of modern methods and machinery, the outcome of years of experimentation, which have rendered it possible to supply a suit of clothes for 15s. 3d., which our grandfathers could not possibly have obtained at anything like treble the price. As an instance of the labour-saving devices, it must be mentioned that every sewing

machine used in the making of these garments is driven by electric power; no work except the actual guidance of the garments through the machine falls on the worker, with the result that double and treble the quantity of garments can be turned out with absolute assurance that every garment is really well made. This is one instance of how the method carried from the beginning to the end of the business has resulted in a better and cheaper article for the public.

The Result.

Readers would do well to investigate this offer at once, before the rush, and the result to themselves will be a considerable saving of money in their tailoring bills, besides being able to wear garments made from a cloth which looks really smart, and yet will wear even better than the ordinary common cords.

Generous Free Samples for Readers.

To induce readers to give this remarkable cloth a trial, the manufacturers offer to send (if readers will send merely a 1/2d. postcard asking for free samples) a generous supply of cloth cuttings, fashions, and a most remarkable measurement chart, which will enable readers to measure themselves as well as any tailor could measure them. This will be sent absolutely free of charge by return of post. Readers must not delay a day, but should study the advertisement beneath, and send a postcard for the free samples of cloth cuttings. Remember, send now, while prices remain low.

The Breeding Season is Approaching

The end of March is soon enough to pair up.

In the meantime clean, disinfect, and renovate all breeding cages and appliances.

Move the hens into their breeding cages as soon as these are ready, to get them accustomed to their quarters before pairing up time.

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EVERY GARMENT GUARANTEED TO FREE.
WEAR SIX MONTHS OR REPLACED

**Remarkable Cloth—Won't Tear—Won't Wear Out—
Absolutely Holeproof! Your Boy must have a Suit!**



We will give any reader a pair of Trousers, Breeches, or complete Suit, free of charge, if he can wear the smallest hole in six months, no matter how hard he wears goods. We have discovered a really remarkable cloth that will not tear or wear out—absolutely holeproof, looks exactly as finest tweeds and serges, made in all the most up-to-date designs and suitable for farm and rough wear or office and best wear. Just to introduce this remarkable cloth to "Cage Birds" readers we offer a pair of well-cut Gent's Trousers for only 4/9; Breeches 6/3, or complete stylish suit for 15/3, BOY'S SUIT for 5/11, Knickers 2/3, and send in parcel a guarantee, plainly stating if the smallest hole appears in six months (no matter how hard you wear goods) we replace the garment absolutely free of charge. Send 4/9 and 4d. postage, together with waist and leg measures, and state colour, for sample pair of Trousers (Breeches 6/7 post free).

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SUIT 15/3
BREECHES - 6/3

WANTED, Bullfinches: Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (307)

COCK Goldfinch, 3/6; cock Greenfinch, 1/-: Eton, Newtown, Easton, Stamford. (352)

STEADY large cock Linnet, singing, 3/-: cheap: Nott, Welham Green, Hatfield. (354)

COCK Goldfinches for muling, 3/-, 4s.: cock Linnets, three 1/6; Lloyd, Avon, Gorseham, Olam. (355)

TWO cock Goldies, two cock Siskins, aviary mounted: what offers: A. Draper, 55, North-st., Halstead, Essex. (355)

TWO cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; one cock Goldie, 3/-: two Yorkshire show cages and case, 6/-: Wade, Gunthorpe, Oakham. (356)

BULLFINCHES, 1st and 2nd prize winners: prices and particulars on application: McArthur, 11, Addison-terr., Crief. (346)

EXCEPTIONALLY good house-mounted Peatbrot cock Goldfinch, sure Mule breeder, 10/6: Ellis, Boot Manufacturer, Welshepool. (351)

TWO grand cock Goldfinches, 5/- each; extra good cock Bullfinch, 6/-: approval, deposit: T. Carter, 14, Dean-st., Oakham, Rutland. (348)

TO Mule breeders. Very tame hand-reared hen Goldfinch, perfect health and plumage, 4/-: Colquhoun, Bixby Hall, Aford, Lincs. (349)

COCK Linnet 2/-, cock Brambling 3/6: both selected birds; approval with pleasure: Groom, Gadsden-pl., Hemel Hempstead, Herts. (350)

WELL mixed birds, 1/- dozen; picked cock Linnet, 6/-: Brambling, 2/-; Greenfinches, 1/6: William Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk. (350)

THREE grand Bullfinch cocks, 2/6 each; one cock Chaffinch and hen Bullfinch, 3/-: approval; been caught months: Cramp, Gunthorpe, Oakham. (350)

LARGE pencilled Scotch cock Linnet 1/6, 2/6, yellow Greenfinches, cocks, 1/-: Brambling, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 11/6, 12/6, 13/6, 14/6, 15/6, 16/6, 17/6, 18/6, 19/6, 20/6, 21/6, 22/6, 23/6, 24/6, 25/6, 26/6, 27/6, 28/6, 29/6, 30/6, 31/6, 32/6, 33/6, 34/6, 35/6, 36/6, 37/6, 38/6, 39/6, 40/6, 41/6, 42/6, 43/6, 44/6, 45/6, 46/6, 47/6, 48/6, 49/6, 50/6, 51/6, 52/6, 53/6, 54/6, 55/6, 56/6, 57/6, 58/6, 59/6, 60/6, 61/6, 62/6, 63/6, 64/6, 65/6, 66/6, 67/6, 68/6, 69/6, 70/6, 71/6, 72/6, 73/6, 74/6, 75/6, 76/6, 77/6, 78/6, 79/6, 80/6, 81/6, 82/6, 83/6, 84/6, 85/6, 86/6, 87/6, 88/6, 89/6, 90/6, 91/6, 92/6, 93/6, 94/6, 95/6, 96/6, 97/6, 98/6, 99/6, 100/6. (359)

COCK Chaffinch, full song, 2/6: cock Goldfinch muler, 6/-: singing cock Linnet and cage, 2/6: all house mounted: Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford. (350)

LARGE exhibition cock Linnet, once cage-mounted, guaranteed muler, 7/6: exchange for 2 young Roller hens: Burrows, Aldersgate Chemical Works, Southall. (350)

TAME cock Jackdaw 3/6, singing cock Linnet 2/6, singing cock Chaffinch 2/6, Greenfinches, Brambles, 1/6 pair: Miss Roscy, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (350)

COCK Chaffinch, good working bird, also contest singer, 15/- each: would exchange pair Yorkshires for either bird: Brown, 3, Elms, Shotton, Stratford-on-Avon. (351)

CATCH thousands birds alive; new double compartment trap cages, including two large Finches, trained call birds, 2/9 complete: Mr. Copp, Stores, Dartford. (353)

SELECTED cocks, Linnets 6/- dozen, Greenfinches 1/- dozen; 12 bright mixed seedeaters, for aviary, 1/-: J. Fenn, Bird Specialist, Westcliff villas, Isleham, Cambs. (352)

TWO good cock Bullfinches, H.M., 3/6 each; Redpoll, F.M., beauty, 2/-: four large cock Linnets, on full song, 2/- each: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-street, Leicester. (350)

FOUR grand cock brown Linnets, been in aviary since September, in full song and perfect condition, euro breeders, 2/6 each: approval willingly: 62, Jervis-st., Lebburn. (351)

EXHIBITION H.M. cock Hawfinch and show cage, 4/-: 3 field-M. cocks, 7/6 each; Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid cock, 7/6; grouped: J. Nash, Grosvenor House, Garage, Bath. (352)

GRAND cock Linnet, full song, paired up with hen Canary, sure muler: price 6/- the pair; 6 days' approval; cash or deposit editor: North, Breder, 443, Manchester-st., Bradford. (356)

WILL buy for cash any quantity hen Goldfinch mules, hen Canaries 1/3 each, cock Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, either sex: write stating prices: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton. (355)

BIRDS advertised 14 days ago still on offer, good Norwich or Lancashire hens wanted and 1 cock, young, healthy, and yours first: exhibition Bullfinch, 6/-: approval: Monoprio, 28, Alexandra-drive, Liverpool. (350)

WANTED, Chaffinch, must be steady, sing when carried, and right for pegging: Reply, stating full particulars, and if willing to forward on deposit system, to J. Ody, 62, Brookland-rd., Old Swan, Liverpool. (346)

CHANCE for exhibitors, selected Forfarshire cock Linnet, 2/6 each, upwards: also Greenfinches and Bullfinches, Bramblingfinches, Chaffinches, cocks and hens; stamp, approval: Adam, Avon, 225, Montrose-st., Brechin. (355)

SELECTED cock Linnets, real Norwich type, correct colour and markings: also Greenfinches, Bramblingfinches, Chaffinches; cocks and hens; prices reasonable; approval: George Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin, Forfarshire. (355)

ONE H.M. cock Goldfinch and cock Roller Canary, mad on song, 18/-, or exchange: also two cocks and one hen Goldfinches and cock Bullfinch, for 15/-, or exchange for Norwich cock and two hens; no rubbish: R. Heffernan, Coolaney, Co. Sligo. (354)

EXHIBITORS, Yellow Bunting 4/6, Cornbunting 4/6, Linnet 3/6, Tit 3/6, Greenfinch 3/6, Brambling 3/6: Chaffinch 2/6; all cocks, selected for size, colour, and markings, will make good winners; approval: Sutherland, Ramboide, Forres, N.B. (357)

LANCASHIRE cock brown Linnet, singing beautifully, 1/6, 2/- each, as supplied to Leeds and Blackburn contests: trained under my noted Kettle winner, 50, on full song; satisfaction guaranteed: W. Gardner, Garstang Road, Wesham, near Preston, Lancashire. (354)

DISPOSING of all British and Mules: see reports, Manely, Swansea, Watford, Leicester, West Bromwich, and Wolverhampton, all open, keenest competition; two champion F.M. cock Bullies, topers, 7/6 each: Hoptwood, Althampton, Wolverhampton; stamp reply. (355)

CLEARING outdoor aviaries: Yellow Buntings, 1/6, 2/-; Greenfinches, 6d., 9d., 1/-; Linnets, Chaffinches, Bramblingfinches, 1/3, 1/6, 2/- pair; all large selected cocks, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; approval, deposit: A. J. Underwood, Bird specialist, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (352)

EXHIBITORS and private bird buyers: Thirty years a catcher; first time advt.: Linnets, have selected from my first nests this season few monster specimens, beautifully pencilled, splendid whites, etc.; big bold Norwich bird; can win with a house mount, 2/- each; several selected for muling, will breed, 1/-, 3/- for 2/-; cock approved, willingly cash or deposit: Fealy, Bird Catcher, Murray-rd., Redhurn. (329)

C. PRIOR offers exhibition Chaffinch, Bramblingfinch, and Goldfinch, all magnificent house-mounted specimens, in pink of show condition, and fit for any company, also some selected Goldfinches, Linnets, and Greenfinches, suitable for muling, and a few superb Chaffinches to mount for exhibition: stamp reply: Hill Farm, Ropley, Hants. (354)

GOLDFINCHES, Goldfinches, cocks, well on hard seed, caged a month, 2/6 each, three for 6/6: extra large muling birds 3/6, 4/6, and 5/6 each; exhibition specimens, 7/6 and 10/6; Linnet cocks, trained under my champion, 1/6 each, three for 4/-; few make contest singers, 2/- and 2/6 each; all birds guaranteed sound and healthy; travelling cage 3d and 6d. extra: Bedford, late Gorea, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (354)

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LARGEST STOCK IN THE NORTH.

Patronised by all the leading fanciers in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada, and America. Gentlemen, I must really thank you for the way you have sent orders. I have sold out of Siskins, except 38 hens, but I am expecting a large consignment to arrive in a few days, also some more Hawfinches. Send your orders at once please for Siskins. I don't pick out of a dozen. I get hundreds at once; I have hens at present, 1/6 and 2/- each; cocks, to arrive, all yellows, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; specially picked, with extra deep bibs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; cock Goldfinches, real giants, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Yellow Greenfinches, gems, like Russian Bullies for size, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; Scandinavian Cock Greenies, 1/-, 1/6; English cock Greenfinches, good shape and colour, real winners, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Chaffinches, like paint, real beauties and fit for keen competition, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, and one a stormer, 3/6; Yellow Bunting, one of the best, splendid colour, good V marked head, ready to wile, 7/6; Reed Bunting, splendid colour, a gem, 3/6; one hen Reed Bunting, tame, 1/6; cock Bramblingfinches, well spangled, giants, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; Norwich type cock Linnets, well pencilled, show whites well, grand size and colour, 2/6.

I HOLD THE WORLD'S RECORD FOR MULERS.

I have a few good specimens already paired for the season: cock Goldfinch and Canary, 8/6; cock Linnet and Canary, 5/6; cock Greenfinch and Canary, 4/6; cock Greenfinch and Siskin, 4/6; cock Greenfinch and Chaffinch, 4/6; cock Chaffinch and Siskin, 5/-; cock Greenfinch and Goldfinch, 5/6; cock Linnet and Siskin, 5/-.

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Have you ever heard Linnets sing their notes like Rollers? If not, pay me a visit any time of the day or night (except Sunday). I have a grand lot of quality singing Linnets, all being trained under my undefeated Champion of England (cup winner), singing day and night, 2/6, 3/6, and a few extra good ones at 4/6 each; kitchen songsters, coming on grand, 1/-, 1/6 each; and a few with extra loud voices, right for call-birds, 2/- each. It is well known I have won all before me with Linnets. House-mounted Linnets, mad proud, sing anywhere, and birds that have won hundreds of prizes, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/- each. I have a very large cock Linnet Mule, can win on any bench, good type and colour, moreover, he is on Linnet song and will sing anywhere, 30/-; honestly worth 45/-; also several other good large Linnet Mules, can hold their own in good company and all on Linnet song, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6 each; good Greenfinch Mule, full song, 10/6; Redpoll-Goldfinch Hybrid, 8/6; Greenfinch-Siskin Hybrid, 8/6; Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid, 10/6; light Goldie Mule, can win, 20/-.

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To be given half a teaspoonful every two days; it will soon make them sing and will put the gloss on their feathers; 1/3 per bag, post free.

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All received this week, with many more. "Mr. Key, South Wingfield.—Sir, bird arrived safe and is satisfactory." "Mr. Jones, Elm Cottages, Neath Abbey.—Sir, I am pleased with bird." "Mr. Humby, Pleasant View, Aberystwyth.—Sir, bird gives every satisfaction; no need of 7 days' approval; sang in half an hour." "Mr. Fryer, Mill Bank, Talke.—Sir, Linnet quite satisfactory." "Mr. Forty, Marine St., Cwm.—Sir, received birds safe, and were singing when they came." "Mr. Cork, Station Road, Codnor Park.—Sir, Roller started singing in a few minutes; am highly satisfied." "Mr. Scott, West Burn St., Greenock.—Sir, many thanks; am very pleased with bird." "Mr. White, High St., Tichen.—Hawfinch arrived safe; am pleased with it." "Mr. Pearson, Windmill Road, Longford.—Sir, very pleased with Siskin." "Mr. Stanley, Brook St., Adlington.—Sir, bird is singing champion." "Mr. Harman, Chatham St., London.—Sir, bird is very satisfactory." "Mr. Brightwell, Peabody Buildings, Walsworth.—Sir, bird quite satisfactory." "Mr. Appleby, Sneyd Lane, Bloxwich.—Sir, I must congratulate you, birds are in good condition and am satisfied." "Mr. Fletcher, Wilson Terrace, Maryport.—Sir, Siskin and Goldie give every satisfaction. Please send bag of secret mixture." I could fill this paper from hundreds of customers.

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HAND-REARED cock Jackdaw, talks very plain, 5/-; Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (358)

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BEAUTIFUL cock Blackbird, full song, indoors or out, thoroughly tamed, healthy, perfect plumage, warranted, 5/-: Crisp, South Mill, Bishop's Stortford. (349)

MAGNIFICENT hand-reared Starling, excellent plumage, commenced talking, more interesting than a Parrot; sacrifice 3/6: Proprietress, Lamb Hotel, Dunstable.

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THRUSH and Lark wanted, hand reared 1915 birds, pure wild note; state condition as to plumage, song, price, etc., to Moss, 3, Nelson-villas, Whalebone-grove, Chadwell Heath, Essex. (349)

WANTED, cock Blackcap, cock Robin, cock Stonebat, pair of Bearded Reeglings, Titlarks, young, but not recently caught; cash, no fancy price: H. Jackson, Trearrel, Newquay, Cornwall. (347)

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EXHIBITORS, grand hand-reared Song Thrush, guaranteed full song, 10/6; class Ortolan Bunting, 10/6; fine Wagtail show cage, 3/6; approval anywhere, deposit: R. J. Robertson, 4, Hovefield-rd., Aberdeen. (356)

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Hand-reared cock Thrush, finest songster living, price 25/-; champion cock Skylark, day and gaslight songster, 20/-; pure wild notes; others in song, 10/- each, exhibition cock Linnet, extra large, 20/- with show cage; champion Goldfinch Mule, full song, pure Finch notes, 20/-; approval: F. Bent, Confectioner, 8, Glasshouse-st., Nottingham. (350)

CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS for sale cheap, must clear; four buff hens, two buff cocks, 1915 birds, bred from my well-known stock: Horrill, 17, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (354)

HAVING joined Colours, Belgians must be cleared; yellow, buff cocks, buff hens, bred from my winners Palace, Edinburgh, etc.; cheap; approval: A. Baker, Richmond-st., Barnstaple. (351)

Border Fancy.

TWO cinnamon cocks, full song, 7/6 each: Hedley, 32, Norman-terr., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (357)

TWO buff cocks, 10/- each; buff hens 7/6, 10/-: George Bennet, Bowmont Villa, Kelso. (357)

EXCHANGE two buff hens for good yellow cock, or sell 10/-: Brown, 13, Greenfield-place, Blaenavon, Mon. (352)

BORDER fancy, two buff hens, 1915, for sale, 3/- each, good birds: Neighbour, 12, Arthur-rd., Holloway, London. (352)

TWO buff cocks, 10/-; hens, yellow and buff, from 3/-; stamp; approval: Angus McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Stirlingshire. (327)

WANTED, Border Canaries for cash; same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (142)

GREAT bargain, young prize-bred typical Border cock and two hens, only 10/6 for trio; old hens, 3/6: Dunlop, Schoolhouse, Dornock, Annan. (356)

8/6 PER PAIR given for Borders, money sent and per return; any quantity taken: Wilson, Scotland's largest Naturalist, Argyle-st., Glasgow. (357)

SEVEN typical Border hens, guaranteed bred direct from my winners; what offers for lot, or sell 2/6 each to clear: Jack Heaton, 106, Menhill-rd., Crewe. (359)

GREENS and cinnamons, just a very few left to spare, cheap; approval: state wants: stamp: Dan Hamilton, 2, Barrack-st., Hamilton. Note new address. (324)

TWO pair clear Borders and one pair Cinnamons and some odd hens; sell cheap or exchange good laying hens; yours first; approval: John Kroezen, Moss-side-by-Irvine. (355)

THREE high-class hens, bred from my winners, even, marked yellow 7/6, eye marked buff 6/-, clear buff 7/6; worth double; approval: Lawton, 32, Buxton-av., Crewe. (348)

EXCEPTIONAL opportunity. Having paired up, can spare a few extra specials, selected for my own breeding, in cinnamons, clears, and greens; pairs and single birds; state wants; stamp for reply: Walter S. Wilson, "Clendyne," Southpark-rd., Hamilton. (343)

Crests and Crestbreds.

WANTED, good Crests, best price given: J. Howard and Sons. See other Wanted advertisement.

LARGE buff green Crest-bred 1915 cock, 11/6: James, 52, Bellevue-rd., Easton, Bristol. (352)

GOOD yellow variegated Crestbreds, hens, 7/6; approval: Bolam, Heddon House, Wylam-on-Tyne. **SECOND** cross copy, 1915, green-crested cocks, 12/6, 15/6, 25/6; hens to match, 25/6, 30/6 pair; approval: stamp: Colledge, Kibbura, Derby. (352)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, several good young Crestbreds, best blood, 12/6, 15/6; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (352)

SEVERAL good Crest and Crestbred cocks from 10/6, in fine condition; state requirements: F. Hughes, Plough Yard, Cheltenham. (210)

NOTICE: Grand lot Crest and Crestbred; prices reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (354)

WANTED, good healthy Crestbred cock, must have size, head and feather (no rubbish); cash or exchange; Norwich and Yorkshires: Walton, 37, Aylstone-st., Leicester. (354)

CHAMPION Crests; having won 17 firsts, 12 seconds, 13 thirds, two cups, gold and silver medal this season, both yellows and buff, also two pairs of coppers: Bewick, 7, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (344)

W. RADMORE, 17, Chaddelwood-avenue, Plymouth, has for disposal from his well-known strain, wing-marked dark Crest cock, 20/-; grey Crest cock, 17/6; variegated dark Crest cock, 12/6; wing mark dark Crest cock, 10/6; no hens; stamp reply. (357)

NOTICE: Special offer. Monster 1915 exhibition Crestbred cock, large broad head, marvellous head feather, turn over to end beak, sure winner in keen competition, only 35/-; honestly worth £4 for stock alone; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warming, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (357)

MAGNIFICENT pair, correctly matched high-class Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, Palace winning strain, only 21/-; honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warming, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (357)

T. J. KING, Columbia-place, Cheltenham, offers unfledged cocks; green Crest, 40/6; dark Crest, marked one wing, 40/6; clean body dark Crest, 80/6; green Crestbred, 25/6; variegated large dark Crest, 35/6; variegated Crestbred, 25/6; green Crestbred, 19/4; cinnamon bred, grand turnover, 30/6; immense dark Crest, brother won many firsts, 90/6; green Crest, 25/6; exchange any for large 1915 Crest, Crestbred hens; approval. (356)

SPECIAL offer. Large feathery Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; also choice yellow Crested cock, exceptionally well bred, only 12/6; also grand lightly marked dark Crested hen, large neat crest, only 10/6; also yellow Crested hen, only 8/6; also green Crested hen, only 6/6; also choice Crestbred hen, only 7/6; also several other Crested and Crestbred hens, 6/-, 7/6, 9/-, 10/- and 12/6 each; all cold-room bred; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (357)

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Marvellous Pairs at 20/-, 30/-, 40/- up.
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RUDD, Specialist, Norwich.

TWO Norwich cocks, good, 20/- and 15/-: B. Mather, 10, Wickerslow-terr., Low-st., Chingford, Essex. (359)

A CHAMPION unfledged buff cock, heavy, thick set, fine feather, a winner, 20/-: Clyne, Moray-st., Wick. (349)

EXTRA large 1914 buff cock 25/-, 1915 buff cock 10/6, 1915 yellow green 7/6: Bixter, 49, Cyprus-st., Prescott. (357)

ONE good tick buff cock, colour, type, and quality, 17/6; approval; stamp: Irons, 42, Ivy-rd., Northampton. (354)

GOOD variegated yellow cock, sell 15/-, or would exchange for clear one: Wm. Bremner, 17, High-st., Elgin. (352)

BIG buff cock, 1914, Vandy's strain, 25/-; variegated unfledged yellow, 12/6; approval: Nelson, 18, Chester-st., Rugby. (350)

CHAMPION Norwich, few good hens 1915, 7/6, 10/- each; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (352)

COME and inspect my noted Norwich, best blood obtainable; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (353)

WANTED, a good clear unfledged yellow hen, big size, and all good qualities: Mrs. Angus, 17, Regent-st., Lancaster. (353)

GOOD pair Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen, ears, accept 10/6; bargain: Faulkner, 24, Walker-st., Burton-on-Trent. (354)

SINGLE breeder and marked Norwich hen, both in fine condition, 5/-: Godbolt, 55, Hollywood-rd., South Kensington. (351)

TWO yellow hens, typical, with good heads, breeding condition, 7/6 each; approval: J. Barrett, 8, Borneo-st., Walsall. (353)

SCHOPIELD, Saddle, Ipswich, has 6 cocks, 7 hens, 1914 and 1915, first class specimens, 20/- to 40/- pair; offers lot, approval. (351)

GOOD, typical Norwich pairs, 20/- and 22/6 pair, in breeding condition; stamp, approval: Clarke, 69, Felixstowe-rd., Ipswich. (353)

MR. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Gooie, has matched pairs, Norwich 8, 9, 6, 10, 6, grand value, fine condition, packed free. (353)

TWO good large buff Norwich hens, unfledged, short, with good heads and necks, 6/- each; to clear: Hollick, Castle-rd., Salisbury. (354)

NORWICH hens, 1915, healthy, cold-room bred, from 3/-, sell to callers only: Trae, 36, Beversbrook-rd., Mercers-rd., Holloway, N. (357)

NORWICH cocks, buff; one £1 and 15/-; also 4 Border hens, 1/- each to clear; S.N.P.C.: Withers, 21, Oxford-rd., Ealing, London. (354)

FOUR buff and four yellow hens, 7/6 each; older birds, guaranteed feeders; see appliances: Hamilton, 71, Pulborough-rd., Southfields. (356)

TWO Norwich cocks, buff and yellow, 15/- each; guaranteed prize strain, colour fed: Fells, 35, Douglas-rd., Goodmayes, Essex. (345)

CAN spare two buff Norwich hens 3/- each; two buff, two yellow Yorkshire hens 3/6 each: Smith, 12, George-st., Hailsham, Sussex. (351)

WANTED, all kinds of good, healthy Canaries, also British; please state price: Thos. McCrystal, 16, Langlands-rd., Govan, Glasgow. (351)

11/6 PER PAIR given for Norwich, money sure and per return; any quantity: Wilson, Scotland's Largest Naturalist, Argyle-st., Glasgow. (353)

TWENTY clear and variegated buff hens, 1915 bred, now ready to nest, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6: A. Fiddaman, Postman, 103, Trinity-st., Norwich. (353)

LADY MUREL DIGBY has few good Norwich Plainhead hens to sell; wanting to nest; overstocked: Chalmington, Dorchester, Dorset. (354)

WILL the gentleman that bought the 5 cocks and 1 hen last Saturday kindly communicate to E. Hollingsworth, 120a, Acton-lane, Chiswick. (354)

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, 1914, cinnamon buff green hen, unfledged plain buff green hen, good large birds; price moderate: 12, Foster-rd., Chiswick, London. (354)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, for cash; same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (353)

A. C. SHIRLEY, 155, Holmoor-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham, can spare winning buff cock, also yellow winner, £3 each; also several buff cocks and hens. (353)

UNFLIGHTED clear yellow cock, clear buff cock, green yellow cock, 12/6 each; good colour; stamps; cash; approval: E. Blaney, 19, Oliver-st., Mexbro, Yorks. (355)

LAST chance, giving up, 1915 ticked yellow cock, from bird never beaten, reserve only time out, £2; buff equally well bred, 25/-: Townsend, Montrose, Upper Bognor, Bognor. (353)

T. HUTTON has for sale, self green yellow cock, unfledged, 30/-; two clear buff cocks, unfledged, 20/- each; buff cock, one year bred, 20/-; stamp reply: Ivy Lea, Ladbroke. (359)

NICE sized birds, colour fed, very healthy, yellow cocks, 15/-, 20/-, hens 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; buff cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens 10/-, 15/-, 20/-: Mr. Innes, Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire. (359)

F. J. LACONHE can spare two good large ticked buff cocks, one unfledged, other 1914 bred 20/- each; two unfledged variegated yellow cocks 10/6 each; all tip-top bred, and reliable breeders; approval: absolutely last for sale: 92, St. George-st., Norwich. (354)

NORWICH unfledged yellow, ditto buff, clear cocks, 10/6 each; hens, 7/6; will breed; exchange good big pair yellow hen for stock, Goldies; offers: Bendall, 62, Bruford-rd., Wolverhampton. (355)

LARGE ticked buff cock, can win, grand stock bird, 55/-, cheap at £2; ticked yellow hen, 50/-; yellow hen, a clinker, 25/-; also extra good buff cock, 20/-: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere. (356)

ALL from well-known good blood, ringed 1915, grand breeding condition; 3 nicely matched pairs, 17/6 pair; hens, 2 yellow, 2 buff, 7/6 each, or 25/- lot; daylight inspection: Talbot, 7, Sandrock-rd., Lewisham. (346)

LARGE, clear buff cock (fall song), clear yellow hen, both fine condition, 12/6 the pair; bargain; three compartment Crystal Palace aviary, excellent order, 15/-; stamp reply: Carcaker, Conservative Club, Shanklin. (352)

W.M. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare two buff unfledged cocks, good size, 10/- each, also three yellow variegated cocks, 10/- each, worth double from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in Fancy; approval. (353)

WANTED, immediately, large, healthy, colour-fed Norwich Plainheads, give 12/- per pair, buff cock to yellow hen, yellow cocks, with buff hens; approval required; cash waiting: George Cubley, Claxton-grove, Lutton, Long Sutton, Lincs. (359)

BIG clear yellow Norwich cock, 20/-; also ticked yellow cock, 20/-; big buff hen, 10/-; all 1914 bred; unfledged buff hen, 15/-; all good heads and thick necks; worth double the money; approval: W. Wilkinson, 113, Scott-terr., Clitheroe, Lanc. (349)

LARGE, variegated Norwich buff hen, good head, stout, only 8/6; big clear buff hen, rare head, 8/6; clear yellow cock, good stock bird, only fault twisted hind claws, only 6/-; 1915 bred birds: George Cubley, Claxton-grove, Lutton, Long Sutton, Lincs. (359)

TWO grand pairs Norwich, 20/- pair; two pairs 15/- pair; £3 gets lot; bargain; exhibition house-moulted cock Goldfinch, unfledged yellow Norwich hen, ideal pair, 15/-; four Yorkshire show cages, 3/6: Jas. Wilson, Sutton-st., Norton, Malton. (353)

HAVING decided not to do much breeding this season, am selling my stock of grand Norwich; money cannot buy better chance for champions as well as novices; inspection invited; cocks or pairs, yellows or buffs; stamp: Steele, 201, City Road, Manchester. (350)

LAST few Norwich: 2 large buff cocks, 1 clear, 1 variegated, 50/- each; yellow cock, 20/-; heavy marked buff cock, 15/-; hens, 1 yellow 10/-; buff from 5/- to 20/-; Crestbred hen, 20/-; terms cash with order, or deposit; Joseph Dodd, Vicarage-st., Whetwick, Leicestershire. (350)

NORWICH PLAINHEAD

The whole of my stock for sale, 7 pairs, from 30/- to 60/- per pair, also 2 marked yellow hens and two buff hens, 7/6 each, picked for my own breeding: Apply, Butler, 200, Foleshill-rd., Coventry. (350)

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THOROUGH bred Scotch, clear buff and yellow cocks, £1 each; exchange, Norwich, Yorks., Hartz: Fancier, 9, Drummond-st., Inverness. (345)

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YOUNG Yorkshire hens, in breeding condition, seen any evening: 317, King-st., Hammsmith. (352)

SPLendid lengthy cocks, singing, 7/-: Seymour, 246, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (350)

FIVE good Yorkshire hens, 5/- each; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham. (354)

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EXCHANGE two Yorkshire hens for Yorkshire cock or sell, 7/6 each: Lyons, 21, Chester-rd., Totton, Ham. (360)

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YORKSHIRES, three good buff hens for sale, 5/- each; to clear: Neighbour, 12, Arthur rd., Holloway, London. (352)

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Dutch Frills.

FRENCH ruffie, 35/-; Dutch frill, 30/6; few classy Norwich, Yorkshires; giant Greenfinch, 2/6; exchange other birds, aquaria: Edmund Williams, Mt. Vernon-rd., Liverpool. (354)

Cinnamons.

A FEW grand pairs, yellows or buffs, or cocks, see Norwich: Steele, 201, City-rd., Manchester. (359)

YELLOW Cinnamon hen, buff cinnamon hen, both 1915 (Norwich type), 3/6 each, guaranteed healthy: Gardiner, 10, Withpoll, Ipswich. (351)

TWO pairs Cinnamons, buff cocks, yellow hens: three Norwich cocks, one yellow, two buff marked; colour fed; offers lot or separate: Turner, 126, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough. (350)

Greens

NORWICH greens, yellows and buffs; approval: reasonable: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes. (319)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

- June 10-12.—**Liverpool Grand National British Bird Show.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
 Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
 Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
 Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
 Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)
 Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
 Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.** (W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes St.)
 Nov. 29-30.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.L.

Ireland.

- Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

- J. C. BARNES**, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.
J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Gillingham, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
GEORGE GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
C. A. HOUSE, Biladene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaris, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Nottingham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
P. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaris, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
JAMES STANGER, 39, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham, A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
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B. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviaris, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
D. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Twitterings.

Mr. Geo. Cubley writes that he has removed from Lutton Gwols to Claxton's Grove, near Long Sutton, Lincs.

The Countess of Dunsford, Gwyrch Castle, Abergale, has become President of the Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.

Sheffield fanciers should not forget the Sheffield C.B.S. dinner on Mar. 29, at the Arcade, Ecclesall Road, at 7.30.

Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, vice-chairman Newcastle East End C.B.S., writes that the secretary, Mr. J. W. Coutts, has enlisted in the Royal Engineers. He has been transferred to Silkeston, near Barnsley, Yorks.

Mr. M. S. Rindham writes that in the Amateur Yorks buff cock and yellow hen class at the show of the City and Suburban A.C.B. he took 2nd prize, and Mr. Hamford 1st and 3rd. The awards in this class were not included in our report.

Allow me to thank the 57 voters who gave their votes on my behalf as vice-president of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., writes Mr. J. E. Hudson, and also to extend my good wishes to the successful candidate, Mr. H. J. Cliftenden. I hope that, with the co-operation of all the members, Mr. Cliftenden will have a successful term of office.

Mr. J. H. Walsh, Beckwith, has sent us samples of the three grades of canary seed of which he has received a shipment of 200 sacks direct from Spain. All three grades are beautifully clean, and the seed is sound and well ripened. Mr. Walsh will be pleased to send samples free to any reader on application, and they will all be found fine value at the prices advertised.

Mr. J. Pitchford, Stoke-on-Trent, has now ready his new illustrated catalogue of cages and bird-room requisites. It seems to comprise everything needful in the bird-room, and the prices are moderate throughout. Mr. Pitchford writes that since the commencement of the war he has kept prices as low as is consistent with sending out reliable goods, and business is very brisk in spite of present difficulties.

In the March number of "Bird Notes," the Journal of the Foreign Bird Club, Mr. E. Hopkinson begins an article on "The History of the Budgerigar" which should be of great interest to the many keepers of this favourite Parakeet. Other articles are "The 1915 Breeding Season in Boyers House Aviaris," by W. Shore Bailey; "My Aviary and Gouldian Finches," by B. C. Thomasset; "The Nesting of Landrails in Captivity," by G. E. Rattigan; and "The Story of my Black-headed Gull," by F. Dawson-Smith.

A Lecture on Heredity.

On Monday next at 8, at the City and Suburban A.C.B. meeting, Church Institute, Paddington St., close to Baker St. Station, Mr. Norman, CAGE BIRDS' artist, judge and critic, is dealing with the important subject of heredity in birds. This is an opportunity of spending an instructive and pleasant evening, which should not be missed by those able to attend.

Yorkshire Joint Prize Distribution

The joint prize distribution of the Yorkshire (Canary Club, National Green-marked Y.C.C., the Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C., Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. will take place on Saturday, March 25, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, commencing at 6.30. There will be a smoking concert during the evening, and a good attendance is desired, writes Mr. S. Midgley. Ladies are specially invited. The concert will continue until eleven o'clock, and it is hoped that the evening will be a record success.

OBITUARY.

ONE OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

The Passing of Mr. Young Ashworth.

The death of that good old-time fancier, Mr. Young Ashworth, will be heard of with regret by many of the older fanciers of Yorkshire and Lancashire. Young Ashworth was a true son of nature, an earnest student and lover of bird life, and he was as happy rambling the fields and studying nature in her wildest moods, as he was when sitting down in his birdroom and reckoning up the season's chances amongst his Lancashires, Yorkshires, Lizards, and Norwich. Twenty to thirty years ago our old friend was a power and source of strength to the Northern Fancy, and those of us privileged to enjoy his friendship will remember how keen was his interest in the many controversies of those days, the days when the Fancy, as we knew it now, was gradually coming into the light, and bursting the bonds of ignorance and darkness.

Never again shall we see his earnest, happy face, never again hear his keen and merciless dissection of unsound arguments, never again will it be our pleasure to hear him criticise the awards of our judges. Pleasure in criticism? Yes! Young's criticism was that of the man who did not criticise to destroy and pull down, but to build up and improve. He was a fancier true—a fancier first and a showman after.

He was taken ill last March and has suffered greatly from gangrene, which was so bad that some time since one foot had to be amputated. But all efforts to save his life were without avail, and his soul passed away on Thursday in last week, whilst his mortal remains were interred at Christ Church, Todmorden, on Saturday last, March 18. Thus is snapped another link with those good old days we love to recall, and our hearts go out in silent sympathy to the loved ones of our old friend Young Ashworth.

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Cardiff C.B.S. Going Strong.

The balance sheet of the Cardiff C.B.S. for 1915 shows that after handing over for the benefit of prisoners of war in Germany the whole of the profits on the annual show, namely, £12 19s. 7d., there remains in hand a cash balance of £16 18s. 9d., and silver cups to the value of £38.

A Treat for Liverpool Fanciers.

We have received the syllabus of the Walton Everton C.B.S. for 1916. A specially interesting evening should be that of April 12, when the hon. sec., Mr. A. G. Hunt, of the Sterling Seed Co., will give a lecture on "Seeds of Commerce as used for Cage Birds, their sources of origin, and relative feeding values." Mr. Hunt has kindly promised to yet us have the manuscript of the lecture for publication, but those who can attend should certainly do so, as the lecture will be illustrated by some very instructive lantern slides. On Aug. 9 Mr. J. Thornton, of Liscard, will lecture on colour feeding, and bird-keepers should book this date also.

THE BIRDKEEPERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

Mr. H. BELL (Hornsey.)

I am very sorry to state, writes Mr. W. Gilbert, hon. sec. London and Counties A.C.B., that our member, Mr. H. Bell, of Hornsey, has had the news that his son Lenzo has been killed on active service somewhere in France on March 2. I am sure all fanciers that knew him will join with us in our sympathy for Mr. H. Bell and family.

Sapper John Miller (Dundee).

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. A. Law, hon. sec. City of Dundee C.B.S., of the death of Sapper John Miller, R.E. Mr. Miller was a member of the City of Dundee C.B.S., and enlisted when war broke out. He had only been six weeks in France when his wife received the sad news that her husband had given his life for his country. We extend our deepest sympathy towards his wife and three young children.

Private George Arnott, Jun. (Sinclairtown, Fife).

That well-known fancier and judge, Mr. Geo. Arnott, Sinclairtown, Kincaldy, has just received the sad news that his youngest son, Private Geo. Arnott, 10th Gordon Highlanders, was killed in action on Feb. 11, writes Mr. J. H. Adam. Private Arnott was killed whilst on sentry duty, by the blowing up of a German mine, at a time when the British trenches were being very heavily bombarded. Private Arnott was wounded in three places at the battle of Loos, Sept. 25 last, and went to the front again a few weeks ago. He was a well-known footballer, and more than one club in the "Kingdom" were anxious for his signature, but his views on professional football were very pronounced. Private Alexander Arnott, another son, is at present on his way to India with the Cameron Highlanders, and was wounded at Neuve Chapelle in April last year. Those that know Mr. Arnott will, I feel certain, extend to him their deepest sympathy in his present trying ordeal.

Millions of Migratory Birds Eaten.

According to T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the National Association of Audubon Societies, in America, "Millions of small birds in migration are destroyed yearly by the people of the Southern States and used as food. This destruction, now increasing, is having serious effect on the number of song birds in the north. Negroes are armed with guns, and many are proficient in other means of destruction. In the north, large numbers of labourers, emigrants from Europe, kill small birds for food. It is only recently that little birds were sold in large quantities in New York City, and they are still sold by thousands in the south. The scarcity of Robins, Bluebirds, and Bobolinks is becoming noticeable over wide areas."

The "Robin" mentioned in the above paragraph is the migratory Thrush, a bird about the size of our Song Thrush. It is a talented songster, and an effort was made a few years ago to establish it in England. An example, probably one of these liberated birds, was shown at the last Horticultural Hall Show as "an abnormally-feathered Blackbird." The "Blackbird" is the beautiful songster once freely imported into England and known to our aviculturists as "The Blue Robin," and the Bobolink is a bird about seven inches long and mainly black and white in plumage with a conspicuous yellow nape. It has a delightful song, but is very destructive among the growing rice crops of Carolina, where it is estimated that Bobolinks destroy at least one-tenth of the growing rice. It certainly seems strange that "millions of small birds are destroyed and used as food," while the export of a few to be kept as pet singing birds is prohibited by the law of the United States.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRAC.

Weekly Linnet Contest Club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsfall, Mar. 18. Record this year for entries, 51 birds competing for 4 minutes time singing: 1, J. Pugh, 113; 2, 4, A. Clayton, 100, 82; 3, Piper, 97. Open contest, Mar. 19, 39 competing for 3 minutes time singing: 1, Scottson; 2, Piper; 3, J. Beard. Hurry up with nominations for the bird Waterloo for Easter Monday.—J. Beard, Sec.

LEIGH.

Linnet contest, Globe Inn, March 18, for time and quality; 48 entered, 45 minutes sing, quality: 1, 3, Sisson; 2, Knowles; 4, Whittle. Time: 1, A. Donnelly, 101; 2, F. Murphy, 97; 3, T. Knowles, 59; 4, Lomax, 48. Judges, Gibbons, T. Statham, Timers, R. Disley, J. Murphy; minutes, R. Statham. Next open contest Mar. 25, for time and quality, Old Horse and Jockey, Scholes, Wigan.—R. Disley, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, time singing, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street; 62 birds entered in 4 minutes' sing, and some very good time was done. 1, H. Nelson, 140; 2, Milner, 130; 3, W. Nelson, 115. The second bird did the largest break that has been done at Castleford, 70 sec. Mar. 19, 48 entered in a 3 minutes' sing. 1, Williams; 2 and 3, shared between Crampton and Wainwright.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY.

Linnet contest for members, Mar. 18; 24 birds entered under very poor company for 4 min. time sing. Jones, 3 min. 34sec.; 114H, 3.19; Dowley, 3.18; Hardman, 3.17. March 19, members' sing under an extra good muster, to hear some good singing. Hardman, 3min. 33sec; Troops, 3.21; Dowley, 3.2; Coles, 2.50. Shepherd timer, Waring and Colling chatters. Single time singing only in our club; that is the way to hear a Linnet sing.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing for Linnets, Old Bird House, Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe. 19 birds competed: 1, 2, Blackburn; 3, Appleyard. Judges: Messrs. C. Clayton and G. Conner.—Clayton, Hon. Sec.
 Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Mar. 17. 25 birds sang, and some grand singing was heard. Our worthy host, who is home on leave, added a special prize: 1, Wigfield; 2, Binns; 3, Playforth; 4, Toulhill. Judges, W. Lipman and S. Butterfield.—Hon. Sec., W. Lipman.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, March 18; 31 sang for 5 prizes. 1, Wharam; 2, T. Johnson; 3, Stead; 4, Wharam; 5, Jim Chippindale. Judges, Crane, Butler, P. Madden. Mar. 19, 28 sang. 1, Wood; 2, T. Johnson; 3, Ineson; 4, Wharam; 5, J. Chippindale. Judges, Crane, Naylor, Hardestie. Linnet contest, Mar. 19; 17 sang. 1, Wood; 2, Wharam; 3, Stead; 4, J. Chippindale. Judges, Butler, Hayes, Hardestie.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

"IN AID OF THE NOVICE."

EXTRA PRIZE AWARDED.

THE prize of ten shillings offered for the best short article in aid of the novice has been awarded to Mr. R. Blincoe, 179, Drake Street, Rochdale, for his contribution published in our last week's issue. The all-round merit of the articles sent in has been of so high a standard that practically every one was worthy of a prize, and we have decided to award a second prize of five shillings.

The additional prize goes to Mr. J. W. Newsome, Sutton Green, near Guildford, for the article "Foreign Birds for the Novice," which is published in this week's issue. The winners may have either cash or books to value on application.

HOW ADVERTISING PAYS.

"Please thank those who replied to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS. I had more than 50 replies, and it is impossible to answer them all."—D. HANN (Fencehouses).

"Re my advt. of Cinnamons in CAGE BIRDS of February 26th, I replied to all who enclosed stamp. It is asking too much in these hard times to expect a reply if stamp is not enclosed."—J. TAYLOR (Haworth).

"I have had so many applications for my Norwich through my advt. in CAGE BIRDS that I cannot reply to all, but I have answered all those who sent stamp. I have disposed of my surplus birds, and could have sold many more. Kindly thank all who applied."—T. SMITHERS (Hadlow, Kent).

"Through my advt. in CAGE BIRDS my Roller Hens, about two dozen, were all sold last week. I still keep having letters and cards that I cannot afford to answer, so if you will kindly inform the senders through CAGE BIRDS I shall be pleased."—R. ELLISTON (Gospel Oak).

"From one advertisement of Scotch Fancies in CAGE BIRDS I had over 40 applications, and could not reply to all."—J. LITTLE (Byker).

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Foreign Birds for Novices.

By J. W. NEWSOME
(Sutton Green, near Guildford).

THE principal points which should decide the choice of a novice who contemplates making a collection of foreign birds are the ease with which they can be kept, their colouring, perhaps their chances of breeding, and occasionally their powers of song.

Before making his selection, however, he must decide on how he is going to house them, and here let me put in a plea for the aviary. No bird shows to the best advantage in a cage, and the beauties of foreign birds especially are greatly diminished unless they are in a state of comparative freedom, while, if breeding is to be attempted I am afraid there will be very little success with most of the species if they are confined to cages. Anyone who has a few yards of ground to spare or an empty room can construct an aviary at far less expense than he will incur in buying cages, and the pleasure of watching the graceful and often quaint movements of his charges is out of all proportion to the trouble incurred.

The Outdoor Aviary.

An outdoor aviary must have a shelter house, and if the would-be bird keeper has not one already standing in his garden which he can make wind and water-tight, he will have to erect one. The materials for this can be bought ready prepared for putting together very cheaply, as a glance at the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS will show, and very little skill is needed in erecting them.

If the owner has a wall facing south, this is an ideal place against which to place the house. The flight can now be constructed of half-inch wire netting and wooden uprights. Half of this should be roofed over, so that even in rough weather the inmates can be outside. A plan which I have found very useful, and which is most efficacious in keeping off draughts is to get bunches of gorse and furze, and thatch the side of the flight by passing the ends through the meshes of the wire from within outwards. This can be continued also to great advantage round the back of the flight against the wall. Besides keeping the birds warm and cosy it gives them something on which they can vent their destructive powers, and so give plants which may be in the aviary a better chance of not being pecked to pieces.

Necessary Incidentals.

The floor of the aviary is best covered with gravel, as this can be raked over every morning and a clean appearance ensured. For plants inside the most satisfactory are privets in pots. These can be changed at intervals if they get destroyed. The ingenious man can always construct a water bath and drinking fountain out of any old materials on which he can exercise his artistic talents, and the pleasure he and the birds will get from this is immense.

All that is now required to complete the aviary are food hoppers, which can be placed at the discretion of the owner. I have devoted a great deal of space to the description of an aviary, as this is a point to which the novice fails generally to give sufficient attention, with the result that foreign birds are classed as "hard to keep."

Having got a home for our birds, we must now consider how to feed them. Many foreign birds, like British, require soft and insectivorous food, seed, fruit, and all sorts of green food. A useful soft food which can be used for soft-bills, as well as for seed-eaters when rearing their young, is equal quantities of ants' eggs and dried flies mixed together, and the same quantity of powdered bismit added. This can be kept almost indefinitely if stored in well-corked bottles, and is ready for use by moistening with water, preferably adding a little crumbled sponge cake.

The Rest of the Menu.

For seeds the beginner cannot do better than lay in a supply of canary, millet, oats, wheat, hemp, sunflower, and rice in the husk, and use them as described later. A variety of insects is not quite so easy to procure, but mealworms should always take a prominent place. These, with maggots, live ants' eggs, and cockroaches, when procurable, will provide a sufficiently varied diet. Fruit such as bananas, plums, apples, pears, etc., will be greatly appreciated, but must be quite ripe, and plenty of green food in season is a necessity. Lastly, but not least, a plentiful supply of cuttlefish must be kept up, and if possible a little heap of mortar rubbish which can be placed in a corner.

(To be continued.)

Those Millions of Canaries!

ARE YOU DOING YOUR BIT? WE MUST CAPTURE THE GERMAN CANARY TRADE!

Splendid Opportunity for Wounded Soldiers in Pleasant Spare Time Profitable Occupation.

Last week we published a letter from a man who had to return £20 in cash for Roller Canaries he was not able to supply. We drew attention to the hundreds of advertisements recently published in CAGE BIRDS asking frantically for Canaries of every description. We stated that a dealer had informed us that he was quite prepared to purchase and pay cash for one million Canaries if only he could get them! Where are all these birds going? Why are they wanted? Is the demand for them caused by the favourable circumstances in which many working men and women are now finding themselves for the first time in their lives? Is this extraordinary demand for our little yellow songsters caused by the temporary and fictitious prosperity of this country? Partly yes, and partly no. We have the very best reason for stating that two-thirds of these Canaries are being sent out of the country. They are going to every part of the civilised globe. Thousands of them have been despatched every week to America.

Not the least interesting of our discoveries is that prior to the war we used to despatch thousands of Canaries to Germany for subsequent re-exportation by the Germans to the U.S.A. Now the present opportunities for the Canary breeder are going to improve. While we are at war with Germany the opportunities of capturing her trade in every direction remain open to us. We must, therefore, be quick to grasp the moment, and capture business while we can.

Canary breeding is an industry; it can be made a gigantic business.

The public have little or no conception of the small fortunes that some men are making in connection with this trade. We have a certain German American installed in New York who is practically king of the Canary trade in the States, and who has a magnificent mansion and several motor cars secured out of the profits he has made in dealing in these jolly little feathered pets. At the present time this German American is able to obtain only comparatively few birds direct from the German sources he was going to before the war. He is compelled to pay fat cheques to English dealers for the Canaries

he is obliged to buy from them. Let us have more of these cheques to convert into silver bullets wherewith to defeat the enemy. Let us build up the British Canary trade to such proportions that when the war is over we shall be masters of the situation so far as the demand for Canaries in every part of the British Dominions is concerned.

Canary breeding is one of the pleasantest of hobbies. In present conditions it is one of the most profitable.

And we desire to emphasise with all the vigour that is at our command the advisability of soldiers, who are incapacitated from work involving strenuous manual labour, taking up Canary breeding as a very serious enterprise. It will involve very little capital.

A World-Wide Opportunity.

There is an unlimited demand for Canaries from North and South America, from Australia, from New Zealand, from India, Africa, and from every spot over which the British flag flies triumphantly.

We were recently privileged to have a most interesting glimpse into the business affairs of one of the largest London dealers in Canaries. This firm in normal times exports out of the United Kingdom only 15,000 pairs during the season. During the last season these exports have grown to 150,000 pairs during the same period, and we were informed by the dealer that he could have sold 25 times this number in the past three months, if only he could have obtained the birds from British breeders. Here is astounding food for reflection.

What are you as a Canary breeder going to do about it? Are you going to try and rise to the occasion? Are you, in the interests of the old country, going to let all your friends know about the possibilities in Canary trading?

Are you going to hand over some of your birds to the wounded soldiers to give them a start in this most inexpensive and lucrative of pursuits?

Formerly we imported from Germany something like 100,000 pairs of German song Canaries every year. We know that one man

alone turned over 25,000 pairs of German song Canaries per annum. These birds are not coming from Germany now, and a good job too, but are you trying to fill the gap? Our wounded soldiers can help to fill it—we are going to try and help them to do it, and we want your assistance in our project.

Our Scheme in Outline.

We stated last week that we proposed to open a subscription list with the object of establishing a fund for the purchase of Canaries for wounded soldiers. We have pleasure in stating that fund this week with a gift of £5, and the Leeds Roller Club has sent £1. Our correspondent Mr. E. L. Davitt writes us an admirable letter in response to our request of last week, and he suggests that we should divide our readers into groups.

We adopt this suggestion, with one addition, and accordingly divide helpers into the following groups:—

1. Those who will promise birds.
2. Those who will promise cages.
3. Those who will promise cash.
4. Those who will undertake to sell birds or cages to wounded soldiers at a very reduced price.

Now, readers of CAGE BIRDS, rally round the old flag!

Don't be content merely to read this article and lift your eyebrows. Put your hands in your pockets and your fingers to the pen, and send us along offers of help in one or other of these four ways—if you can do so, in all four ways.

We suggest to all societies that they should immediately open subscription lists in aid of the CAGE BIRDS' Wounded Soldiers' Fund, and solicit all their members for a subscription of not less than 6d. Mr. Davitt's suggestion that we should divide the fanciers who are willing to help into counties will probably materialise as soon as we have received enough offers of help to justify such a division. Now, is your name going to appear in our list of helpers for next week? HE GIVES TWICE WHO GIVES QUICKLY. Our address is CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London.

The Blackbird as a Pet Bird.

By JOHN FROSTICK
(Streatham Common).

A FRIEND of mine, a well known aviculturist, who owns a very extensive range of outdoor aviaries, wherein are kept hundreds of species of foreign birds, paid me a visit one day to inspect my collection of British and Foreign birds. He was very kind and generous in his remarks as to the excellence of the stock in general, until he came to a cage which contained the subject of this sketch. "What!" he said, "a common Blackbird! Fancy your taking the trouble to keep a bird like that, it would take a great deal of enthusiasm on my part to induce me to keep a common Blackbird." So I had to point out that mine was not a "common Blackbird," but a very excellent exhibition specimen, tame, a fine songster, and withal a beautiful bird.

Blackbirds rank amongst the commonest of our British species, they are met with everywhere; even in my London garden they visit me daily, and I am thankful for it, for they are one of the most useful as well as being one of the most handsome birds that fly. The beautiful glossy jet black plumage, set off with the bright yellow bill and eye-cere, together with the exquisitely symmetrical shape make it quite as attractive as the most gaudily coloured denizen of the tropics.

Among the Best of British Songsters.

Then its song! The rich mellow flute-like notes which gladden our country walks are a positive delight. Next to the Nightingale and Song-Thrush, there is probably no other bird who emits such melody. It is true that he takes toll of our garden fruit, but he amply repays for this in the good he does in destroying innumerable insect pests.

Blackbirds, being of a wild disposition, must be taken from the nest and reared by hand if they are required to be docile cage birds; adult wild caught birds never become

tame enough to be any use for show purposes.

A show specimen should be as large as possible, size being an important point, but its plumage must be tight as wax, not loose and soft, which is often taken to denote size by some. Its colour must be a dense jet black, without any shade of brown, and must be glossy as silk, the beak should be clear of dark marks, and, together with the eye-cere, must be of a rich orange colour, not a pale lemon colour as in some.

The general shape must be symmetrical, the bird standing well and boldly on its legs (which should be dark horn in colour, not piebald) not too tame, but with every confidence. Being slow to mature, a Blackbird is at its best from three to eight years of age.

How to Keep a Blackbird.

Blackbirds are such strong, hardy birds, that they are not difficult to keep, in health on almost any kind of food, even on such rubbish as "German paste," and I have known people to keep them on breadcrumbs and crushed hemp seed. Barley meal, oat meal, and Indian meal, mixed into a stiff paste with milk, has been recommended by some; others advise dog-biscuits crushed fine, and this is certainly a better food than the others, but although the bird will live and apparently do well on this simple diet, you will never bring out all its good points unless you feed it in a more generous manner. Mine have the best insectivorous food mixture it is possible to obtain, containing liberal quantities of ants' eggs, dried flies, silkworm pupae, dried ground beef, and biscuit meal, made crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, mixed fresh daily. After the moult colour feed should be used, to improve the natural colour of the beak and eye-cere, this takes about six weeks to accomplish. Runsdon's tasteless pepper is perfectly harmless and is the sort I use and recommend, but do not on any account colour feed while the bird is moulting or its plumage will come out a rusty black which will quite spoil its chance of winning. Don't forget that the bird will appreciate a few mealworms, just as much as your favourite Nightingale or other delicate "soft-bill," while a ripe pear or apple and berries of many kinds will be eaten with a relish.

The Stock Cage and the Show Cage.

My Blackbird cages measure 2ft. 2in. long, 16in. high, and 11in. wide. They are of the box shape, open only in front, with a bolting door at the right hand end on a level with the perches. The wire front is movable; the wires, placed 2in. apart, of stout gauge, with a sliding door in the centre to hang the bath. At each end hang outside glass covered boxes containing square or oblong china food and water vessels. The drawer bottom is made of zinc and kept covered with coarse-cut pitch-pine sawdust. Two oval perches about an inch wide placed on the middle bar complete a very satisfactory cage.

The bath plays an important part in the management of all cage birds, Blackbirds in particular; a good pattern is one made in zinc, half of the back and the top fitted with punched bar wire—size 7in. long, 5in. deep, and 7in. high. Larger sizes may be used, but the one quoted is ample. It should be hung on the cage for a quarter of an hour daily, and then taken off, the bird will soon understand that it has to take its bath when required or not at all for that day.

The show cage is not required to be so large as the living cage, it is also of more elegant design, my own are of the N.B.B. and M.C. pattern, bow-shaped front, 19in. long, 9in. wide, and 16in. high, the stout wires of the front being 1in. apart. Two perches, food and water vessels made of zinc, placed inside and fixed to doors on the bottom rail opening outwards. The colour of the inside is a matter of taste, but I consider, after many experiments that there is nothing equal to Aspinall's No. 2 sky-blue. The outside stained black and French polished.

The Blackbird which was so well illustrated in CAGE BIRDS, of March 4, is now no longer in my possession, having passed into the keeping of Mr. E. Stephens at a high figure, and I wish its new owner every success with his purchase.

This article has been written at the request of our worthy Editor, whom I feel in duty bound to obey in appreciation of the honour I have received, and if my remarks have been of any use or guidance to any novice or amateur bird lover to enable him to be as successful as I have been, I shall be delighted.

Correspondence.

Early Rollers.

SIR.—You may be interested to hear that I have a nest of young Rollers which were hatched on Feb. 29—Leap Year chicks. The hen was set on Feb. 15. One chick broke through on the 28th, and the other two hatched on the 29th. I was wondering if this was a record birthday for Canaries.

H. G. HILL.

Hen Bullfinches and Hybrid Breeding.

SIR.—I am much obliged to the writers of the letters in *CAGE BIRDS* in reply to my queries. I may add that I have obtained three fresh Bullfinch hens this winter, and intend to run them as follows: Cock Canary and hen Bullfinch, Siberian cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, British cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, and I will certainly let your readers know if I have any success. Do I understand Mrs. Christie to mean that when once the cock Canary has paired with the hen Bullfinch they should be kept together the remainder of the season? Would not the cock be worn out if this be done? The reason I wanted to get my Bullfinch hens in breeding condition early this year was that in former seasons it has been the end of July or August before my hens started nesting, and the cock Canaries went into moult before the hens had finished laying.

CANARY-BULLFINCH.

Oxalic Acid for Insect Pests.

SIR, I have been interested in the correspondence, in *CAGE BIRDS*, with regard to the use of oxalic acid for killing red mite. I agree with Mr. St. John that the use of this acid is, to say the least, very risky. Why not for preference, purchase a pint of petrol, transfer birds to another cage, take the one to be treated outside and with a small brush paint the cage with petrol?

If this operation is repeated, and the petrol is brushed into all crevices, you may rest assured that there will not be a single red mite left alive. I have tried petrol on wasps and it is most deadly. The user must bear in mind that petrol is very highly inflammable and should not be used indoors, and after the cage has been done, it should be left in the open air for half an hour to allow the fumes to blow away.

I trust this process will be tried by your reader in preference to oxalic acid.

J. C. MOSSOP.

Swallow's 6,000 Miles Journey.

SIR.—I am sending you a cutting from the February 12 issue of our local paper, "The Eastern Province Herald," Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope. The discovery mentioned will I think prove interesting to bird lovers at home, as I think the Swallow referred to must be one of the many birds marked in England and liberated. I shall esteem it a favour if you will make the necessary enquiries, and give the result through your valuable journal, *CAGE BIRDS*. I am writing Mr. Annun to the effect that I will let him know the result after your reply, which I have no doubt he will be pleased to get. The place mentioned is a farm near Grahamstown. I wish your much appreciated journal every success.

C. CHAMBERLAIN.

"Mr. S. George Amm, of Lindale, Salem, has made an interesting discovery. On Sunday morning he picked up a dead Swallow, and just above the foot was a piece of metal bent round the leg. Straightening the metal he could read on one side of it, 'Inform Witherby, High Holborn, London,' and on the other were the figures, '82,620.' During the summer months thousands of Swallows make their homes in London, building their nests under the eaves of the houses. Though somewhat dirty birds they are always welcomed as the harbingers of summer. In the autumn they leave England, a vast proportion of them crossing France to Northern Africa. They can attain a speed of eighty miles per hour. It is quite possible a few may find their way South of the Equator, and even into the Cape Province, a journey of six thousand miles. Mr. Amm is endeavouring to get into communication with the individual who affixed the band to the Swallow's leg."

[We have sent the information to Messrs. Witherby, and shall doubtless hear from them on the subject. EDITOR, *CAGE BIRDS*.]

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Canary Breeding for Wounded Soldiers.

A Workable Scheme Suggested.

SIR.—I was very pleased to see by the article in *CAGE BIRDS* of March 18 that you purpose starting a subscription list in order to be able to start wounded soldiers in the Fancy to get for our country the trade in Canaries, and also to fill up the ranks of fanciers whose numbers have been sadly thinned through the war.

I quite believe that we can breed and export Canaries every bit as good or better than the Germans have done in the past, if only we can make a start, and, as you say, now the breeding season has almost started we could not wish for a better time?

I see you ask for suggestions from readers, so if you will permit me I should like to make the following. I should first of all start a list of fanciers who are willing to help, dividing them into three groups—(1) those who are willing to give birds, (2) cages and (3) cash. Then a list of wounded soldiers. I don't know if you intend to give help to every wounded soldier who applies, or only to those who cannot well afford to start themselves, but this could be settled later. If only for those who cannot spare the cash to start, I should suggest that the clergyman of their parish be asked to second their application for birds, etc.

Then why not divide the fanciers who are willing to help into counties so that the soldiers to be helped are afforded assistance by people of their own county as far as possible. If there should be an over demand in one county, then some other county could be drawn upon.

It seems rather a big undertaking, but I feel sure that such a good cause will meet with success if those fanciers that have not been called upon "to do their bit" will all join together and help those who have done so well and helped to make the Army what it is to-day.

I hope other fanciers will send their suggestions and opinions, and if any of mine are of any value in forwarding this movement, I shall feel well repaid for sending them. Wishing your splendid paper every success.

E. L. DAVITT.

The Leeds Roller Club Points the Way.

A Generous Donation and a Generous Promise.

SIR.—At a specially appointed meeting of the Leeds Roller Club summoned to discuss the article appearing in the March 18 issue of *CAGE BIRDS* re the breeding of Roller Canaries by wounded soldiers, it was unanimously agreed to help your scheme to the best of our ability. To give your scheme a start, the Leeds Club, through their Committee, are very pleased to subscribe £1 (note enclosed).

It was felt to be a great pity that something of this nature had not been thought of before, as by this time many fanciers have sold out their surplus stock for the season, but all members present pledged themselves to do their utmost at the end of the present breeding season (that is, with ordinary luck) towards making a collection of birds from different fanciers, and we think that by these means all the birds necessary for your scheme can be got together, and the money subscribed may be spent in cages and utensils. I myself should be pleased to be of any use to your scheme that would make the distribution easier for you, especially up here in the North.

We also give a hearty invitation to any soldier who is a fancier to attend our meetings, which are held the first Saturday in the month, at 7.30 p.m., at the Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, and we are prepared to make members of any wounded soldier fanciers for at least the next two years free of all cost. Any information in this respect I shall be pleased to give to any applicant.

H. BEST, Sec., Leeds Roller Canary Club,
5, Alma Place, Leeds.

Like Begets Like.

SIR, I read with pleasure and interest Mr. A. Howieson's article in *CAGE BIRDS* of Mar. 18 upon his success as a fancier, in which he says that he, like many others, discovered the interest of Canary breeding by his first visit to a bird show with a friend, and helping him to get his exhibits safely home.

I am proud to say that to-day there are many following his footsteps, and that secretaries are always looking out for such coming fanciers. By his joining a local club he was able to make many friends, and discover all that he wished for. There are many readers who, I am afraid, do not belong to clubs, but if they only know of the interesting meetings and lectures given by experts I feel sure they would join.

Take for instance pair shows and young bird shows. For sixpence per cage you can be assured of getting good value for your money, if only in the expert opinion you get on your birds. There may be in your

stock a half-dozen that you are unable to separate; send the lot if you can stand the entry, and I feel certain you will be rewarded. This is where the clubs are of the greatest importance to the novice, and at times to the champion.

Support the clubs by your visits to the lectures, demonstrations and shows, and join the club that is your handiest; you will never regret your action. The breeding season is now coming to hand, and we are all hoping to breed a champion. If we fail this year under the burdens we are facing, we still have the pleasure of looking forward to another year, and years to come, with our fascinating hobby.

I appeal to all members of societies to bring their friends to the shows, and I am certain that Canary breeding in England will be a successful industry. My best wishes to Mr. Howieson for a successful season.

A. G. CANT, Hon. Sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

A Recipe for Mahogany Stain Wanted.

SIR.—Some four or five years ago one of your readers gave a recipe in *CAGE BIRDS* for a mahogany stain and varnish combined which I tried and found very good.

I have unfortunately lost the recipe, and being in need of some more of the material, am writing to ask if the sender will kindly repeat it. If my memory serves me rightly the recipe was originally given in reply to a query for a mahogany stain for Lark cages. I tried it at the time, and now, after a few years' active service, it is still as good as ever. It dries quickly, sets hard as iron, and has a polish as though it was varnished, qualities very useful when one has not much time.

VARNISH.

The Song of the Canary.

SIR.—I was somewhat amused with Mr. Clark's letter, and at first thought my ideas regarding the Canary's song were knocked upon the head; but I soon perceived that he was "off the line," because the matter in question concerned birds bred and reared in captivity, to wit, the domestic Canary, and not birds in a state of natural liberty—that is to say wild birds.

Mr. Clark suggests that if my reply to the Rev. H. A. Soames' enquiry is a correct one then hen birds should be songsters too. Now whoever heard of hen birds in song? I will, however, go so far as to say that I once had a hen Goldfinch Mule which tried her best to sing, but compared with her brother in an adjoining cage the respectable attempts she made were only an apology for a song.

Mr. Clark is confident that with regard to birds singing and nesting are "due to instinct," a very hackneyed expression nowadays. When people say there can be no reason in animals, it seems unreasonable and narrow-minded. We do not know all the secrets of nature.

W. NAPPER.

SIR.—Like Mr. W. Napper, I am getting an old man, and I am less inclined to engage in discussions on birdy matters, and there are other reasons which I need not mention here. Can any reader inform me if the domestic Canary's song is similar, or somewhat similar, to that of the wild Canary. Perhaps Mr. Edward Williams and Mr. W. Napper will give us their views on how birds learnt or got their separate songs and call notes after they were created, and whether birds build their nests by imitation or instinctively.

My experience is somewhat similar to that of Mr. B. Clark. I kept a Twite which was hatched by a Canary, and reared and kept with Canaries, and its song was similar to that of the Twite in its wild state. This bird never heard the Twite's song. I kept other two Twites with Canaries which were hand-reared, but they did not learn the Canary's song, but they imitated the call notes of the Canary.

Young Cuckoos hatched and reared by Meadow Pipits do not imitate the call notes of the foster parents, and the note of the young Cuckoo is quite different from that of the adult Cuckoo. The note of the young Greenfinch is also quite different from that of the old one, and it is the same with the young Chaffinch, etc. Some years ago when at Paisley Bird Show I heard a Starling imitating the notes of a Skylark, but the tone of the voice was quite different from that of the Skylark, and I am aware that a species often imitates the notes, more or less, of another species when reared in the same room.

JOHN CRAIG.

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Some Notes from a Soldier Reader in India.

SIR.—I am writing to let you know that one of your old readers is still alive. The present state of affairs prevents me from indulging in my favourite hobby, my pets at present being limited to an Indian Ringneck Paroquet, without a tail. It is very tame, and follows me about the barrack room, though at times it takes a fancy to eating mosquito nets, and chewing photo frames, for which both the poor old bird and "yer 'umble" get severely cussed.

We had a week's camp out last week, and I did a little observing, though the birds here in the plains are not numerous. We marched out in the direction of Baghat, to Bohla, on the banks of the Ganges canal, and I will try and give you a list of the birds I saw.

The first thing to take my eye on leaving Meerut city was a flock of about thirty Vultures, patiently waiting on the roadside for the carcass of a water buffalo that some natives were skinning, whilst the trees were full of Kite-hawks and another smaller kind of Vulture, of a black and white colour, with yellow beaks, also waiting for a little beef. Mynahs there were in plenty, and occasionally we came across small flocks of birds similar to Thrushes, but with slightly longer tails, which were rounded off instead of square. There were also some black birds, rather more slim than the Blackbird of "Blighty" (England), with long forked tails and black beaks.

At one of the halts I saw a pied bird about the size of a Thrush, it was chiefly white with black in its wings, and I should think by the shape of its bill and its way of flying, that it was a variety of Shrike. At this point also two Pied Wagtails made their appearance, and reminded one of home.

When we got to camp, some of the chaps went out with shot guns, and a fine Peacock was a victim to their sporting instincts. No wonder the natives hold it a sacred bird, for they look lovely in the sun, a Wild Duck, two partridges, a bird termed a Crow Pheasant, of lovely dark chestnut colour, several Pigeons, and Doves, and three Blue Jays were also among the bag. The Blue Jays are simply magnificent as they alight on the ground before one.

On the following day I saw brought in (dead I am sorry to say) a Peahen, some small blue Doves, and several Hornbills. I explored the bamboo grove and found several birds of a dark brown, nearly black, colour, with chestnut rumps; they were very shy, and had exactly the appearance of a Robin, as regards size, build, and the elevating of the tail.

On the canal I discovered a few water-fowl, that were evidently Teal, and on pushing through the pampas grass that rose to a height of fifteen feet, just at sunrise one morning, I disturbed dozens of small brown birds that had been roosting there; they are up and away like a flock of Linnets, in fact that is what they reminded me of, only they were not quite so large.

On marching from Bohla to Durdā, our next camp, a few more of the birds already mentioned fell to the guns, also a Plover. At the new camp we saw dozens of Parrots, and I had the pleasure of seeing a lovely Kingfisher dive. They are gorgeous birds, larger than the English ones, and brighter plumaged, they have blue caps, white cheeks, and a patch of white on a reddish chestnut breast, at least they appear to have, and the wings seem to be blue, with the back of a red chocolate. I may be a little out as to details, but it is as near as I could see. There is a smaller kind of Kingfisher in the small canals near the cantonment, but they appear to be black and white.

I have seen three kinds of Mynahs here, though when in the hills last summer I saw others that apparently do not visit the plains. Crows there are in thousands, and the Kite-hawks are so bold as to swoop down and snatch pieces of meat from one's hand.

Birds are often offered for sale by the natives, small Finches mostly, though sometimes Softbills are brought round. I saw two birds of a yellow colour, with brownish markings on the wings, which the native vendor declared were Canaries. My opinion is that they were Saffron-finches, though I have never seen any of the latter.

I have only just found out that a little ornithology passes away the time in this anything but delightful country, or I would have taken more notice of our feathered friends. We are all longing for active service, but we can't go till sent, so must make the best of it here.

Well, dear Mr. Editor, I wish you and the journals under your control a very prosperous New Year, and I say roll on the time when I can again peruse the columns of *CAGE BIRDS* in comfort.

LANCE-CORP. HOLLWAY.

Queries Answered

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

DIRTY FEET, ETC. (Mrs. J. B. R.).—The symptoms you name are due to a congested state of the system, and often arise from some error in the diet. Liberal indulgence in any form of oats will frequently give rise to such symptoms. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, black rape and linseed, and on two other days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with raw seed. In the drinking water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. Give a small spray of some green salad, such as watercress, daily, and offer the bath in the early part of each fine, mild day.

VARIED (L. W.).—(1) No, there is no difference whatever in the manner of feeding green Border Fancy Canaries during the breeding season and any other variety. The usual seed staple of canary, or a simple mixture of canary and summer rape, as the case may be, is continued all through the breeding season, the supply of egg food being given in addition when there are young to be fed. (2) Yes, you could take a nest of pure Canaries from a hen at the beginning of the season, and then use the same hen to breed a nest of Mules in the later part of the season. You would be well advised to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, or House's "Manual," 1/2 post free, both from our Manager. The latter will give you details of the different breeds.

ABOUT OUTDOOR AVIARY (C. O.).—(1) Common mongrels, Border Fancy, Norwich, or Yorkshires, bred and reared under normal conditions of temperature, would suit your purpose best. (2) You give no definite measurements of the aviary, but I take it from the sketch that the whole structure is 6ft. by 5ft., including the covered portion. If this is so, and the birds are intended to fly at liberty in the whole space, then three cocks and seven hens would be sufficient to start the season with breeding. To more effectively frustrate mice nail strips of tin cans, wide closely around legs of covered portion. (3) You could quite safely keep two Redpolls, either cocks or hens, in the aviary. They would do no harm. But do not put any confidence in that old boy about their keeping down red mites. I have known a Redpoll's cage infested with red mites. "Nuff sed."

WHAT WAS WRONG? (Birwood Hen).—In all probability the bedrock of the trouble was that you mated the birds much too early. The end of March or beginning of April is quite early enough to start breeding, and it is nothing unusual for the first brood to be sacrificed to the owner's impatience when they are hatched several weeks before the natural breeding season commences, as was the case with yours. You might try removing the cock when the hen begins to sit with the next brood, and take him away out of sight of the hen, leaving her to hatch out and rear the young herself. Do not be too liberal with egg-food at the beginning. Give in moderate quantities only at one time, and give it fresh at least twice a day. Otherwise continue to follow the directions in the book you name, and, the season being more advanced, you may find things go all right next time.

FOOT TROUBLE (A Bird Lover). You should have described the appearance of the toes more particularly, as to whether they were curled up underneath or standing out stiffly. On the whole, seeing that the bird is allowed its liberty in the room, I would advise you to rub it and bathe its feet for a few minutes in a warm solution of boracic acid or a small teaspoonful of the acid dissolved in a sufficient of warm water. When the feet are quite clean examine them closely to see if there is a stray hair or similar substance twisted round them and holding them together, and if not, if there are any signs of the feet having been burnt by the bird alighting on the stove. In the former case carefully remove the obstacle, and in either case, dry the feet carefully after bathing and anoint them sparingly with zinc ointment, but do not leave on any surplus grease to collect dirt or grit.

WHAT RESULTS? (Covet, J. H.).—(1) You omit the most important point, whether the even marked buff cock is bred from cinnamon or green strain. If the cock is from a cinnamon strain you might expect to get ticked, uneven-marked, and probably a few stray even marked and clears. Uneven marked and ticked would preponderate. If the buff marked and ticked would be the results would be more or less heavily ticked, uneven marked and self green. (2) Here again you omit to say whether clear yellow cock is green or cinnamon bred. If the former the mating you suggest would result in uneven-marked and more or less heavily ticked greens and probably a few self greens and a stray clear now and again. If the cock is cinnamon bred the result should be ticked and uneven-marked, with a fair proportion of clears, and a fair chance of an even marked bird now and again.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FEEDING BLUE TITS (Gouldian).—Blue Tits should be fed on a good brand of insecticide mixture made crumbly moist, as a staple diet. You can also supply them with a variety of other food, such as hemp seed, sunflower, maw, various kinds of nuts, fruits, and a piece of mutton suet stuck between the bars of the cage. Do not give these "tit-bits" all at once, but occasionally to vary the diet. Insects should also be offered, and a spray of any weed infested with green fly will be particularly appreciated.

FEEDING A BRAMBLEFINCH (C. F. T.).—You can treat your Bramblefinch in precisely the same way as recommended in the Nuthell for the Chaffinch, they appear to be so near akin that what suits one suits the other. (2) I have never heard of these birds breeding in captivity excepting in the production of hybrids. I would advise you to try them in the aviary. Give abundance of wild food and all the insects you can secure for them. I would also advise a little soft food such as insecticide mixture, with a spoonful of hard boiled egg added.

TROUBLE WITH LINNETS (J. Cooper).—It appears to me that you have been treating your Linnets too generously without giving sufficient green food as a corrective. Give five drops of syrup of buckthorn in one tablespoonful of water to drink for about 4 hours, and repeat a couple of days later. Procure the Nuthell booklet No. 2 on the Linnet, and feed as advised in that, giving just now plenty of young dandelion leaves, gathered out in the open, and when the seed pods are ripe let them have two or three daily.

GREENFINCH FOR MULING (Cicely M. Landon).—The fact of the wings of your Greenfinch being clipped would not make any difference to him for mule breeding.

TO STEADY AND FEED A LINNET (Linet Mule).—The only way to steady a Linnet is by keeping it near you and handling the cage as often as possible, but the fact of his being a bit wild seldom makes any difference in a cock bird's breeding. (2) The following mixture of seeds would suit your bird—Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 2 parts, linseed one part, as a staple mixture. Then make up another of gold of pleasure, niger, thistle, maw, and dandelion, and give a small teaspoonful daily. Three days a week offer a little crushed hemp. Supply him pretty freely with dandelion leaves and other green food.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (J. B.). Keep this bird in a separate cage till it is quite fit again. It would be better kept in a rather warm room, yet where the day and night temperature is fairly even. After catching it, before putting it in the cage, give two drops of tasteless castor oil, direct to the beak, either from the end of a quill or camel-hair brush. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts, and for a week, in lieu of the drinking water, supply one teaspoonful of the mixture in two teaspoonfuls of water; as Budgerigars are small drinkers, this quantity will be ample for the daily supply; use a glass or china drinker. Afterwards give one teaspoonful of Dandelion's magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. Diet: a staple seed mixture of equal parts canary and white millet seeds, green-food, grit, and cuttle-bone. Supply a millet spray once or twice a week, and, if they will eat it, a piece of sweet apple is very wholesome for them. Report progress in two or three weeks.

WHAT BIRD? (Curious).—I regret that I am not yet able to definitely name your bird; the absence of the tail adds to my difficulty, but I am retaining your sketch for a short time in the hope of solving the difficulty. Your sketch, so far as it is complete, would exactly fit the Quaker Parakeet, except that the head, sides of face, throat and neck, are more mouse-grey than slaty, yet I fancy your bird must be this species, but I will have another search and put in another reply shortly. I will keep the sketch safely for the time being, and return to you in due course.

GOULDIAN FINCH NOT NESTING (Gouldian).—It would be better to separate the birds till the hen recovers condition. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days half that quantity of chemical food. The hen's trouble may be egg-binding, if so, and she has not succeeded in passing the egg, I fear this reply may be too late. Keep her in a warm room, one where the day and night temperature does not vary much, if possible. It will be plenty of time to put them together again the middle of next month, by which time the hen should be quite fit again; at any rate, it is no good putting her up for breeding till she is. Keep a millet spray continually in her cage, bringing it as soon as picked clean.

HOW LONG? (West Bank).—The period would vary; some take longer to settle than others. But a talking bird should commence to talk again just as soon as it got to know its new owners and showed no fear when they were in the vicinity of its cage or when attending to its wants—a bird cannot be said to be settled till this stage has been reached. I should form the conclusion that a bird was not and had not been a talker if it did not talk once it had acquired confidence in it and was fearless of those around it and who attended to its wants. Till a bird is quite settled, anything calculated to scare it should be avoided in the vicinity of its cage.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Tom Roby.—Yellowhammer succumbed to congestion of the lungs.

A Strickland. (Cirrhosis or hardening of the liver, a disease in which there is a formation of fibrous tissue developed in the liver causing destruction of the liver tissue and disorganization. It results from the ingestion of irritant particles portaken of in the food at varying periods.

Miss F. Memory. Collier died from congestive oedema of the lungs. The room was probably overheated, resulting in imperfect aeration of the blood. It would become oppressive, inhibit the heart's action with consequent stagnation in the lungs.

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15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair

I have some splendid specimens of Yorkshires at above prices; every bird is in perfect health and condition; cocks in full song, hens in perfect feather and full of life. My rooms contain over 1,600 Yorkshires at the present time, and I invite you to come and make your own selection. If that is not possible I will send one or more pairs to any address in the kingdom, on 10 days' approval at my sole risk, on receipt of cash or deposit with editor. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to everyone.

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All birds put on rail same day as order is received.

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CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, bred from my winners; cocks 7/6, hens 5/- upwards; Cross, 41, North-st., Downais. (349)

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, best blood obtainable; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. (352)

HENS, six good young Yorkshires, 3/6 each, 20/- the lot; prize winning cocks, 10/-: Wright, Hosier, Tunbridge Wells. (353)

TWO Yorkshire cock Canaries (1915 birds), full song, 10/6 each, or offers: E. Valetta, Aldershot-rd., Fleet, Hants. (355)

ONE lengthy buff cock, vic. Club Show, 10/6; four buff hens, 10/-; to clear: Dyke's strain: Creighton, Boreham Wood, Herts. (356)

NOTICE: Grand lot Yorkshires; prices reasonable; easy payments arranged; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (357)

PAIR of lengthy Yorkshires, marked cock, clear hen, breeding condition; owner enlisted; 12/6, bargain: S. Gordon-st., Doncaster. (356)

TWENTY good class upstanding buff and yellow hen Yorkshires, 4/6, 5/6, 6/- each: Harper, 21, Hanover-rd., Kensal Rise, London. (292)

PAIR Shackleton's Yorkshires and breeding cage 12/6; two 1915 lengthy buff cocks, 10/- each; cash: Haylock, Florence-st., Rochdale. (359)

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries for cash, same address 20 years; fanciers please communicate: Smith's Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (358)

CHAMPION yellow cock and buff hen, 20/- buff cock and yellow hen, 20/-; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (354)

10/6 PER PAIR given for Yorkshires, money sure and per return, any quantity: Wilson, Scotland's Largest Naturalist, Argyle-st., Glasgow. (350)

ABSOLUTE bargain, through continued illness, remarkable buff cock, yellow hen, correctly matched, 22/6, worth £2; approval: Hanford, Derby. (352)

ONLY three pairs left, same strain as my winners at Midland shows, 15/- pair; inspection invited: Weekes, 22, Cross Gun-st., Kates Hill, Dudley. (359)

YORKSHIRES, yellow, green, cock, full song, 10/6; buff green hen 4/6, clear buff hen 4/6, 15/-; the three: approval: Cukshaw, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull. (351)

P. JOHNSTON, 123, Ferne Park-rd., Stroud Green, London, N., offers few choice buffs, some winners; excellent value offered to clear surplus; stamp reply. (353)

YELLOW green Yorkshire cock, winner 2nd, 15/-; two hens, 10/- each; two, 5/- each; all bred from winners: F. Spurgeon, 39, Primrose Hill, Chelmsford. (353)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires; lengthy cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; cold room; breeding condition: Jacob, Tabcal, Albany-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (352)

R. TINDALE offers several pairs of real good Yorkshires, at prices from 30/- to 65/- per pair; approval; deposit: 6, Gill-st., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (326)

HIGH-CLASS 1914 yellow ticked Yorkshire cock, same strain as winners, accept 12/6; approval: deposit: John Radley, 239, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Ilkley. (359)

VERY long slim buff cock 1915, 15/-; buff variegated hen, 1915, 8/6; buff marked hen, 6/6, 1915; seen any time: Eddie, 103, Portobello-rd., Archer-st., Bayswater. (353)

HAVING selected breeding pairs, can spare two yellow cocks, marked and clear, both winners, 15/- each; exchange good buff hen: Thomas, 5, Barkham-rd., Wokingham. (355)

ATTENDED: 3 cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; 8 hens, 4/- to 7/6; 65/- the lot; approval: 8 double breeders, ready for use, 5/- each, 35/- the lot: Edwin Clulbe, 33, Louise-st., Chester. (355)

LONDON breeders are invited to call Saturday, Sunday, or any evening: thirty good Yorkshires, including some winners, going cheap: Farmer, 13, Thornhill-rd., High-rd., Leyton. (349)

TWO Yorkshire breeders and exhibitors. A grand unfledged yellow hen, wing ticked, good length and size, free carriage, 20/-; cash or deposit with editor: Geach, 82, Treville-st., Plymouth. (352)

A GRAND chance for novices, a few stylish pairs of high-class Yorkshires, to breed winners; hens, cocks, or pairs; yellows, buffs, or marked, see Norwich: 150 to be sold: Steele, 201, City-rd., Manchester. (350)

GIVING up breeding, two clear yellow Yorkshire, two year old stock, hens, splendid breeders, 7/6 each; two large buff cocks 12/6 each; 40-inch breeding cage, 4/-: Stark, 222, Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham. (353)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, including cup winners, clears, cinnamon, marked green, marked pink eyes; pairs or singles; inspection invited; also Yorkshire-Belgian crosses: R. Welsh, 93, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (353)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, variegated buff cock, 1st East Ham, 12/6; variegated buff cock, 15/-; bargain; cin. variegated buff cock, 10/-; clear yellow cock, 10/-; room wanted: R. Baxter, 98, Dames-rd., Fore St. Gate, E. (357)

TWO fine Cinnamon yellow Ann Yorkshires 5/- each; two Cinnamon marked hens 4/6 each; one clear yellow, 5/-; large clear yellow Yorkshire cock, 12/6; approval, deposit: A. J. Underwood, 21, Wellington-st., Kettering. (359)

CHAMPION Yorkshires; having purchased a well-known breeder and exhibitor's stock of Yorkshires, have some for disposal at prices to suit all; cocks from 12/6; hens from 5/-; some winners amongst them; also cages and utensils cheap; inspection invited any time: L. Taylor, 35, Browning-rd., Leytonstone, E. (353)



HENS???

Extra good large Yorkshire and Norwich hens, ready to nest, at 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Colour fed or natural colour. Also good Sib. bred hens for light or dark Mule breeding at same prices. Champion large Norwich cock, on full song, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Pairs, matched to breed winners, at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. All colours in stock. Matched pairs of Crests at 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. Crested and Crestbred Cocks at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Ditto Hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand lot of Border hens, including even marks, self cinnamon, self greens, and clears, at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Matched Pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair. Reliable Feeding Hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. Terms: Seven days' approval.

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.

MESSRS. AMBLERS champion Yorkshires, best in show, Crystal Palace, bargains from our breeding stock; two clinking pairs, wonderful type, like wax, 60/- pair, worth double to breed from alone; approval: S. Rawson-st., Harrogate. (354)

BEING compelled to clear all my Yorkshires out I have for disposal three yellow and four buff cocks, six yellow, six buff hens, clears or marked, from 15/- pair; inspection invited; approval: Herbert Windle, 22, Norfolk-st., Hatley. (356)

CHAMPION Yorkshires. Tip top clear buff cock, 15/-; another grand bird, 10/6; pair properly mated to breed winners, 16/6; grand young hens, rather small, capital quality, 5/6 each; approval 4 days: Frank Stevens, Great Aytun, Yorkshire. (341)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; magnificent feathered buff cock, 15/-; extra large headed buff hen, 15/-; others, 8/6, 12/6; splendid feather and type; 7in. yellow hen, 15/-; three others, 12/6, 10/6, 7/6; bargain; approval: Drew, 27, Oxford-st., Manchester. (357)

"DOWDS" CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

Owing to the death of W. Dowd I have all his stock for disposal, some grand birds; cocks from 7/6, extra special yellows 10/6, hens 3/6 and 5/6; all 1915: Heywood, 311, Chapel-st., Salford. (340)

ATKINSON & FIRTH

Owing to attestation we are reluctantly compelled to sell all our breeding stock, including our well known Cin. marks; inspection invited: 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford.

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given for Yorkshire, Norwich, or Rollers, any quantity; Goldfinch Mules, 6/-; Linnet Mules, 5/-; cock Goldfinches, 24/- per dozen; deposit "C.B.": Krenner, Tin-st., Manchester. (354)

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Colour-fed; give 5/6 each, cocks, full song, 3/6 hens, any quantity. Bankers, County of Westminster and South Western. Phone 3317 Dalston. Particulars, stamp reply: Oliver, 101, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (354)

G. SNEAD

has a fine selection of Yorkshire cocks for sale, from 10/6 upwards; only a limited number of hens, price 1/1 each; every bird my own breeding; satisfaction guaranteed; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: Address, 133, Arcliffe-terrace, Horton Grange-rd., Bradford. (324)

VICTOR WILLIAMS

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Various Canaries.

COCK Canary, singing day, gaslight, 8/6; Bridge, 14, Eminent-st., Burnley. (352)

FOUR feeding hen Canaries (young), 2/- each: James, Strachan, Mauld-st., Arbroath. (352)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks for sale; few Crestbred hens; own breeding: Gorton, 30, Rochdale-rd., Bury, Lancs. (356)

TO clear, a few Canaries, 3/- each, 5/6 couple; first come first served: Turner and Roberts, Ripley, Derby. (351)

PAIR Borders 8/6, hens 3/- each; pair Yorkshires, 12/6; yellow cin. hens, 5/-: Brooker, 15, Frome-ter, Dorchester. (354)

LARGE massive clear yellow hen, ready to nest, 4/-; smaller one, 12/6: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinkley. (340)

COCK Canaries, also hens; wanted a few healthy birds; send word, price: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs. (358)

BARGAIN: Grand lot Canaries, cocks 3/6, pairs 5/6; package, 3d.; approval: McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (357)

I WILL give 10/- a pair upwards for good colour, feel Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (293)

BREEDING condition, large Norwich foul green cock, colour fed cock, 8/6 each; buff hen, 3/6; green Crestbred hen, 5/-: Sheppard, Stort-rd., Bishop's Stortford. (351)

A FEW good Yorks, pairs at 15/6, 20/-; Norwich pairs at 15/6, 20/-; few odd buff hens, good birds, 6/- each; 6 days' approval: Edwin North, Breder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (358)

MULES—HYBRIDS.

KEEN breeder in top breeding form, British Goldfinch cock, fit to win, like wax, 9/6; Laidlaw, Painter, Loughboro. (357)

HOUSE-MOUNTED Goldfinch, with two hen Canaries; exchange double breeders; approval: Byles, Hadley, Salop. (356)

BIG young cock Goldie mule, champion songster, unfed, make a winner if fed, a beauty, 9/6; Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm. (357)

SMART cock Goldfinch Mule, splendid songster, 10/6; hen, 1/6; deposit, exchange: Woodhouse, 21, Millgate, Newark, Notts. (354)

BRAMBLEFINCH, cock, a real breeder, thrice mounted, perfect markings, a winner if fed, 5/6; Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm. (357)

AVIARY mounted cock Chaffinch, ditto cock Greenfinch 8/6, 6/- the two; approval; large birds: Culshaw, 188, Anlaby-rd., Hull. (357)

CHAMPION songster, cock Greenfinch mule, colour fed to perfection, like wax, will make a winner, 9/6; Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm. (357)

GOLDFINCHES, 2 cocks, twice house-mounted, 7/6 each; cock Linnet ditto, 5/-; approval: English, 44, Peckham-rd., Camberwell, London. (355)

OUTDOOR aviary Sib-laced Canaries, Yorkshire type, proved light muling strain, bred outdoors for years, hens 5/6 each, two 10/-, three 13/6; Hollaway, North Road Aviaries, Wells, Somerset. (351)

GRAND cock Goldfinch, good blaze and size, make winner paired up with hen Canary; price 8/6 the pair; sure mulers; approval; cash or deposit: North, Breeder, 443, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (352)

CAGE mounted mule breeders last season, cock Goldfinch 7/6, cock brown Linnet 5/6, cock Redpoll 4/6, cock Bullfinch, winner, 7/6; pink-eyed Sib, hens, to mate at once, 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Densbury. (352)

GENTLE Hybrid pairs, H.M., yellow cock Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch, 10/-; H.M. cock Chaffinch and Yorkshire hen, 10/-; H.M. cock Redpoll and hen Greenfinch, 5/-; twice H.M. yellow cock Greenfinch, winner, 5/-; offers Canaries; approval: Robinson, 35, Bridge End-rd., Grantham. (352)

SPLENDID muling pairs, cock Goldfinch, with large Norwich hen, 10/6; yellow cock Siskin, hen Canary, 8/6; cage-mounted yellow cock Greenfinch, with large Norwich hen, 10/6; cage-mounted cock Linnets, with large hen Canary, bred grand mules last season, one clear, 12/6 the pair; approval willingly; cash or deposit: Day's Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (352)

TO mule breeders, two large house-mounted cock Goldfinches, mules 10/6 each; ditto cock brown Linnets (three) 6/- each; ditto mealy Redpoll 3/6; three large field mounted cock Linnets, fierce songsters, 3/6 each; ditto cock Lesser Redpoll (three) 2/6 each; six large yellow cock Greenfinches 2/6 each; 20 muling hen Canaries 4/6 and 5/6 each; Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (358)

PURE-BRED SIB HENS

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

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Mainly Canaries.

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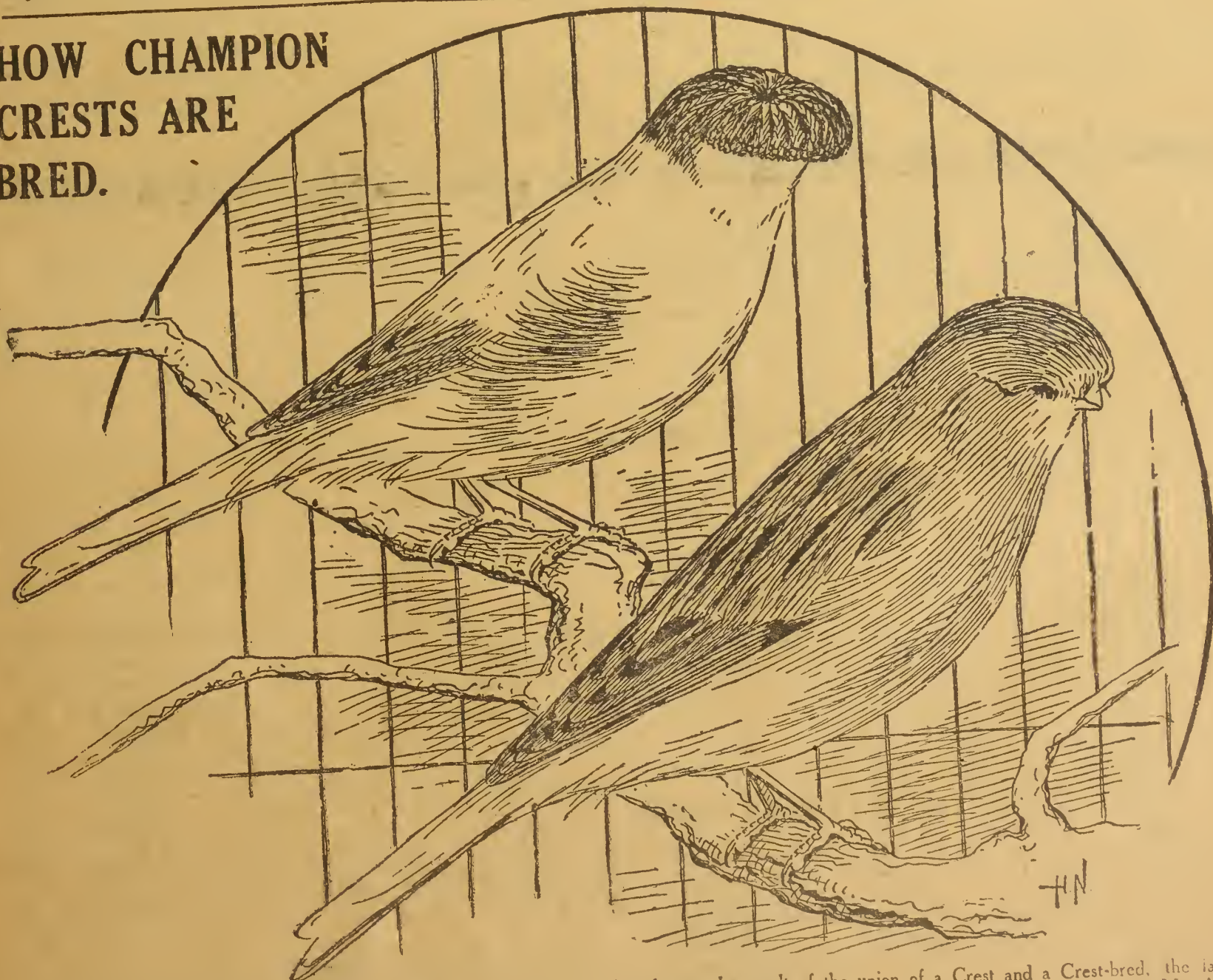
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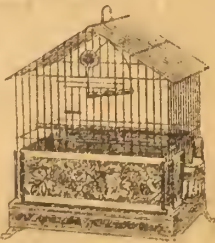
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HAWFINCHES, bib and marking good, 10/- pair; an extra large cock, 10/-; Nuthatches, 10/- pair; Barn Owl, 10/-; Chaffinch cock, also Green cock, 2/6 each: W. Allen, The Lodge, Holmwood Park, Holmwood, Surrey. (372)

TWO F.M. Welsh exhibition Goldies, show cages, and case, 25/-; one ditto Bullfinch, grand colour, snow cage and case, 12/-; 30/- lot; first P.O. gets them: Roberts, Queen's Hotel, Cerrigy-druidion, Corwen. (373)

RARE offer. Twice H.M. Siberian cock Goldie, in good order, plenty size, 20/-; also good autumn-caught exhibition Linnet, Bramble and Siskin, Bullie, cock and hen: Gardner, 4, Poplar-grove, Dingle, Liverpool. (367)

YELLOW Buntings, Corn Buntings, Bramblefinches. Exhibitors requiring selected specimens to moult champions should write, enclosing stamp: Herbert J. Chick, British Bird Specialist, 39, Radford-rd., Nottingham. (367)

LINNETS, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Tree Sparrows, 1/- pair; 12 mixed aviary seed birds, 1/-; Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Mistle Thrushes, Skylarks, selected songsters, 1/6 each: Fenn and Son, Bowers-lane, Isleham, Cambs. (367)

SINGING cock Brown Linnet, spankers, 2/- each, for singing or muling; state requirements; wild seed, Linnet's natural food, 1/6 gallon, 2 galls. 2/6, brings Linnets mad on song: W. Gardner, Garstang-rd., Wesham, nr. Preston, Lancashire. (373)

LAMINATION bed-moulted cock Twite, size, colour, markings, for large cinnamon Norwich hen, 1914; lessers, 2 house-moulted, 1 held, 1 Linnet, ditto, for large Norwich hen, 1915: James MacAllum, Ben Nevis-terr., Fort William. (367)

EXHIBITORS, Yellow Bunting 4/6, Cornbunting 4/6, Linnet 3/6, Twite 3/6, Greenfinch 3/6, Bramblefinch 3/6; Chaffinch 2/6; all cocks, selected for size, colour, and markings, will make good winners; approval: Sutherland, Ramrodde, Forres, N.B. (357)

CLEARING outdoor aviary; large cock Greenie, 7/6; Chaffinch and hen Greenie, 10/-, breeders; grand cock Bullie, 3/6; cock Redpoll, 2/-; yellow cock Greenie, 2/6, two hen Greenies, 1/6 each; healthy, large birds, lot 25/-; stamp reply: Wren, 57, Norrey-avenue, Oxford. (363)

100 cock Linnet, caged three months, singing grand; note the price. Cock Linnet, with nearly new cage, drinking pot all complete, 1/6 to clear; we must reduce our stock cock Goldfinches, never seen better, 3/6, 4/6; hundreds of other British; also muling hen Canaries to be sold at equally low prices; yellow cock Siskins, 3/6; best 4/6 each; all on approval; cash or deposit: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (368)

WANTED, hen Fieldfare: Shore Bailey, Bayers House, Westbury. (365)

TAME singing cock Woodlarks, caged November, 5/6, two 10/6: Levy, 614, Fulham-rd. (367)

WARRANTED cocks, Larks, full song, 1/6, 2/6 each; Brain, Merchant, Aston, Birmingham. (336)

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TAME talking Jackdaw, runs about loose, accept 6/- exchange: Seed man, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (350)

REDWING, grand specimen, perfect health and plumage; bargain, 4/6: J. Forster, Cockerton, Darlington. (367)

EXHIBITORS, cock Grey Wagtail, perfect specimen, make big winner, price with stock cage 10/-: Mawdley, Orrell-lane, Burscough. (371)

LARKS, Larks large upstanding cock Lark, 2/- per dozen; the old hen: F. Twiss, Boundary-lane, Heckthorpe, nr. Preston. (371)

JACKDAW, tame, artful, runs about house and garden loose, very amusing pet, 3/6, bargain: Skinner, Beaumont, Southville, Bristol. (372)

EXHIBITORS, have few cock Wheatears, good plumage, 3/6 each; state wants for other Softbills: J. Fenn, West-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk. (372)

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 hens; approval. (336)

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A FEW grand pairs, yellows or buffs, or cocks, see
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NORWICH greens, yellows and buffs; approval;
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 circus, Buxton, Derbyshire. (369)
GIANT buff copy cock and big Crested hen.
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FOUR Gold Lizard hens, 1915, 5/- each, worth 10/-;
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PAIR of champion Lizards, nesting, 25/- pair;
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LARGE chubby Norwich, 10/- pair to clear sharp;
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 face: Damerel, Springhaven, Torquay. (367)

BUFF cock, 10/-; approval; good head, neck;
 Broxup, Haidres-rd., Colne-rd., Burnley. (372)

ONE buff Norwich cock, in best condition, 4/-;
 C. Parkins, 26, Park-terrace, Chesham. (364)

WANTED, few singing cock Norwich Canaries:
 Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (368)

W. MILES, Aviares, Chichester, has four large
 cocks, reasonable, having no hens; approval; stamp.
 CAN spare typical yellow cock and buff hen, un-
 lighted: Mathewson, Dungey, Stirlingshire. (361)

WANTED, two Norwich cocks, 8/- to 12/- each;
 singing; approval: Caldwell, Rockfield, Paisley. (370)

LARGE typical buff eye marked Norwich hen, 7/6;
 variegated 5/-: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall. (367)

GOOD Norwich buff hens, cold room, own breeding,
 4/6 each: Long, Stationmaster, Helleston, Norwich. (365)

WANTED, high quality, yellow cock, buff hen, big
 heads, short bodies essential: Gordon Stewart, Ips-
 wich. (365)

BARGAIN; four yellow Norwich cocks, three 15/-
 each, one 9/-; approval, deposit: 13, Henry-st.,
 Luton. (368)

NORWICH, unlighted clear buff cock, 10/-, cheap
 to clear; approval: Jas. Taylor, 113, High-st.,
 Brechin. (373)

OLEAR yellow and buff hens, for Mule breeding,
 healthy, 3/-, 3/6; approval: Camben, Outfitter,
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LAST pair prize-bred Norwich, 15/-; buff cock, full
 song, yellow hen; approval: Burgess, Eastover-rd.,
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THROUGH illness, two massive buff cocks, 10/-
 each, or with hens to match 30/- pair: Rushton, Moss-
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 10/- each; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st.,
 Nottingham. (352)

CLEAR Norwich cock, two hens, one cinnamon,
 one tick, 12/6 for the three: S. S. Ott, 3, Birtwell-
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COME and inspect my noted Norwich, best blood
 obtainable; home all day: Metcalfe, 63, Brunswick-
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1914 LARGE variegated buff hen, short flights and
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GOOD large yellow cock Canary, in full song, 10/-;
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SURPLUS of ten pairs of 1915 birds, mostly clear,
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YOUNG healthy Norwich hens, buffs, variegated,
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WILL good tanager give young novice good start
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 essential: Gordon Stewart, Ipswich. (373)

GRAND unlighted buff cock, nice size, type, and
 quality, perfect wings and tail, bargain, 20/-;
 George Baxter, Highfield, Rochesters. (372)

FOUR yellow green Norwich hens, 1915, make good
 mules, 2/- each, 7/- lot; exchange good cock Gold-
 finches: J. Winkie, 47, Grove-st., Glasgow. (370)

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, for cash, same ad-
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 Smith's Bird Stores, Louth-rd., Hamilton. (369)

ATTENDED, buff var. cock, paired to clear yellow
 hen, both unlighted, 8/6 first 2/-; good gram-
 phone, 4/-; Kirkby, 6, Imperial-rd., Beccles, Notts. (368)

WILL give 8/- each for any quantity of good cocks,
 nat. colour or colour fed; also highest prices for
 pairs and hens: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (367)

HEAVILY variegated yellow Norwich cock, also a
 buff, 7/6 each; pure Benjany's; cock Goldfinch,
 4/-; all full song: Farnham, 13, Garden-rd., Tunbridge-
 Wells. (368)

WINNING Norwich, 10 pairs, 15/- to 42/-; clear
 yellow cock, 23/-; var. buff cock, 43/-; both big
 winners; must clear: Bond, 87, Cambridge-st., Burton-
 on-Trent. (366)

MISSRS. BOWLER, New-st., Aylesbury, require
 two cocks, unlighted, clear buff, Norwich, typical
 specimens, big heads, short and thick necks; approx.
 no rubbish. (360)

TWO pairs of Norwich bred Canaries, in perfect
 health, young birds, one pair worth a sovereign;
 will accept 15/- each pair: E. Russell, Ivybank, Con-
 stance-dl., Luton. (367)

A few matched pairs of Norwich, 15/- per pair;
 also a few unlighted buff hens, 7/6 each; ready
 for breeding: Henry Kaye, 24, Moston-st., Reddish,
 Stockport, Lancashire. (363)

A few grand Norwich cocks, 10/6, 12/6; yellow-
 tails, three large buff hens, 10/- each; one clear
 yellow, 12/6; cold room: T. Sanders, 131, Upper
 Colindale-st., Leicester. (362)

SPLendid unlighted yellow Norwich cock, Silk's
 strain; exchange large buff or green Norwich cock;
 sell 15/-, bargain: Bootmaker, 187, Lavender-hill,
 Clapham Junction, S.W. (369)

ATTENDED; four pairs Norwich, matched for
 breeding, 12/6 pair (cost £1); two odd hens, 4/6
 each; first applicants secure pick: "Confectioner,"
 63, Wellington-st., Luton. (369)

T. HUTTON has for sale, self green yellow
 cock, unlight, 30/-; two clear buff cocks,
 unlight, 20/- each; buff cock, one year bred, 20/-;
 stamp reply: Ivy Lea, Ladbroke. (359)

NICE sized birds, colour fed, very healthy, yellow
 cocks, 15/-, 20/-; hens 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; buff cocks,
 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens 10/-, 15/-, 20/-: Mr. Limes,
 Estate Factor, Largs, Ayrshire. (339)

NORWICH unlighted yellow, ditto buff, clear cocks,
 10/6 each; hens, 4/6, well bred, exchange 20/-;
 10/6 yellow hen for stock, Goldies; offers: Bendall,
 62, Bruton-rd., Wolverhampton. (367)

MONSTER greenmarked Norwich cock, also even-
 marked yellow cock, good heads, and can't be beaten
 for producing size and colour, £3 each. Part ex-
 change: Robinson, Broad-st., Wundemere. (370)

LARGE unlighted marked buff Norwich cock for
 sale, or exchange for exhibition Goldfinch or Lin-
 net; approval; stamp particulars: James McNeillie,
 13, Market Street, Maxwelltown, Dumfries, Scotland. (366)

CAN spare high-class Norwich buff cock, yellow
 hen, 60/-; buff cock, yellow hen, 35/-; buff hen, 15/-;
 bargains; approval; cash or deposit; enquiries
 stamp: Fellows, 44, Hill-lane, Southampton. (366)

MUST clear, one unlighted, one 1914, cocks, yel-
 lows; 12 unlighted hens, yellows and buffs, all good
 birds, breeding and show cages: W. Ayling, 24,
 Beechfield-rd., Hermitage-rd., Finsbury Park. (367)

GRAND variegated yellow cock and monster clear
 buff hen, own sister to Palace winner, 20/-; the hen
 worth more; another good pair same colour, 14/6;
 two good young cock Bramblingfinches to moul out,
 2/6 each: Carter, Vine-st., Norton Malton, Yorks. (367)

HAVING purchased stock of local fanner who has
 joined Army, therefore must sell to make room; C.F.
 unlighted cock, 17/6; unlighted hen, 7/6; unlighted
 non-fed cock 15/-; ditto, 1914 cock 20/-; two varie-
 gated hens, 10/- the two: Dickinson, Queen's-rd.,
 Kendal. (371)

HAVING decided not to do much breeding this
 season, am selling my stock of grand Norwich;
 money cannot buy better chance for champions as
 well as novices; inspection invited: Cocks or pairs,
 yellows or buffs; stamp: Steele, 201, City Road,
 Manchester. (359)

A CHAMPION unlighted clear yellow Norwich
 hen, in breeding condition, good head, nice front,
 short wings and tail, sell £2, or exchange for un-
 lighted S. B. master, in full song: six days' mutual
 approval: James McMeelan, 256, Clark-st.,
 Clitham, Glasgow. (372)

12/6 EACH. Bargains: moving; buff, 1911, massive
 broad head, fine stock bird, won The only time
 shown Crystal Palace; his son, clear yellow, 915,
 shown Cock S. in caged last October rare facings,
 marvellously tamed, come out of cage, feeds from
 hand: stamped envelopes particulars: 186, Choumert-
 rd., Peckham, London. (366)

JOHNSON'S WINNING NORWICH

Can spare unlighted buff cock, good head and neck,
 short wings and tail, 25/-, worth double; unlighted
 yellow cock, 20/-; buff hen to match 19/6; 37/- the
 pair, a bargain; odd buff cocks from 15/-; approval;
 cash or deposit Editor: 55, George-st., Leeds. (369)

CLEARING OUT NORWICH

Only two pair left: yellow cock, variegated buff
 hen, 30/-; variegated buff cock, clear yellow hen,
 30/-; yellow cock, 25/-; marked buff cock, 20/-;
 no yellow hens; Apply, H. Butler, 200, Pole-st.,
 rd. Coventry. (371)

Davies's Crystal Palace Winning Strain

This strain having won over a thousand prizes;
 owing to the pressure of business I am compelled
 to part with a few good birds; prices from £1 up-
 wards; results of the last season's winnings: 23
 firsts, 19 seconds, 13 thirds, 11 specials, also winner
 open championship cup for best bird in show and
 winner of members' rose bowl outright at Aberaman,
 also winner of open championship cup at Aberdare;
 state wants; stamped addressed envelope: Davies,
 216, Cardiff-rd., Aberaman, Aberdare.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, cele-
 brated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151,
 South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C.
 Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.
 Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show, 1913. (1810)

HENRY NEVE, Roller Specialist. All birds bred
 from prize winning specimens of high rank; full
 particulars free: Heathfield, Sussex. (160)

MISS THOMAS, Fairlight, Richmond Park Road,
 Bournemouth, breeder and trainer purest Seifers,
 Glucke, etc., 110 bred 1915; stamp. (36)

WANTED, Roller Canaries for prompt cash: Avi-
 aries, 614, Fulham-rd. (367)

KOMMER'S Roller organ, practically new, perfect,
 35/-: Broxup, Stock-st., Burnley. (372)

SIX Roller hens, one Yorkshire, 2/6 each, or 16/6
 lot: Miller, Angle-st., Leek, Staffs. (368)

1915 Roller cocks, singing, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; hens,
 2/6, 3/-: Lloyd, Aviares, Gorseuon, Glam. (364)

EXCHANGE pair bowls for 1915 contest Roller
 cock; approval: Tiffen, Hayton-st., Knutsford. (371)

TO make room for breeding I can spare a few
 Roller hens, 3/6 each: Green, Greentop, Pudsey. (368)

ROLLERS, pure Randall's, two hens, bred 1915, un-
 lighted, 7/6 the two: Allen, 2, Railway-place, Wimb-
 don. (367)

ROLLER Canaries, Randall strain; cocks, 8/6, 9/6;
 hens, 3/-; fine songsters: Byron, 80, Barold-rd., Ley-
 tonstone, E. (367)

GRAND singing Roller cocks, ready for breeding,
 6/6: Seymour, 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath,
 Manchester. (371)

SEVERAL highly-trained healthy Rollers, incessant
 songsters, 12/6, 15/6, 21/-, 25/-: Cash, 26a, Regency-
 st., Westminster. (366)

FOR sale several good class Roller hens, 3/6, 4/6
 each: L. Jones, Myrtle House, 20, Ty-Coch, Cwm-
 bran, nr. Newport, Mon. (366)

CHARPIE, the Roller nesting material, 2/- lb.,
 2lbs., 3/6, 3lbs., 5/-, post paid: C. Palmer and Sons,
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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

June 10-12.—**Liverpool Grand National British Bird Show.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd.)

Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road.) H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.

Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)

Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rolinda Terrace.)

Nov. 4-6.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)

Nov. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hatley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.

Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.** (W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes St.)

Nov. 29-30.—**Southampton C.B.S.**—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.H.

Ireland.

Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.**—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Gillingham, Kent. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.

J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviarists, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist in Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviarist, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.

G. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviarist, Bucknall, Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Twitterings.

At the last meeting of the Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S. it was resolved that members on His Majesty's service be exempt from contributions, writes Mr. Wm. Mallinson, Sec.

All communications in future for the Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S., writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, should be sent to the hon. sec., Mr. John Challenger, 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth, Glam.

Mr. Jas. Ramsay, Partick, writes that the result of Mrs. Parton's voluntary offering draw is Nos 2199, 4513, 311, 1290, 4839, 7923, 4372, 1964, 8254, 4665, 7330, 7275, 8461, 805, 1354, 267, 6113, 7874, 9308, 4152, and thanks all friends for their assistance.

A sample of "Gizagrit" has been received from the manufacturers, Fforestfach, Swansea. It seems to be mainly composed of crushed shells, and should be valuable as an addition to the ordinary sand used on cage bottoms or supplied separately in a small tin.

The Bala of the Halifax O.S. is to hand from the sec., Mr. J. J. Dunn, 67, Hatley Street, Battinson Road, Halifax. It contains the rules of the society, the names and addresses of members, programme for the year, and classification of the members' shows. Copies may be had on application to Mr. Dunn.

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POST CARD



HERR VON FRITZ CARLSURE,
GERMAN EDITOR,

CAGE BIRDS. ROLLERS,
154, FLEET STREET.
LONDON. E.C.

Some cowardly skunk has sent me the above anonymous postcard from Liverpool. I have a shrewd suspicion I know who it is. This man knows that I have repeatedly disclaimed German origin, and that the Home Office and also the War Office, for which I am working, long ago satisfied themselves that I was British to the core. Let him come out in the open and repeat the charge, and I promise him an immediate prosecution, which will teach him not to vent his spleen against me under the cloak of a false and shoddy patriotism.

FREDERICK CARL,
154, Fleet Street, London.

Dates of 1916 Bird Shows.

Further shows for which dates have been fixed are: Newtownards C.B.S., Dec. 1, 2; Glasgow Derby O.A., Sep. 30; Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A., Nov. 4; Bolton Roller C.S., Jan. 5, 6. Secretaries should make a note of these and other dates as they are published, so that clashing may be avoided as far as possible.

The Black Redstart in Herts.

In "British Birds" for Dec. Mr. C. Oldham reports seeing a Black Redstart at Tring in Nov., 1915. Mr. Bickerton, in his Annual Report to the Herts. Natural History Society, says that the species has only twice previously been noted in the county, once by Mr. A. Sainsbury in 1893, and once by himself in 1904. The three records are separated, curiously, by periods of eleven years.

OBITUARY.

I very much regret to announce, writes Mr. W. L. Smith, hon. sec. S. Shields C.B.S., the sad loss of our member, Tom Winter, who has sustained through the death of his wife. She was of great assistance to him during the many years he has been showing. The Society was well represented to pay their last respects to the wife of one of our oldest exhibitors, to whom we tender our deepest sympathy. I am also sorry to say he is confined to bed at present, but we all wish him a speedy recovery.

MR. H. S. NAYLOR (Bradford).

I regret having to record the death of an old and highly respected Bradford Canary fancier, in the person of H. S. Naylor, writes Mr. F. Ludbrook. "Harry," as he was always called, had not enjoyed the best of health of late, but there was no indication that his end was so near, for on the very day that he died he had attended to his birds as usual. He was interred at Undercliffe Cemetery on March 24. The City of Bradford O.S., of which he had long been a member, was represented by Mr. James Clark. All fanciers, especially those in and around Bradford, will, I am sure, extend their sympathy to his family in their great loss.

Mr. W. Helliwell, sec., City of Bradford O.S., of which Mr. Naylor was one of the oldest members, also sends a sympathetic reference to the deceased.

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Foreign Birds for Novices.

By J. W. NEWSOME
(Sutton Green, near Guildford).

(Continued from page 167.)

EVERYTHING is now ready for the most important thing of all, the birds, but before placing these in their home, let me issue a word of warning. Budgerigars must be kept separately, or with other Parakeets, and not allowed with Finches, Waxbills, etc., or disaster will follow. The following will live together very happily, and in many cases there will be every likelihood of their breeding and rearing young successfully. In a properly constructed aviary they can be kept out of doors all the year round.

Hardy, Cheap, and Charming.

Two of the hardiest and cheapest Finches are the Zebra Finch and Ribbon Finch, or Chithroat. These will be found to breed freely, and, although not gaudy in colour, their plumage is very pleasing. A pair of each of these will make a very desirable start in stocking our beginner's aviary. Their diet is very simple, being composed of canary and millet seed, with plenty of green food.

Another cheap and charming bird is the Common, or Red Avadavat. In this case the plumage is bright, red predominating in the male. The courting dance of the male is particularly fascinating, and is one of the things that repay one for the trouble of erecting an outdoor aviary. Others which can be successfully kept by a beginner are the St. Helena, Orange-cheeked, and Zebra Waxbills. In addition to the seed diet stated above they should be given a little soft food and an occasional insect.

A beautiful bird which should be in every aviary is the Java Sparrow. Its colouring, though subdued, is very pleasing, perhaps the most striking feature of its plumage being the bloom on it. In some aviaries these breed well, especially if the parents are aviary bred. Rice should be added to the diet of these birds in addition to the canary seed, and millet, and, of course, green food should always be given. A desirable addition would be a pair of Diamond Doves. These will nearly always breed freely, are very hardy, and have a very beautiful plumage. Their diet can consist of a mixture of canary, millet, rice in the husk, wheat, and hemp. These should always be included in a collection of foreign birds.

A Sweet-Voiced Foreigner.

The novice, I am sure, would now like a bird with a song, and the Silverbills, either African or Indian, are sure to please him. Their song, although not loud, is very sweet, and a few of these are a great acquisition to an aviary, especially if provided with a bush on which to perch. They require a varied diet of canary, millet, soft food, and a few mealworms. The Pekin Robin is the songster par excellence for the aviary. Apart from its great beauty, it is of a very tame disposition, and is a valuable addition. It seems to thrive best on soft food and fruit, with a few insects and a little seed.

As the aviary is now getting full, to complete the list we might add one or two mannikins, the easiest to keep for the beginner being the Bronze-Wing Mannikin. Their quick darts from branch to branch and pretty colouring make them general favourites. They thrive on canary, millet, soft food and mealworms.

I have purposely left out Budgerigars and Cockatiels. These are so much better in a small aviary by themselves, with perhaps a pair of Rosella Parakeets added, that, although Cockatiels will be found quite suitable for a mixed aviary, and can quite safely be placed with smaller species, yet this trio thrive and breed so well together that the beginner ought to strive to give them a small enclosure to themselves. For hardiness, beauty, and profit a small collection of these birds is hard to beat, and they will keep robust and healthy on a diet of canary, millet, oats, fruit occasionally, only do not forget to put the cuttlefish and mortar in this aviary also. The beginner need have no hesitation in trying the above birds in an outdoor aviary. They have all been successfully kept, and have proved a source of great pleasure, and often profit, to numerous aviculturists.

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New Sec. of Darlington C.B.S.

Mr. W. Hearfield, 45, Albion Street, Darlington, writes that he is now sec. for the Darlington and Dist. C.B.S., vice Mr. Stothard, resigned.

A Double Song Thrush Nest.

In the Letchworth Museum there are to be seen two nests of the Song Thrush built together. Only a partition separates the two nests. It would be interesting to know if the nests were used jointly, and if any young birds were reared therein.

Yorkshiremen's Kindly Thought.

On the occasion of the distribution of prizes of the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies, the National Green-marked Y.C.C., the Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C., the Yorkshire C.C., and the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, during a musical evening at the Market Tavern, Bradford, as reported in this issue, the nice little sum of £1 13s. was subscribed among those present in aid of the National Egg Collection for Wounded Soldiers, and has been received at the offices of the organisation, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

MONEY IN ADVERTISING.

"Will you kindly thank all those who replied to my advertisement of Budgerigars in last week's CAGE BIRDS. I sold all birds for cash on the Saturday, and have replied to all sending stamp. I can honestly say I might have sold hundreds if I had had them, through one advt. in your valuable paper."—H. HOOD (East Harling).

"The birds advertised in CAGE BIRDS were sold next day, which speaks well for your paper." J. B. KERR (New Barnet).

"Kindly thank readers of CAGE BIRDS who replied to advertisement of my Mule. I sold the bird on Saturday, and it has been impossible for me to answer all letters."—F. OWEN, (Cannock).

"I feel sure you will be pleased to know I have had a good demand for Birds in response to recent adverts. in CAGE BIRDS. I am sending you later on another advt. for next issue. I wish your valuable paper increased success."—H. SMITH (Wimbledon).

"Once more CAGE BIRDS gets there. I have often read of lightning transactions going on, but I never thought my Concertina would be sold within a few hours of the paper being issued on March 11. Please inform the many enquirers that it is sold, as they are too many for me to answer."—WM. TUCKER (Machen).

"Kindly thank all those who wrote me re Yellow Hens; too many letters to answer all." E. WICKHAM (Chatham).

"I have disposed of my Canaries which I advertised in your valuable Paper CAGE BIRDS. The replies were too numerous to answer."—H. R. AYLES (Leyton).

"I should like to thank those who replied to my advert. in CAGE BIRDS of Cockatiel and Norwich Hens. I could have sold the birds over and over again, and had to return Postal Orders. I had more than 40 applications, and replied to all who enclosed stamps. This speaks well for CAGE BIRDS and its circulation."—H. SMITH (Highbridge).

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A CHANCE FOR A BRAINY ORGANIZER.

LETTERS to hand this week express the delight with which our scheme for helping our wounded soldiers has been hailed. Sympathetic articles have been published in the daily Press, and everything points to a successful issue.

Offers of help are being received by every post, and with them come letters from soldier bird-keepers asking for assistance in making a fresh start in their hobby.

These are from men who in peace times were filling up their spare time by keeping Canaries and other birds, and who, when war came, and they answered the call of their country, dispersed their stock and "did their bit." They would be doing it now, but they have been unlucky, many of them so unlucky that they will never again be fit for strenuous work.

How Everyone Can Help.

It is now our turn to do our bit. We are sure that our readers will not fail us, but we want their help or their promises quickly.

This is going to be a big undertaking, and in its doing all can play their part. We shall want birds, cages, appliances, cash, and help, and we cannot have too much of any of these.

Bird keepers in our Colonies all over the world want English Canaries. There is no question of the demand. But what about the supply? We must fill it somehow, and no better way offers itself than to put it into the power of our own heroes to take into their hands the production of feathered pets for their overseas compatriots.

The admirable article by Mr. C. W. Goodyear which we publish covers the ground so completely that we are content this week to leave it to speak for itself. By the help of our readers we shall be able to give effect to its recommendations, and that help we are sure will be forthcoming.

The subject is therein dealt with in such a masterly manner that we have printed the article word for word as sent, for we are sure that nothing we could add to it would improve it, and we could delete nothing without injury to its sound common sense.

A letter which certainly demands attention is that by Mr. L. E. Howard. This gentleman writes in somewhat of a pessimistic strain, and if it were the idea to breed Rollers at three shillings and sixpence a pair his letter would be entirely justified. We don't think the British working man, wounded soldier or not, would devote his energies to such a proposition.

Canaries Worth £1 a Pair.

There are other kinds of Canaries than common "Hartz Mountain Rollers." In our columns dealers are publicly offering up to £1 a pair for Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, and there is all the difference in the world between rearing birds to sell at this price, and more, and the proceeding of the German peasants in the past.

Further, it is not suggested that our wounded soldiers should look to a possible 40s. a week out of their birds. They will, of course, have a pension, and, excepting in very bad cases, would also, it is to be presumed, have some kind of paid occupation.

The breeding of Canaries is a profitable proposition. The amount of the profit depends upon the quality of the stock and the enthusiasm of the owner, and the attention necessary is so slight as not to interfere with any other occupation.

Shops from Canaries.

Mr. Howard asks how we propose wounded soldiers should live for the first year or two while they are gaining experience.

They will have to live somehow, whether they keep Canaries or not. The difference is that they will live better with Canaries than without them.

In time, after they have gained experience and increased their stock, that which they commenced as a profitable spare time recreation will have become such a remunerative occupation that they will bless the day when it was introduced to their notice.

We know a man who a few years ago got a living in a provincial town by selling his wares from a barrow in the street. He kept Canaries as a spare time amusement, and found his hobby sufficiently remunerative to pay for itself and a bit over. Soon he took a small business with money earned by his Canaries, and he now runs twelve shops in his town.

Let us give our wounded soldiers a start. Men who have fought as these men have

fought are not likely to be beaten by any difficulty they may encounter in Canary breeding.

CAGE BIRDS is nothing if not practical. To bring this matter to a head we require the services of a skilful, energetic, and experienced organiser, or someone with brains and go in him without the experience. We will pay a reasonable salary and expenses. What applications are there for this job in the country's interest?

A Fine Start for the Fund.

ALREADY the success of our scheme is assured, for the cash in hand or promised amounts to £9 4s., as under, while offers of birds or appliances are already coming in. The cash list is appended, and the other offers of help are specified in the letters we have the pleasure of publishing.

	£	s.	d.
CAGE BIRDS	5	0	0
Leeds Roller Canary Club ...	1	0	0
Mr. W. Spillman	1	1	0
Messrs. Gough and Loach ...	10	0	0
Mr. Colin Brown	5	0	0
„ E. L. Davitt	5	0	0
„ A. J. Anton	2	6	0
„ W. Napper	6	0	0
	8	4	0
Mr. G. Crabb (promised) ...	1	0	0
	£9	4	0

THE DIFFICULTIES, AND A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

A Unique Opportunity for British Fanciers.

By C. W. GOODYEAR.

THE articles appearing under the above heading are most interesting, and the proprietors of CAGE BIRDS are to be congratulated for taking the initiative in the matter.

I have been obtaining information on the subject, and think it would be of interest to readers to acquaint them with the result of the investigations.

One of our best-known breeders, to whose views one is compelled to listen with respect, has been of considerable assistance in the matter, and to him a great deal of the information herein is due. I frankly make this acknowledgment, because I do not wish to be credited with that knowledge of the trade which can only be gained by practical experience, and also that your readers may possibly attach a little more importance to the remarks than they may otherwise have done. The gentleman referred to does not wish his name to be mentioned at present, but it is not committing any breach of confidence in saying that he is one of our most successful bird men.

What Has to be Done.

In talking of capturing the German Canary trade, it is as well for everybody to understand that we are up against a very stiff proposition. The Teuton, with his usual business acumen, has made what to the majority of British Canary fanciers is merely a pleasurable hobby into a vast money-making undertaking. At the same time, thousands of Germans must have derived considerable entertainment out of breeding and training their birds, and have thus combined business and pleasure to their own profit.

Their success is due to organisation and co-operation on a grand scale, and we must imitate their methods if we are to succeed.

We need not copy their ideas, but we shall have to sacrifice a great deal of time, and expend a fair amount of money (which will repay itself with interest) in initiating and putting on a working basis some similar scheme.

The idea is not hopeless by any means, but the difficulties are enormous, and it is as well to realise at the outset what we are up against, for it is then we begin to understand what steps we are to take, not only to keep the invader out of our own country, but to extend our markets abroad.

Although the Board of Trade cannot supply exact figures, the competition from the Continent before the war was extraordinarily keen, we know, and growing year by year.

In this matter, as pointed out in CAGE BIRDS, our disabled soldiers would be able

to deal the Germans a further blow by energetically and enthusiastically giving their whole-hearted support to the scheme.

The great fact to be borne in mind is this: The general public require a good, cheap singing Canary; he must "whistle," and be easily kept in condition. The people who buy a "singing" Canary, beyond seeing the bird fed and watered daily, do not trouble with it further, and are satisfied so long as the bird sings with fair regularity.

To oust the Continental birds, we must produce birds equal to them and at the same price. Although a very obvious fact, it is likely to be overlooked that to compete in business one must be as good, all round, as one's rival.

The next problem then is to supply a hardy, first-class songster at a reasonable figure.

The Problem of Song.

If we are to persist with the Roller, well and good. If not, we must take one of our own varieties and pay attention to its song. As regards the Roller, we all know the Continental breeders have standardised this breed, but it is a moot point whether ordinary English breeders (experts not included) could under altered conditions, bring it to the requisite stage of perfection. There are obstacles; diet, training, and conditioning need the expert touch.

I do not profess to know which of our English Canaries is most suitable for song training. The Border Fancy commands a ready sale for the purpose, and its claims should not be overlooked.

Then we must not forget the stylish Yorkshire, or the sprightly Norwich, both delightful pets, and hardy songsters, but can they be trained for singing to compete with the Roller? It would be interesting to know whether any of your readers have experimented in this direction, and what results they have succeeded in getting.

Our "fanciers" have regarded song as a minor consideration in their birds. The result is marked improvements in size, shape, and colour (in this the Germans are out of the running), but we have worked on the wrong lines from a purely money-making point of view. If we had paid more attention to the vocal efforts of our birds, there would be few Rollers in this country, and we should be holding our own abroad.

A Labour of Love.

The soldiers who participate in the scheme should really care for the hobby, and take an interest—apart from a financial one—in producing birds to a standard type and song. There should be co-operation between breeders, dealers, and the faun press.

It would be useless to present a soldier—a novice—with a pair of Canaries, tell him to start breeding with them, and then leave him to his own devices. The result would be doubtful. We will suppose he meets with a fair measure of success, and brings one or two birds to a stage when they could be placed on the market. It would be idle to suppose that they could compete with the imported Roller. The birds would have to be selected by an expert. If inferior stuff is sold either at home or abroad, it would quickly discourage the sale of British Canaries, and our last state would be worse than the first.

It is very necessary that a sufficient number of breeders interest themselves in the movement, it would be fatal to have an insufficient supply after creating the demand. To ensure this will take considerable time. Delay is dangerous. The scheme must go forward at once.

There have been several suggestions made, and by adopting the best of them, we can evolve a working scheme, something on the lines of the following:

1. Fix the type of Canary.
2. Appoint secretaries in each town or district which supplies sufficient volunteers willing to do their best in the interest of the scheme.
3. The secretaries (this is a business undertaking) would receive a bonus on the value of the birds sold. This would encourage them to push the scheme.
4. At certain periods of the year the secretaries would send the large dealers lists of birds their members had for disposal, and at the same time advertise their surplus stock.
5. When the different districts were organised, shows, singing competitions, etc.,

could be held, and at various dates the services of experts engaged, to give addresses to members on the management and preparation of the birds.

The proprietors of CAGE BIRDS having consented to open a fund, a start could be made almost immediately. The scheme would make a bid for the support of the whole Canary industry. It would benefit cage makers, seed dealers, appliance manufacturers, bird dealers, etc., and should have their unrestrained approval.

As progress is made we could possibly have an enlarged export number of CAGE BIRDS to circulate in the Colonies and the United States, with whom the Continental exporters do the bulk of their business, but the home market is an extensive one, and would absorb a good percentage of the birds.

Not a "Crow," But Cautious.

SIR,—I have read with interest your article entitled "Those Millions of Canaries," and would crave your indulgence and space in your valuable paper to make a few remarks. I do not want to be the proverbial crow, who does nothing but croak, but treating it as a business proposition, all sides of the question must be carefully studied.

Let us first consider how the large quantity of Canaries are produced in Germany. In the Hartz Mountains and Black Forest district, and even in some of the smaller towns, the peasants and the workpeople in factories, and other occupations, breed Canaries as a side line, just as the peasants spend their evenings making wooden toys. Then in the autumn, an agent travels round, almost, I might say, from door to door, buying up all the surplus stock. These are sent to the coast, and thence shipped to England, after classification. I myself have bought German Rollers, cocks for 4s. each, and hens for 1s. 6d. per pair (i.e., 9d. each) in the little wicker cages in which they come over. This is retail.

When we consider that they must have passed through at least four middlemen's hands, what can the breeder have been paid? Let us say, for the sake of argument, 3s. 6d. per pair, which I consider if anything, over-estimated. I think the average British workman would want to earn at least 40s. per week. To produce this at 3s. 6d. per pair, he would have to breed 1,200 birds each season. This is allowing nothing whatever for maintenance of stock and young, which at present food prices would be very heavy. Let us say, he should breed 1,500 birds per season, to cover everything. To do this he would want at least 200 hens, and this means each hen rearing 7.5 young ones, which would be a very high average.

Then we must consider the room that 200 hens would need. As I myself have never kept more than 20 hens, I am afraid I cannot form anything but a rough idea of the room required, but I do not for a moment think a cottage would accommodate anything like this number. Of this I am sure, that overcrowding is fatal.

A Few "Caws."

Another thing to consider. Canary breeding is, I might say, a science, and a man cannot walk straight into Canary breeding with no previous experience with any hope of financial success. Otherwise there would be no need of the services of your experts to men who have been breeding Canaries for several years.

How do you propose that these wounded soldiers should live for the first year or two, whilst they are gathering experience, and multiplying their breeding stock?

I do not wish to throw cold water on your scheme, but I know from seventeen years' constant experience that the pitfalls in the art of Canary breeding are many and various, and breeding cannot possibly be undertaken by a novice with any probability of a fair livelihood.

I am a business man, and I understand you want this subject treated as a strictly business proposition, not as a philanthropic institution, and I therefore say, as a remunerative side line—excellent, but as a man's sole support, worse than useless.

We must be very careful how we treat this subject, or we shall find that we are doing the wounded soldiers a lot more harm than good.

Thanking you for the space I hope you will accord me,

L. E. HOWARD.

Some of the Generous Promises Already Received.

SIR,—In help of your excellent scheme for wounded soldiers you may put me down for six cages, and I shall be pleased to supply further cages at a reduced rate. Our wounded soldiers will all have "done their bit," but they will be ready to do a bit more when it means capturing their enemy's trade as well as making a little profit for themselves.

E. M. STANTON

Patriot.

(For other letters see next page.)

To Help Wounded Soldiers.

(Continued from page 179).

SIR,—I shall have much pleasure in promising a pair of Norwich Canaries and to offer my surplus after the breeding season at a low price, as I think the cause is worthy of all the support we can give it. We must fight tooth and nail to oust the "Dirty Dogs." As you remark, there is a fine trade to be done in Canaries. It is a paying hobby, and as a business can be made a success with determination. Now, fanciers, don't forget our gallant men who have given their all; roll up in your thousands with offers of help.

C. G. MARTIN,
Assist. Sec., Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.

Cash Now: Birds Later.

SIR,—I am very pleased to see in your issue of this week the splendid start you have made towards the Wounded Soldiers' Fund for Canary breeding. Also I am delighted to see that you have adopted some of my suggestions of the previous week, and I sincerely trust that they will be a help in making this venture into a great success. I am enclosing a small donation towards the subscription list, and hope to help with some birds later on. Now, sir, if I can be of any use in any little way, I shall be delighted to do so on hearing from you.

Shaftesbury. E. L. DAVITT.

The President of the London and P.O.S. will help in many ways.

SIR,—I am agreeable to contribute £1 in cash or equivalent value in birds and cages towards your scheme for wounded soldiers taking up the breeding of cage birds.

Also, if you find one or two inexperienced men in this district, W. Hampstead, or between here and the City, I would endeavour to coach them. On the other hand, if you find a responsible experienced man in the same district I am agreeable to lend him a pair of birds or a cock and two hens (which I do not want to part with), and a double breeder and fittings, for him to do a season's breeding, and I will make any fair arrangement with him as regards his remuneration for doing so.

I hope you will be able to localise your scheme to some extent, as it would probably be more interesting for all parties.

C. CRABE.

A Pair of Norwich Offered.

SIR,—I have read with great interest your appeal for providing disabled soldiers with Canaries, etc., to encourage the breeding and export trade and capture the business hitherto carried on by Germany.

I am quite convinced the opportunity is now at hand to reap a good harvest for all who are in a position to extend the breeding of Canaries, for both the common variety as well as the show birds are difficult to get in any number to-day. The price has also gone up considerably, and by the end of this year birds will be at a premium.

Your appeal in this week's issue of CAGE BIRDS has aroused my sympathy, and although I am sorry to say I am unable to promise a pair of Norwich birds from my stock, I am pleased to enclose herewith a 10s. note for you to purchase a pair of birds for some unfortunate hero who wishes to start in the birdy world.

GOUGH & LOACH.

Wolverhampton.

Money from Waste Seed.

SIR,—In my humble judgment I consider the scheme you have so ably advocated excellent in more than one way, and if I possessed much of this world's goods I would certainly give freely and liberally to such a good cause. Nevertheless, I beg to offer a suggestion, which I think would quickly turn in at least £100. The thought struck me when reading the "Don'ts" on the boardings, "Don't waste bird seeds."

I had a peck or so of seed sweepings left in stock, which I was about to throw away, and in looking into the bag, I was loath to cast the stuff into the dust bin, so I at once carefully sifted it, first with a fine sieve to free it from the chaff and rubbish, then a hair sieve to free it from sand and dust; the residue I pitched into a bath under a running tap, and while the water was troubled allowed the overflow to carry away all the useless floating seeds and husks. After about ten minutes' work the result was about two quarts of clean, heavy seed, which I spread thinly on a towel to dry. I have valued this at half the cost price, viz., sixpence, which I have much pleasure in enclosing herewith.

I keep very few birds now, but there are thousands of breeders and fanciers with very large collections of birds, such as I had many years ago, when I used to buy canary seed by the sack. The waste from such rooms and aviaries would be great, and if valued as aforesaid would prove a substantial help to your proposed fund.

W. NAPPER.

SIR,—I am enclosing my cheque for five shillings as a donation to your scheme. The undertaking has my warm sympathy, and I wish it every success.

COLIN BROWN, Hon. Sec.,
Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.

SIR,—Seeing your appeal in CAGE BIRDS for Canaries for wounded soldiers, I will give a good pair of Border Fancy Canaries to any wounded soldier you like to name at the end of this breeding season.

W. BOLAM.

Wylam-on-Tyne.

A Cage-Maker's Offer.

SIR,—I am willing to supply double or single breeders at half price, also stock cages, show cages, wire fronts, seed hoppers, in fact, anything in the wood and wire line, all half price, and all made on the premises. I sincerely hope I shall be able to give a little help to capture the Canary trade.

C. H. KENWAY,

Cage Maker and Wire-worker.

Highgate.

Harrogate Soldiers, Note This.

SIR,—Your scheme is "right," and if you should get an application from a Harrogate soldier I should be pleased to set him up entirely with birds, cages, and everything necessary, and shall consider it a pleasure. Should you not get an application from here, then you can put me down for Nos. I. and II.

W. H. HAMLYN.

P.S.—I had a wonderful result from my small advt. in CAGE BIRDS. I sold £12 10s. worth, and could have sold many more.

For Soldiers in Spalding.

SIR,—Herewith I enclose P.O., etc., value 2s. 6d. as donation to your fund for starting wounded soldiers in the breeding of Canaries. I think it a very worthy scheme, and hope it may succeed and brighten what might otherwise be a very dull existence for some of our brave men.

Should there be any in Spalding, I would be pleased to give them any help I could in the way of information on feeding, etc. Wishing your scheme every success,

Spalding. ARTHUR J. AUTON.

An Offer from Swindon.

We have also, from a Swindon reader who does not wish his name to be published, an offer of four or five breeding cages for any wounded soldiers in his district. The reader making this kind offer says also that he will be pleased to give personal advice and help to any novice soldier in his neighbourhood.

Correspondence.

Early Rollers. Earlier Borders.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. H. G. Hill's inquiry about early birds, I write to say that I had a nest of four Border Fancies hatched on Feb. 17, and all doing well.

T. D. FORSTTH.

SIR,—I have a pair of British Rollers, the hen of which was set with four eggs on March 12, and all of them hatched out on March 26. They are doing well so far, and this beats my record last year of April 12, as stated in CAGE BIRDS at that time.

E. TIFFEN.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. H. G. Hill's remarks on the above subject, I may say that I have beaten him by one day. The hen was set on Feb. 14, on five eggs, all of which were hatched by the 28th. I was greatly surprised at my good fortune, being a novice at Canary breeding, and as this was my first attempt.

N. RICHMOND.

Starlings with Young in January.

SIR,—I enclose a cutting from the "Cumnock Chronicle." You will see by it a pair of Starlings have brought out a nest of young in the month of January, and I thought it might interest your readers. (Can anyone say if this is a record?)

"A remarkable instance of early breeding on the part of a pair of Starlings has just been brought to our notice. The birds referred to have taken up their abode in a corner of the workshop connected with Mr. Robert Bowman's garage, and there, about the end of January, they hatched a healthy brood of youngsters, who do not seem to be any the worse of the rather severe weather we have been experiencing lately. For a resident, the Starling as a rule is rather a late breeder, but it is a bird of most irregular and erratic habits. As the preparation of the nest takes some time, the birds must have commenced their home building efforts about the New Year. Perhaps their calculations as to the seasons were upset by the unprecedented warmth of the weather in January."

S. CLEWS.

To Extract Thistle Seed.

SIR,—Can any of your readers state a rapid way of extracting seed from thistle heads, or is there a machine on the market suitable for same?

SCOTCH THISTLE.

Oxalic Acid for Insect Pests.

SIR,—I quite appreciate Mr. St. John's cautious remarks in last week's CAGE BIRDS, also those of a brother fancier I met yesterday. He says he has used the oxalic acid, but only at half the strength, namely, two ounces in the whiskey bottle.

It is always best to be careful, but I find that when mixed with lime the poisonous matter is nullified, and yet it retains its cleansing properties, and has no ill effect on the birds. It is a perfect cleanser of mite, etc. I have used paraffin, and set it on fire, and then have found living red mite; I have also used a paraffin blow lamp, and still the same, but with the acid I get absolutely clean cages.

T. C. CLAYTON.

Resignation of the Hon. Sec. of the National British Bird and M.C.

SIR,—I have been reluctantly compelled to resign the secretaryship of the National British Bird and Mule Club, and Mr. E. Stephens, "Torrington," Devonshire Road, Palmers Green, N., has taken over the office.

I take this opportunity of thanking all members, both town and provincial, who have helped me in so many ways to lighten my work during my term of office, and I feel sure they will extend their help to my successor.

I also thank you, sir, for the privilege and kindness you have extended to me in the use of the columns of your esteemed journal, CAGE BIRDS.

J. P. CARR.

Ringed Birds Recovered.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., I have already received a letter from Mr. Ann reporting the recovery of the Swallow in Cape Province. This bird was ringed as a nestling on July 3, 1915, at Lytham, Lancashire. I am publishing a special note about it in the next issue of "British Birds."

With regard to the ringed Robin, I do not think the number you quote is correct, as ring 633 was not placed upon a Robin. Could you possibly obtain the ring for me?

H. F. WITHERBY.

(Perhaps Mr. Barnes, who gave us the particulars as to the ring No. 633, will kindly forward us the ring for identification.)

SIR,—The earlier history of the bird marked "Aberdeen University, 571," has not yet been received by us from the marker, but will be sent to you when it is available.

M. THOMSON,

pro. Secretary of the Inquiry,
Natural History Department,
The University, Aberdeen.

The Song of the Canary.

SIR,—I notice Mr. Napper's comment on my letter re "The Song of the Canary" in this week's CAGE BIRDS, but he does not apparently follow me with exactitude, and I fail to see how he judges me off the line. I maintain that birds brought up from their early infancy in captivity by birds of different species cannot be claimed to be in a state of natural liberty, especially in the case of wild birds' eggs being incubated under a Canary and brought up by same. This I have done on a great many occasions, and yet the song has always proved to be that of the kind the bird belonged to.

During the past thirty years I have kept almost every variety of British bird and Canaries, and can, therefore, claim to speak with some experience. I have never attempted to exhibit birds, but my father, at the time I started, was a very well known exhibitor of the London fancy, and on one occasion took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the Palace, besides having all his other birds highly commended, so that I naturally got some tips worth having on various bird matters.

I quite agree with Mr. Napper that it would be very narrow-minded to presume that animals have no reasoning, and such a presumption could only be the outcome of no experience in the matter. However, I still maintain that the singing of birds is instinctive, or if that is too common an expression, I will suggest it is naturally inherent. I had a mind in my previous letter to mention the case of the Cuckoo, but observe Mr. John Craig has referred to this matter in this week's issue.

B. CLARK.

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Does the Male Bird Transmit Stamina?

SIR,—I notice in your CAGE BIRDS of the 18th a letter from Mr. Banks touching on the above subject, in which he mentions his pleasure at seeing that Mr. R. L. Crisp is still interested in Canary breeding. I am glad to be able to state that he still is, as always, a very ardent supporter of the London Cage Bird Association, and is ever happy to open a discussion on matters appertaining to birds, and Canaries in particular.

One such discourse was initiated at our last meeting, the subject taken being "The Mating of Birds," and will be continued by Mr. Crisp at our next meeting, April 11, at 2, York Street, Piccadilly, at 8 p.m. Fanciers are cordially invited. At the conclusion of Mr. Crisp's remarks the matter will be open for free debate.

"Stamina" was one of the things mentioned, and should bring out some valuable information. Personally, I cannot agree with Mr. Tarbet's assertion that the male bird has nothing to do with "stamina" in the young. I have a great aversion to using any but vigorous male birds, and this opinion is formed from actual experience. I have found it to be bad policy, for though he may successfully fertilise a clutch of eggs, the resulting progeny will very probably prove difficult to rear, and the poor hen reaps the benefit of the trouble. I would far rather endeavour to bring a hen into breeding condition than I would a weakly cock.

ARTHUR J. WATCHAM.

Greetings from U.S.A.

SIR,—I have had CAGE BIRDS sent to me by a friend at Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham. Reading it again brought back sweet remembrance of my bird-room and its pleasures of over two years ago. As I then lived in Bishop Auckland, and belonged to the bird society there, it gave me great pleasure to find an account of their second annual show. I remember the meeting which was held five years ago to consider the forming of the society, because I was one of that meeting. It was held in the home of the present sec., Mr. W. Crowther. He gave me the "fever" of the "Fancy," and many a happy hour he and I spent together among our pets. I hope the members will never forget (probably many do not know of it) the help rendered in many simple ways by Mrs. Crowther. She was indeed, and is still, a true fancier. On rainy and snowy winter nights I and other fanciers would go to the house, and we were always welcomed in a spirit akin to that which took us there. I trust the members will stick together, each doing his "little bit" to make the society grow not only in number, but in true spirit.

It was with deep sorrow and sympathy I read of the unfortunate lot which has fallen to Mr. Brownson, one of the members. "England expects that every man this day will do his duty." Mr. Brownson heard the call, felt his duty to King and country, and carried it out. I hope the members will do whatever they can, if only a little, to help him in his misfortune. Personally, I hope that he may soon recover, and yet find in life the happiness he felt before war called him and left on him its terrible marks.

Wisconsin, U.S.A. WM. MOORE.

In Praise of the Goldfinch Canary.

SIR,—I think the Goldfinch-Canary mule is the best singing bird. There are two reasons why I think so. The first is that we get more variety of song from the Goldfinch mule, owing, I should say, from the cross between the two different birds, and especially so when taught under both the male Goldfinch and the male Canary.

The second reason is that the Goldfinch mule is much harder, more handsome, and also more attractive than any other variety, partaking as a general rule after the father Goldfinch, which in my opinion is the foremost of our Finches, and is able to stand the different temperatures and draughts to which some birds are exposed.

The box cage is the most suitable one, with a loose front, which is very handy for cleaning purposes. It should not be less than 16 in. long, 16 in. high, and 8 in. from back to front, thus giving ample room for exercise which goes a long way to keep the bird in good health. The cage should be hung on the wall in a nice bright position, free from draughts, and below the level of the gas.

I find this diet suits my mules. For a staple diet I give good sound plain canary seed, giving in addition two or three times a week a teaspoonful of good finch mixture, adding a little more hemp to it. I also give a piece of cuttle bone between the wires of the cage, as it helps the bird to digest its food. Give a little green food, such as watercress, dandelion, or seedy chickweed, two or three times a week, plenty of sharp grit, and last, but not least, a bath on nice warm days.

J. H. PEPPER.

The Shows.

MAGGLESFIELD C.B.S.

Pair show, Daybrook St. School, Mar. 4, when some very good exhibits were staged; the quality and type of the winning birds were of a very high order. About 55 pairs of birds were entered. Judge, Mr. W. Moon. The pairing of the birds was afterwards discussed by the members, who turned up in good force, every member being satisfied. Champ. (19): 1, 2, Lee; 3, he, c, Steele; vhc, Hall. Nov. (16): 1, 2, he, Ratcliffe; 3, vhc, Banner; c, Cleaver.—W. Moon, Hon. Sec.

STOCKPORT AND HAZEL GROVE.

Annual pair show Feb. 29, "Trinity House," Stockport. Mr. J. Kaynes judged, and gave satisfaction. In Yorks. there were only two pairs shown (by J. Potts), both pairs of excellent merit. Norwich were grand both in number and quality, and with a little luck there should be something good produced during the coming season. Borders were also good, and full of swaggers. Nor. Y.C. and B.H. (13): 1, H. Sykes; 2, 4, and c, Thorpe; 3, vhc, W. Sykes; he, Bennett, B.C. and Y.H. (10): 1, Thorpe; 2 and c, W. Sykes; 3, Stafford; 4 and vhc, H. Sykes; he, Bennett. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, Garbutt. Nov. Nor.: 1 and 2, Vaux.—W. Stafford, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Table show Mar. 13, Headquarters; 47 birds staged, all Yorks. cocks. Mr. E. Clegg, Dewsbury, judged. Cl. or Ykd. Yell. (9): 1, he, F. Sykes; 2, Holmes and Schofield; 3, c, Cotton; vhc, Gledhill. Buff (7): 1, 3, M. Radley; 2, F. Sykes; vhc, Smithies; he, A. Radley; c, Gledhill. Mkd. Yell. (3): 1, F. Sykes; 2, Atkinson; 3, S. Radley. Buff (5): 1, M. Radley; 2, vhc, S. Radley; 3, F. Sykes; he, Buttle and Coupland. Unfig. Yell. (8): 1, A. Radley; 2, c, Wood; 3, F. Sykes; vhc, Smithies; he, Townsend. Buff (9): 1, S. Radley; 2, vhc, Townsend; 3, F. Sykes; he, Cox; c, Cotton. Cin. Mkd. Yell. (2): 1, Cox; 2, Smithies. Buff (4): 1, Wood; 2, Gledhill; 3, Holmes and Schofield; vhc, Buttle and Coupland.—A. Lawford, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual pair show, March 4. Judges, Mr. E. Norton (Canaries) and Mr. T. Dobson (Mules and Hybrids). Nor Pairs: 1, he, Wilson; 2, 3, c, Chambers and Smith; 4, vhc, Livingstone. Bord.: 1, 2, 3, Stephenson. Mules or Hybrids: 1, 2, vhc, Haigh; 3, 4, he, c, Hunt. Yorks. Nov.: 1, 2, 3, Sanderson; 4, Kendrew. Nor.: 1, Kendrew. Syllabus for 1916 was settled, and the specials promised bid fair to make a record. A lot of specials for British to be competed for by those who have not won a first in open competition with British birds should do something towards bringing the British to the front in Leeds. These specials, which have been got together by the well-known British bird exhibitor, Mr. C. Hunt, include a gold medal value 20s. given by Mr. R. Haigh; silver medals by Mr. J. Owen and Mr. Longley; stone of merit by Mr. Crane; and four show eagles by Mr. Hunt. British bird fanciers in the district would do well to write for particulars of competition.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Annual Pair Show, Y.M.C.A. halls, Mar. 4. Although a good classification entries were rather disappointing, only 33 pairs being staged. Messrs. D. Johnstone (Hamilton), A. Steel, Junr. (Glasgow) and R. McClue (Hamilton) judged, and each gave satisfaction. Nor. Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, Rundall; 2, McGregor. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, Kennedy; 2, 3, 4, McGregor. Bord., Yell. Ck. and Buff Hen: 1, 2, Kennedy; 3, Ferguson. Buff Ck. and Yell. Hen: 1, 2, 5, Kennedy; 4, Ferguson; 3, Rundall. Muling Pairs: 1, 4, 6, McGregor; 2, Clark; 3, 6, Kerrie. Buff. Hyb. Pairs: 1, 4, Perrie; 2, 3, 5, Campbell. A.O. Hyb. Pairs: 1, Campbell; 2, 4, McGregor; 3, 5, Perrie. W. P. Campbell won most points over Table Shows, with 74 points; 2, Kennedy; 3, Perrie and McGregor, 53 each. R. Perrie won spl. most points Hyb. and Muling classes, 17 points; McGregor, 16. Spl. best pair Nor. Rundall; Bord., Kennedy; most commends, McGregor. This finishes our Table Shows, and we all hope that ere we start another winter our country will be back to normal conditions.—T. McGregor, Sec.

EASTLEIGH C.B.S.

Pair show, Council Chambers, Mar. 15. Entries turned up very well, and some very fine pairs faced the judge. British were in good force, and some good specimens were staged. Mr. W. G. Fellows judged, and gave every satisfaction. Nor.: 1, Chandler; 2 and 3, Foyle; vhc, Alderslade; he, Cook. Yorks.: 1, Clark; 2, Alderslade; 3, Thornton; vhc, Clark; he, Thornback; c, Emmett. Muling: 1, Cook; 2, Thornback. Hyb.: 1, Alderslade; 2, Clark. Single Nor. Yell.: 1, Vale; 2, Foyle. Buff: 1, Chandler; 2, Foyle; 3, Alderslade; vhc, Cook. A.V. Hen: 1 and 2, Foyle; 3, Alderslade. Yorks. Yell.: 1, Thornback; 2, Clark. Bord.: 1, Thornback. Mules: 1, Thornton; 2 and 3, Hames and Hutchins; vhc, c, Clark; he, Turner. Goldf.: 1 and 2, Alderslade; 3 and vhc, Vale; he, Thornback; c, Thornton. Greenf. or Chaff.: 1 and 3, Vale; 2 and c, Hames and Hutchins; vhc, he, Alderslade; c, Cook. Linnets: 1, Vale; 2, Hames and Hutchins; 3, Newell; vhc, Alderslade; he, Emmett; c, Clark. Redpoll, etc.: 1, Alderslade; 2, Newell; 3, Vale; vhc, Alderslade; he, Thornback. A.O. Bardhill: 1, Hames and Hutchins; 2, Newell; 3, Vale; vhc, Thornback. Southill: 1 and 2, Thornback; 3, Hames and Hutchins. For: 1, Cotton.—J. Alderslade, Sec.

GLASGOW AND W. COUNTIES.

Meeting and pairs show, Good Templars' Hall, Ingram Street, March 4. Mr. Dinwoodie presided over a fair attendance. Decided to call a special meeting, April 1, to revise rules; subs. and other competent business. Members to be notified by P.C. from Sec. Mr. Jas. Millen was appointed an auditor in lieu of Mr. A. Livingstone, now with His Majesty's Forces in France. Classes for show, April 1: Goldf., Linnets, H.M.; Siskin, Linnets, F.M. Messrs. A. Cochran and J. H. Adam judged the show and gave entire satisfaction.

Goldf. Muling Pairs: 1, 2, Pettigrew; 3, 4, Cassells; 5, McGowan; 6, Hamilton. Linnets: 1, Hamilton; 2, 4, Pettigrew; 3, Bannerman. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Pettigrew; 2, Brown; 4, McJury; 5, Hamilton; 6, Bannerman. Hyb. Pairs, Buff. Hen: 1, McGowan; 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, Pettigrew; 3, Cassells. A.O.V.: 1, Hamilton; 2, McJury; 3, 4, Pettigrew; 5, Cassells; 6, Brown.

Office-bearers for 1916: Pres., Mr. J. Cross; Vice, J. Findlay; Treas., McGowan. Committee: Messrs. A. Whitelaw, W. Cassells, A. Cochran, J. Dick, W. Hamilton. Auditors: Messrs. T. Fitzpatrick and Robert Steel. Hon. Sec., J. H. Adam, 15, Alexander Street, Sandyford, Glasgow. New members enrolled. The only Norwich club in Glasgow that stands for one fancier, one club.

Club Reports.

LEITH O.S.

Meeting, Liberal Club Hall, Mar. 11. Mr. J. Allan, president, in the chair. Decided to postpone classifications and election of judges till later on. Same hall as last year to be booked for November show. Sec. was instructed to ascertain from members before 1st May how many hens they had to book. Members and others unable to attend meetings are invited to communicate with Sec.—J. A. Muir, Sec.

BARROW C.B.A.

Meeting, Mar. 22, G. Large presiding, and a fair turn-out of members. Decided to close nest feather nominations by next meeting, Apr. 5, so members please attend if you wish to compete for medals and cups. Let us have a record N.F. show, and give Mr. House and Mr. Wilson a busy day's work. There is some very important business.—D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec.

PEN-Y-GRIG C.B.S.

General meeting, Butchers' Arms Hotel, March 2. Chair, Ellis Hughes. Mr. Watkins elected member. Our annual show Feb. 26, proved very satisfactory, considering this was our first adventure; 69 entries. Specials were numerous, the principal winners being: Ellis Hughes, most points; Evans and Parry, Border; Ellis Hughes, Yorks.; Holmes and Edwards, best mtdch. pair; Evans and Parry, best mtdch. Bord.; T. Watkins, best Brit.

General meeting Butchers' Arms Hotel, Mar. 16. Chair, Ellis Hughes. Mr. Simms elected member. Decided that F.F. show should take place 1st Sat. in July. Classification was drawn out for young bird show. Decided that 6 birds must be nominated to compete for silver cup, and a challenge bowl for most points gained. A hearty invitation to local fanciers who care to join.—T. L. Evans, Sec.

ACCRINGTON.

Annual supper, Crown Hotel, Accrington, March 9, with a very good attendance; chairman, Mr. Stutard. Sec's report was received with applause, their being a balance on credit side. President, Mr. J. Smith, replied, and gave some recollections of the days when he was a fancier. Cups for season were presented, the championship being won by Mr. Crawshaw and the amateur by Mr. Dean. Votes of thanks were recorded to retiring officers, who had worked hard to bring the society to its present state of efficiency, and members were asked to attend monthly meetings more regularly to ensure the work being carried on successfully. After business songs were excellently rendered by Messrs. Mitchell, Care, Noble, Parkinson, and others, not forgetting the good old song, "Who'll Serve the King," which was rendered by our President with the fortissimo of his younger days. A most enjoyable evening concluded with mutual wishes for another encouraging season.—A. Noble, Secretary.

GARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Maskell's Hotel, Mar. 16. Mr. Whitton presided at the opening of the meeting which was well attended. Messrs. Escott and James, of Porth, attended. Election of officers:—Chairman, Mr. E. J. Banks; Vice, Mr. P. Brailly; Treas. and assist. sec., Mr. A. Ball; sec., Mr. E. Thomas; committee, Rev. C. B. Jolliffe, Messrs. E. James, D. Raymond, H. C. Smith, S. F. Whetton, E. J. Davies, S. Wiseman, J. Pearce, A. Shellan, F. Howard, W. J. Phelps, D. J. Lewis. Votes of thanks were passed to officials who so ably carried through their duties in the past year. Mr. Whitton and Mr. E. J. Davis thanked the members for the kind words spoken, and promised to help the society again this year. Mr. E. J. Davis had to give up office through his son joining the Army, and he found it impossible to give the time necessary to carry out the duties of treasurer. Resolved to hold monthly meetings in future in the fishing rooms at the Carlton Hotel. Mr. F. Slocombe wrote resigning through losing all his birds. Private Jim Dugmore wrote that he had arrived safely in France; we now have four members abroad. A collection at the meeting realised 11s. for cigarettes to be sent to our members at the front. The auditors, Messrs. Smith and Ball, gave a report of the year's working, which showed that after giving all profit on the open show, £12 19s. 7d., to the prisoners of war in Germany, we have a balance to the good of £16 18s. 9d., being a gain of £4 11s. 1d. on the year's working. We have also silver cups worth £38. New members enrolled: Messrs. Petscher and Skerratt. The series of table shows are a great success. Result of Goldf. class: 1, 2, spl, best bird, Escott and James; 3, Peterson; 4, Ball; vhc, Peterson; he, Brailly; c, Davies. Linnets: 1, Davies; 2, Brailly. Resolved to have a class for Bullfinches, also a Mule or Hybrid class, Mr. D. J. Lewis to judge; also a judging competition. Members please attend the next meeting, as at the Carlton Hotel we have secured a room that is well lighted and ventilated, a great improvement on our old meeting rooms. Subs. are due for 1916.—E. Thomas, Sec.

LANCS. AND LIZARD F.A.

Annual general meeting, Volunteer Inn, Oldham, Mar. 5, a good number attending. Balance sheet was passed, leaving a surplus in hand of £2 to be divided in specials for winners of club competition. Lancashire Champion: G. Epton, 100 points; T. H. Collinge, 73; Stansfield and Ridgard, 61. Lizard champs: F. Hamer, 102 points; W. P. Barnes, 92; J. Rukin, 82; J. Hampshire, 59; Stansfield and Ridgard, 41; W. Hardy, 35; A. Horden, 18. Lizard novice: Mrs. Burgess, Bristol, 53 points; S. Howard, Greenfield, 51; J. Teasdale, Waterford, 24; C. P. Bosworth, Kettering, 18; T. Millington, Longsight, 16; W. Moorby, Broadbottom, 9. Officers appointed:—President, Mr. Alf Bradley; vice-pres., Messrs. J. Hampshire, W. P. Barnes, C. P. Bosworth, W. Moorby, B. Clegg, W. Hardy, W. Ridgard, G. Epton, and N. Stansfield; Treas., Mr. J. Swadwell; hon. sec., J. Rukin, 44, Hall Carr Road, Rawtenstall; auditors, Messrs. J. Hamer and T. Millington; Committee, all remaining paid-up members. Decided we have no tea or social this year, and that specials be paid in cash. Meetings in future will be held at the Volunteer Inn, George Street, Oldham, 1st Sat. or Sunday of each month. Sec. to advise members by post card. Mr. John Ogden, Shaw, was elected a member, and the Society should be the stronger by the addition of the one time champion Lizard exhibitor. Mr. Barker Clegg opened a discussion as to the best means to establish the Lancashire in a better position, and awaken the breeders of same from the apathy which they seem to have fallen into. The way the classes are being filled was, in Mr. Clegg's opinion the surest way to kill all interest in the breed. He suggested that a meeting be called of Lancashire Canary breeders, to try and get breeders as members of the L. and L.F.A. He promised to give a lecture on the Lancashire if a room could be procured somewhere in the Rochdale district. Next meeting Volunteer Inn, Oldham, Apr. 1, at 6.30. No entrance fee. Enquiries to John Rukin, hon. sec., 44, Hall Carr Road, Rawtenstall, Lanes.

YORKS. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

On Mar. 25 the joint prize distribution of the Y.C.C., National Green Marked Y.C.C., Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. took place at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. J. Butler, the retiring President of the Yorkshire Union in the chair, and despite the inclement state of the weather a good number assembled. Among those from a distance were Dr. Craig (Sheffield), Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), Mr. W. A. Wilson (Leeds), also several from Halifax, Keighley, Dewsbury, Huddersfield and District.

The chairman drew attention to the fine display of specials on view even in war time, and had to apologise for the absence of the Yorkshire Union novice medals and several others, the jewellers having so many of their number serving with the colours or on munitions.

The first lot of prizes were the Open Norwich Plainhead Club's, and Mr. W. A. Wilson (Leeds), the President, made the presentation. Mr. H. H. Towers gave out the Yorkshire C.C. specials, and mentioned that this was the first time an outsider had been able to win a trophy, which meant exhibiting all through the Yorkshire Union shows. However, whether Dr. Craig kept his birds rolled up in cotton wool or not, he came out first for Ogden's Trophy. Dr. Craig had a hearty reception, and his humorous remarks delighted the company. Mr. L. Dykes was the winner outright of Ramsden's Cup.

Then came the Cinnamon Marks, and Mr. C. Morrison, the president, had again to call on Dr. Craig, and congratulate him on his success.

Mr. W. A. Cowgill, in his broad Yorkshire style, handed over the trophies and specials of the National Green Marked Club, and remarked that Mr. L. Dykes had won the trophy three years in succession, and it now became his own property. The other two trophies were also won outright by Mr. C. Morrison and Mr. H. H. Towers. It was announced that Dr. Craig had promised another trophy, and Mr. L. Dykes one of the others.

Then the Y.U. turn came, but unfortunately the medals were not to hand. A full list of the winners has already appeared in CAGE BIRDS.

During the evening a collection was made for the National Egg Fund for Wounded Soldiers, and this realised £1 13s.

Between and after the presentations songs were contributed by Miss Clegg, Messrs. S. Wilcock, Bennett, and G. Snead, and these added not a little to the success of the evening. Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury, officiated at the piano in the absence of the regular pianist, and filled the gap splendidly. After a vote of thanks to the chairman and the artists, a very successful evening was brought to a close, all too soon, by singing the National Anthem.

Queries Answered

(For Rules see last week's issue.)

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

NO RESULT (Novice, Coventry).—Certainly it is worth while trying the hen again. Her present behaviour is most probably the result of being mated weeks before the season was in any way favourable. Separate her for a fortnight, and every second day give in addition to the usual dietary half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame mixed in it. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of hemp, riger, white millet, teazle and linseed. Give both hen and cock two leaves of dandelion daily and try them again about the second week in April.

PREPARING CAGES (F. James).—As a permanent preventive of red mites the suggestion to paint the wood with creosote before putting on the final dressing is absolutely useless. Its immediate effect is more than counterbalanced by the disgusting odour which would pervade the room in which several cages so treated were kept. See that the joints, etc., of the cages are made as closely as possible, then well paint cages all over with turpentine, or paraffin, and when that is dried finish as you desire with whitewash, distemper, stain, etc., and for the rest depend only upon cleanliness and constant vigilance to keep red mites permanently at bay. Sanitary distemper would be preferable to whitewash for the insides.

NOW MOULTING (M. A.).—Glad to hear that the bird has so far responded satisfactorily to the treatment for not moulting. The cough will probably pass off as the bird recovers from the moult. But to make matters more sure give four drops each of oxymel of squill, ipecacuanha wine and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary.

MOVING BIRDS (Bird Lover).—(1) When the weather gets mild and settled, say, about three weeks hence, will be the proper time to remove the birds to the other room. To do so earlier would probably throw them into moult. (2) A cock bred last year, if in good health, should now be in full song. (3) To correct the diarrhoea see that the cage floor and perches are kept as clean as possible for the time being. Stop any particularly relaxing items of food for a time, and for one day only add to the water ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. After this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of opium and dilute sulphuric acid two days in every three until the droppings are normal.

IS IT POSSIBLE? (Experiment).—No, I do not think it possible to feed Canaries on small insectivorous birds' food solely, so that they could be utilised for rearing the young of such birds as Nightingales. It could be tried only in the spirit, pure and simple, of your pseudonym, and I don't advise it at that.

NOT MUCH IMPROVEMENT (Falkirk Bairn). You should have repeated the full particulars of the case, and also the treatment recommended. If there is even a little improvement it is better than none. Try bathing the place once daily with a solution of Wych Hazel—a small teaspoonful of the extract in saucerful of warm water. Apply by rubbing a small swab of cotton wool saturated with the fluid on the place, and frequently squeezing it out and recharging it afresh with the fluid for a few minutes, and thus avoid wetting the plumage more than is necessary. Dry as well as you can by absorbing the moisture with the swab and squeezing it dry again. If this is not more effectual, please write again, and repeat full particulars, and also state what was the former treatment.

EMPTY EGGS (Hot Box).—In the first place you mated the bird much too early, notwithstanding the casual laying. The eggs probably dried up naturally,

which is often due to some defect in the structure of the shells. Then the restlessness on the nest is very suggestive of the worrying attacks of red mites. Burn all the nesting material that may be left about the cage, remove the birds to temporary cages, separately, and thoroughly overhaul the breeding cage and all its appurtenances, as you will find directed in this column several times lately for the eradication of mites. When the cage is quite dry and ready to make a start in perfectly clean condition, return the birds, say, about the first week in April, when you may find a very different result. There is no reason why the bird should not be worth trying again.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

AVIARY BREEDING (A Starter).—I you have not yet built your aviary I would advise you to get our publication, "Aviaries, Bird Rooms and Cages," post free, cloth 2s. 3d., paper 1s. 8d. It gives you full particulars upon the construction of aviaries and fitting up. You had better keep your pair of Canaries in the double-breeder, and purchase three or four hens to turn into the aviary with the British Finches. Do not put them all in, only one Linnet, one Goldfinch, and one Greenfinch. With these you should breed a fair number of Canary Mules, which should be saleable birds next winter. In stocking the aviary have an excess of hens if you like, but not cock birds on any account, or you will most likely not succeed.

WILD CAUGHT HYBRID (Crombach).—It is the general opinion of naturalists that Hybrids between two species of birds do not occur in a wild state, and although Hybrids have from time to time been caught it is supposed that they have escaped from captivity. This is what I expect your bird to have done, and what makes me think so is that the Goldfinch and Greenfinch are not birds to associate with each other when at liberty. Usually these wild caught Hybrids are hens that have been liberated, but by your description I should think your bird is of the male sex, and was probably given its liberty on account of its wildness, or it may have escaped.

VALUE OF MULE (W. House).—It is impossible to tell you the value of your Redpoll-Canary Mule. As a rule they are only worth a few shillings, but if yours is extra large and of good colour, and well marked, so that he would be a show bird, he would be more valuable. (2) These Mules can be bred without much difficulty in an ordinary breeding cage. (3) The Mule is much larger than the ordinary Redpoll, and therefore Mules bred from it are consequently larger, and size is a great consideration in show birds. (4) Yours would be quite all right for breeding with.

LARK DOING BADLY (Cock Lark).—I am not surprised that your Lark is not doing well when you tell me you have not changed his food for three years. You do not tell me what the food is, but any way he must have a change. I would advise you to get a pound of good insectile mixture and feed him on that for a time, mixing it crumbly moist with a little milk and boiled potato or scraped carrot. Put 5 drops of syrup of buckthorn in his drinking water for about six hours, and repeat two days later. You had better send to this office for the Nutshell booklet on the Skylark—post free 2d. It gives you directions for making several kinds of food, and other valuable information.

MULE BREEDING (A. O. Griffiths).—Your Linnet and hen Canary should do well together, away from the others. Give them a nest pan or small box and some moss and cow-hair. (2) The place you describe would do nicely for breeding purposes for the two other hens. I would advise you to turn in only one cock bird with them, either a Canary or a Goldfinch. If the birds are doing well on the food you are now giving them I would advise you not to change it. A little green food can be given daily; see that it is free from frost.

LINNET LOSING FEATHERS (J. W. Roberts).—Probably your Linnet is troubled with insects. You had better examine him very carefully and see if this is so, and dust him thoroughly with insect powder, rolling him in a cloth (with his head free) for about ten minutes. Put him in a thoroughly clean cage and repeat again every third day until he is free from them. If it is not this you are probably feeding him wrongly (you do not say what seed you use). Dissolve as much Glauber salts as will cover a sixpence in two table-spoonfuls of water and give him to drink for one day only, repeat two days later. Give him a spoonful of soaked seeds daily, and just smear the bare place with a little pure vaseline. I would advise you to send for our Nutshell booklet on the Linnet, 2d. post free.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

ROSY BREASTED COCKATOO (C. W. R.).—Your diet is about right, and unless your bird is thin and weak the cod liver oil emulsion is not needed; but this can always be given by dissolving a teaspoonful in a tablespoonful of boiling water, soak a biscuit in it, and when the biscuit is quite dry the bird should take it as usual. Keep its bowels moving quite freely, just short of being watery-lose, by doses of the fluid magnesia as required, and on the intervening days you can continue the use of the chemical food. Get a piece of a branch three or four inches thick and about nine inches long, and by the aid of a little binding will fasten this securely to one side of the cage; you can let the bird exercise its mandibles upon this, and need only renew it when it is all but eaten away.

A SORE WING (Grey Parrot).—Treatment will largely depend on the extent to which the bird will permit you to handle it. The sore should be cleansed by lightly sponging with tepid water, dry with a soft cloth, then anoint lightly with spermaceti ointment, but do not use sufficient to run amongst and grease the plumage; if this should occur, then you sponge out the grease with tepid soapy water. While the trouble lasts keep its bowels moving quite freely by putting a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water as often as may be required. If it becomes hot or weak try and give it a little cod liver oil emulsion daily, by spreading it thinly on bread, biscuit, or plain cake, or anything similar the bird will eat. Report progress in about three weeks.

WEST AFRICAN CANARIES (Micky).—It is quite probable that your birds are Weavers and not Serins; if so, the seasonal change of plumage would account for the fading colour, which would be renewed again at the next change. Add white millet seed to your mixture and give them a millet spray.

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once a week; one or two mealworms per diem will be beneficial, as also will seeding and flowering grass as soon as you can get it free from frost. In case there should be a little disorder put one teaspoonful of Dinford's magnesia in the drinking water once a week, and half a teaspoonful of chemical food (also in the water) twice a week, for about two months.

KEEPING BUDGERIGARS (H. T. W.).—If you follow closely the directions given in the booklet your birds should do well. Paddy rice (sometimes called chicken rice) can be obtained from most corn chandlers; if not obtainable in your district, then send to one of the large firms advertising in our pages for a supply. As a rule, red millet is rejected by the birds—that is the principal point against its use. Re greenfood, till it is safe to give seedling and flowering grass, a leaf of lettuce is about the best, but first cut out the fleshy centre stem. A little sweet apple is wholesome, but some individuals will not eat it. No, it is not too early now; leave them undisturbed.

EGG-BINDING (E. B.).—However strange it may appear to you, the weather is responsible for your losses, and during such weather birds in unheated indoor aviaries are more susceptible to this trouble than those in outdoor aviaries. I am afraid the only remedy is to check breeding by separating the sexes till the end of March, or a little longer if the season be a late one. On a bird showing signs of egg-binding put her in a small cage for a couple of days and keep her quite near the fire—80 degrees F. would not be too hot; of course, you must not return her to cool quarters again during severe periods. Also the bowels must be kept moving very freely (but not in a chronic state of watery looseness) by occasional doses of fluid magnesia in the drinking water.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Show Report (P. Clark).—You send neither heading, date, nor name of judge with the show report you have forwarded. If you will kindly furnish these particulars we shall be pleased to publish the report.

A Seed Sample (Novice A.S.).—The seeds sent are quite a nice sample of wild seeds, and would be useful as a "tit-bit" for Linnets and other British Finches, but they should not, of course, form the whole of their diet. It is not possible to name each individual kind, but among them are various grass seeds, wild rapeseed, gold of pleasure, shepherd's purse, poppy, etc., with just a few grains of hemp.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 2s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fly is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Clydesdale.—Death resulted from a toxemia following upon fatty degenerative changes in the liver. This arises from the ingestion of irritant or poisonous particles with the food. Although one may conform to correct rules of dieting, yet some samples of seed may contain fungi or even moulds which in small quantities would not appreciably alter its appearance to the unaided eye.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRAC.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Mar. 25, 30 birds, 4 minutes' time singing: 1, Piper; 2, Blackshear; 3, Beard. Open Linnet contest, Mar. 26, 30 birds, 3 min. time singing: 1, Beard; 2, Scottson; 3, Blackshear. Open sing, last Saturday in every month; hurry up with your nominations.—J. Beard, Hon. Sec.

BARNLEY.

Linnet contest, Dove Inn, Doncaster Rd., March 15, to 4 min. time sing: Shepherd timer: Wareing timer; under very good company: 1, Hall, 3 min. 0 sec.; 2, Dooley, 2-23; 3, Jones, 3-19; 4, Fishwick, 3-13; 5, Hardman, 2-16. March 26, under extra good company and some of the best singing this season; for 3 min. time sing: same timers and chalker: Dooley, Jones, 2-32 each; Hardman, 2-29; Retton, 2-37; Brushy, 2-35. Dooley and Jones agreed to sing off for championship between Ireland and Wales, which ended again in 2 min. 50 sec. each.—J. Hardman, sec.

LEEDS.

Good Quality Linnet Singing Club. Grand contest, Procter's Arms, Skinner Lane; 22 birds; judges: A. Lorrain, Ben Booth: 1, J. J. Clippendale; 3, 4, Dearlove.—P. Turner, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Mar. 26, 16 birds sang, and some grand singing was heard: 1, 2, Binns; 2, Wigfield. Judges, R. Butterfield and W. Lipman.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Mar. 25, 22 birds sang for 5 prizes: 1, 4, W. Susons; 2, 5, Wharum; 3, T. Johnson. Judges, Crane and Naylor. Mar. 26, 28 sang: 1, Thompson; 2, Ineson; 3, Wood; 4, T. Johnson; 5, Wharum. Judges, Jennings, Naylor, Hardestale. Linnet contest, Mar. 26, 15 sang: 1, Wood; 2, 3, Thompson; 4, Wharum. Judges, Crane, Jennings and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting intended free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aitrefon C.B.S.—April 8, Red Lion Inn C.B.O. Fixing 5 F.F. show and general business.—Geo. Sawyer.
Aitrefon Open C.B.S.—April 5, Station Cafe, 8. Lecture on Yorks. Canary by Mr. J. T. Brown.—C. Bailey.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—April 4, St. Thomas' Schoolroom, entrance Chapel Street, 8. Election of judge for F.F. show. Nomination of judges for open show.—A. E. Thorpe.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Bradford East O.S.—April 4, Park Chapel Schoolroom, 8. Classification for members' shows.—J. Spenser.

Boole C.B.S.—April 4, headquarters, 8. Discussion on the breeding season, opened by Mr. J. T. Brown.—A. E. Hutton.

Bowling B.F.A.—April 3, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Important.—J. Nicholl.

Burton-on-Trent.—April 4, New Inn, 7. General Business important.—A. Wood.

Bolton C.B.S.—April 2, Church Inn, Folds Road, 7. Monthly meeting. Discussion on Canary breeding. Intending members welcome.—J. Brooks.

Chorley C.B.S.—Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. April 5. Subs. due.—R. Hatch.

Coventry O.S.—April 5, Dolphin Inn, Market Sq., 8. General business.—J. Kent.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—April 5, Crown Hotel, Hill St., 7.30. Lecture, "Seasonable Hints," by Mr. Weaver (Wolverhampton). Rings ready for roller members.—A. C. Shirley.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—April 5, Lamb Hotel, 8. Paper on the Border Fancy, by Mr. J. Madagan.—A. S. Treasure.

Clapham C.B.A.—April 4, 8. Discussion re annual open show. Very important.—T. J. Huse.

Crewe O.S.—April 4, headquarters, Burton Hotel. To elect officers for year. Those wishing to join may do so at meeting. Sub. 2s. 6d.—E. Jaycott.

Choppington (Scotland Gate) C.B.S.—April 1, Social Club, 7. Classification. Judges. New members invited. Open to all.—H. Seely.

City of Bristol C.B.S.—April 5, City Arms Hotel, Narrow Wine Street, 8. Minutes, discussions on pairing, effects and defects, also F.F. shows, fix dates, and appoint judges.—J. A. Withers.

City and County of Perth C.B.S.—April 3, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8.—J. L. Smith.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—April 4, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E., 7.30. Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead, by Mr. F. J. Martin. All welcome.—A. G. Cant.

Dalton-in-Furness C.B.A.—April 1, Church Mission Room, Station Road, Members, 7.15, and all fanciers at 7.30. New members invited.—T. Hale.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—April 1, Black Swan, 7.30. Special business.—A. Walton.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—April 6, Riego St. Hall, 8. Booking of hens. Election of judges.—N. Grant.

Edinburgh Norwich & M.B.S.—April 6, 142, High Street, 8. Booking of hens; nomination of judges.—A. Tell.

East Ham F.S.—April 8, Earl of Wakefield. First monthly show. Members requested to support show with entries.—W. A. Harwood.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—April 3, Regent Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Booking of hens. Last meeting for enrolling new members.—Robt. S. Spence.

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—April 4, Nightingale Hotel, 8. British and Foreign table show. Judge, Mr. A. Silver.—P. Brooks.

Halifax O.S.—April 1, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Meeting and lecture on British birds, by Mr. D. A. Macpherson. Syllabus for 1916 ready and can be had at meeting.—J. J. Dunn.

Halifax C.B.S.—April 6, Trafalgar Inn, 8. General meeting.—A. Sutcliffe.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—April 1, Grange Congregational School, All Saints Road, 7.30.—A. Firth.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—April 5, 3, Stirling Street (Military Authorities have taken over headquarters), 7.30. Business important re open show.—Watson and Wright.

Idle C.B.A.—April 5, Springfield Hotel, 8. Important business.—J. Clippendale.

Leeds C.B.S.—April 1, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Lecture on breeding and rearing, by Mr. E. Norton; 1916 syllabus ready; fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.

Leyton C.B.A.—April 3, headquarters, 8. Egg food making competition. Judge, Mr. J. A. Bartlett. Cash specials for winner and runner-up.—A. W. Farmer.

Larkhall C.B.A.—April 1, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Starting our new year; each bring a new member; appoint auditors for next year.—T. J. McGregor.

Leish C.B.S.—April 5, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Mr. W. Ordish has promised to open a discussion; let us have a record meeting.—R. Charleson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—April 4, The White Swan, 8. Special meeting. Lecture by Mr. Walton on "The Management of the Breeding Room."—Day and Roberts.

London and Counties A.C.B.—April 1, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Important business; seeing books put straight, and new balance-sheet.—W. Gilbert.

Lancaster C.B.S.—April 1, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Important.—H. Hoyle.

Leith O.S.—April 8, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Booking of hens.—John A. Muir.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—April 3, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. Barker Clegg on the Cinnamon and its properties, which will be very interesting.—F. Wilkinson.

Morley and Dist. C.B.S.—April 1, Shoulder of Mutton, 7. Arrange classes N.P. Show. New members specially invited.—B. Cook.

Northern Border F.C.C.—April 5, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, 7. General business and questions. Fanciers welcome. Members please note time of meeting.—C. Farrer.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 4, St. Stephen's Schools, Litherston Street, Couran Street, 8. F.F. Show business; subs. due; new members invited. Cup discussion. Members note new headquarters.—A. Colley.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—No April meeting.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross and Dist. C.B.S.—April 6, headquarters, 7.30. General meeting and "Question" night. Import. Cant business.—Einton Bros.

N. Liverpool C.B.S.—April 5, headquarters, 8. Hints on breeding season by Mr. T. Rowlands and other very important business.—H. Holden.

Porth and Rhonda Valleys C.B.S.—April 6, The Llynneyn Hotel, Porth. Very important. Every member is asked to attend.—A. H. C. Legg.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—April 3, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Very important.—R. Kell.

Partick C.B.C.—April 7, Forrester's Hall, 8.30. Also show of British and Foreign: Foreign Goldfinch; Bullfinch; Siskin; Mealy Redpoll or Twite; Greenfinch; Lesser Redpoll; A.O.V. Finch; Bunting; Brit. Hen.—P. Clark.

Queensbury C.B.S.—April 6, Granby Hotel, 7.30.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—April 5, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General business.—J. W. Jackson.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—April 4, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Minutes and other business.—Geo. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—April 5, Palmer Hall, 8. Six papers on first year's experience of breeding; silver medal for best paper; other important business.—O. C. Smith.

Sheffield O.S.—April 4, Rotherham House, Exchange Street, 8. Table show British: Redpoll, Linnet, Siskin or Twite; Goldfinch, Bullfinch or Greenfinch; Hardbill, A.O.V.; Softbill. Amateurs, same classes. Prizes, 3s., 2s. and 1s.; 3d. entry.—E. C. Job.

South Shields.—April 1, Cyprus, 7. Election of judges, etc.—W. L. Smith.

Slippery O.S.—April 5, Victoria Hotel, 7. Important. Dates for members' shows, etc.—Long and Craven.

S.E. London F. and F.A.—April 3, North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 422, Old Kent Road, 8. General meeting; judging competition, and lecture by Mr. C. H. Coppendale.—R. Jackson.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—April 3, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Paper by Mr. Davies on Selection of British for the Show Bench. Fanciers welcome; subs. due.—J. Glover.

Southampton C.B.S.—April 4, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. Egg-food mixing competition; British Table Show schedule.—W. L. Page.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—April 4, Liberal Club, 8. Important.—W. Everett.

Southern Border F.C.C.—April 3, headquarters, 7.30. Discussion re patronage and other important business.—Geo. Burton.

Sheffield C.B.S.—April 5, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Questions by ballot. Members note meeting is on Wednesday.—A. Hobson.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—April 4, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Full British exhibition and competition; judge, Mr. M. Craig, Glasgow; also surplus sale of Canaries and British.—A. H. McLean.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—April 3, 6, The Broadway, 8. Mr. J. Robson will lecture "Hints on Breeding." Visitors welcome.—G. Griffiths.

Wallasey C.B.S.—April 6, headquarters, 8. Election of judges for old and young show, and schedule for young show.—Wm. Mallinson.

Wibsey C.B.S.—April 1, Horse and Groom, 7. Monthly business and other arrangements.—W. Chapman.

Windhill C.B.S.—April 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Members' shows, prizes, alteration of rules, etc.—Taylor and Halliday.

Wigan C.B.S.—April 1, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30.—E. Ball.

Winchester C.B.C.—April 7, Haig's Rooms, 7.30. Judges and classification.—A. Bishop.

THREE unlighted lengthy Yorkshire hens, one clear, two variegated buff, price 4/6 each: P. V. Williams, Esq., strain: E. Jaycott, 23, Rigg-st., Crewe. (371)

YORKSHIRES, all 1915, clear yellow cock 15/-; 1 ditto, marked, 10/-; hens 6/- to 7/6; Ambler's direct; stamp reply: Higgins, 40, Scarsdale-rd., Woodseat, Sheffield. (368)

ENLISTING, best offer accepted. My pair that breed whites; see "Cage Birds," Feb. 19th; healthy, fit, approval; genuine: George Harris, Roke-rd., Kenley, Surrey. (368)

HIGH-class Yorkshires, including cup winners; clears, cinnamon marked, green marked, pink-eyed, single or pair; inspection invited: R. Welch, 93, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield. (370)

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 7.15, smooth as glass, 30/-, can win; also yellow, 20/-, and buff hen, 10/-, all sold but these; approval; deposit: Cattle, 81, Wingerover-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (360)

TWO clinking 1914 clear buff Yorkshire cocks, straight as rushes, grand length and quality, 25/- each; these only need seeing: Edwards, 1, Belgrave-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (373)

HIGH-class Yorkshires and Norwich from my noted strain, cocks at 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens at 5/-, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- upwards; on approval: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (367)

HENS. Buff Cinnamon Yorkshire, unlighted, also buff-green Yorkshire, both won at local show, 10/- each; very typical; no approval; cash or deposit: Miss McDonald, Meadow Bank, St. Leonards-on-Sea. (369)

A GRAND chance for novices, a few stylish pair of high-class Yorkshires, to breed winners; hens, cocks, or pairs; yellows, buffs, or marked, see Norwich; 150 to be sold: Steele, 201, City-rd., Manchester. (359)

MR. MIDDLETON offers an exceptionally smart long-legged deep buff yellow Yorkshire cock, rare length, very nervy, like wax, feathered to perfection, taken several honours in keen competition, 50/- worth double for stock: 32, Mannville-grove, Fell-lane, Keighley. (367)

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"DOWDS" CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

Owing to the death of W. Dowd I have all his stock for disposal, some grand birds; cocks from 7/6, extra special yellows 10/6, hens 3/6 and 5/6; all 1915. Heywood, 211, Chapel-st., Salford. (340)

ATKINSON & FIRTH

Owing to attestation we are reluctantly compelled to sell all our breeding stock, including our well known Chm. marks; inspection invited: 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford.

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has a fine selection of Yorkshire cocks for sale, from 10/6 upwards; only a limited number of hens, price 4/- each; every bird my own breeding; satisfaction guaranteed; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: Address, 133, Arncliffe-terrace, Horton Grange-rd., Bradford. (324)

10/- PER PAIR

given for Yorkshire, Norwich, or Rollers, any quantity: Goldfinch Mules, 6/-; Linnet Mules, 6/-; cock Goldfinches, 24/- per dozen; deposit "C.B.": Kriemner, 71b-st., Manchester.

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Eight good-sized young Yorkshire buff hens, 6/6 each; splendid condition: Windsor, 12, The Croft, Nantwich. (366)

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Colour fed; give 5/6 each, cocks, full song, 3/6 hens, any quantity. Bankers, County of Westminster and South Western. Phone 3317 Dalston. Particulars, stamp reply: Oliver, 101, Bridport-place, Hoxton.

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I am now offering marvellous value in this variety; grand lengthy typical Yorkshire hens, in perfect feather and breeding condition; yellows or buffs, clears, ticked, or marked, at 3/-, 4/-, 7/6, 10/- each, upwards; I guarantee every bird untried, and will send to any address in the kingdom on 7 days' approval at my risk; terms, cash or deposit; travelling cages, 3d. extra.

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Various Canaries.

WANTED good singing cock Canaries: Jones, Avaries, 126, Haistow-rd., West Ham. (372)

LARGE massive clear yellow hen, ready to nest, 4/-; smaller one, 12/6: W. Groudford, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinxley. (359)

SEVEN hen Canaries, 11/- lot, outside aviary: Hargreaves, 69, Saint Hubert's-rd., Great Harwood, near Blackburn. (370)

SIX grand Yorkshire, Norwich cock Canaries, in full song, 6/- each, or useful exchange: C. Deacon, Westbury, Wills. (368)

BARGAIN: Grand lot Canaries, cocks 3/6, pairs 5/6; package, 3d.; approval: McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

WANTED, Mules, any variety: C. Palmer and Sons, 66-70, Slater-st., Shoreditch.

LARGE Goldfinch, 8/-; also large Linnet, 6/-; both muled 1914-15: Hames, 30, South-rd., Bournemouth.

HOUSE-MOULDED cock Goldfinch, exchange two cinnamon hens; offers: E. Sims, Warrminster. (371)

SPLENDID muling hens, for immediate breeding, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; cages, 3d.: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

TWELVE Goldfinch and Linnet Mules from outdoor aviary; offers for lot; attested: Saunders, 117, Boyson-rd., Walworth. (233)

PAIRED for muling, beautiful cock Goldfinches and fine hen Canaries, 10/6 pair: Crisp, South Mill, Bishops Cleeve. (373)

SPLENDID muling hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; Goldfinch cocks, beauties, 5/-; cages, 3d.: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

DARK yellow Goldfinch-Canary Mule, grand colour, champion songster, 10/-; approval: Walcock, 18, Lakefield-rd., Wood Green. (371)

EXHIBITION cock Linnet, twice house muled, bred Mules last season; 6/6, show cage included: Ogden, Round-st., Bradford. (366)

TWO 1914 Greenfinch hens, both bred with Goldfinches, genuine, not boast; what offer for same: Whalley, Alfred-st., Lancaster. (370)

BRAMBLEFINCH and Norwich hen Canary, large breeding cage, bred Mules last year; 6/- lot: Cosway, 53, Harold-st., Burnley, Lancs. (367)

SMART 1915 cock Goldie Mule, good songster, 7/6; cock Linnet and hen Canary, for Mule breeding, 6/-; Pearce, 106, Cambray-rd., Balham. (368)

ONE Greenfinch Mule, 1 Linnet Mule, 2 Goldfinch Mules, 10/- each; approval, cash or deposit: Alec. Prentice, Newport, Isle of Wight. (371)

FIVE muling hens, four clears one variegated buff, 4/- each; low large cock Linnets, 2/- each: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (369)

COCK Yellow Siskin Canary, 2nd Walford, 2nd Reading, 17/6; giant buff Mealy-Redpoll Canary, 2nd Plymouth, 15/-; Edmund Lamb, Thetford-rd., New Malden, Surrey. (367)

OUTDOOR aviary Sib-tred Canaries, Yorkshire type, proved light muling strain, bred outdoors for years, hens 5/6 each, two 10/-, three 13/6: Holloway, North Road Aviaries, Wells, Somerset. (351)

COCK Goldie Muler, with very large hen Bullie, 1st Falkirk, muler, 21/-; also cock Goldie muler, with nice steady hen Bullie, caged since October, 10/6: Rev. Raynor, Hazleigh Rectory, Maldon. (365)

CAGE muled mule breeders last season, cock Goldfinch 7/6, cock brown Linnet 5/6, cock Redpoll 4/6, cock Bullfinch, winner 7/6; pink-eyed Sib. hens, to mate at once, 5/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury.

EXHIBITORS and breeders, as I am leaving for America on the 15th of next month, all my Mules, Hybrids, British Harbills, my Sib-bred muling hens, and my Hybrid breeding pairs are for sale; please enclose stamp for full particulars and price: Andrews, Weston, Olney, Bucks. (369)

CHAMPION pair, had fertile eggs last season; cock Bullfinch, hen Greenfinch, properly mated pair, 12/6; pair 1915 Norwich, exchange for large yellow hen and good breeding cage, or sell 10/6; Jackdaw, charming pet, runs loose, 3/6; or exchange; stamp reply: Elliott, 3, Pantygwydr-rd., Swansea. (366)

TWO pairs aviary-bred Zebra Finches, breeding condition, 13/6 pair; Office, Church Green, Witney.

PAIR exhibition Black-headed Gulls, 4/6; Hughes, Central, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire, (373)

SCARLET Macaw, rare Amazon Parrot, tame, talkers: Mrs. Gilbert, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent.

WANTED, hen Pheasant (Golden), Green Budgerigars; cheap for cash: S. A. Reynolds, High-st., Stourbridge.

TALKING Parrot and cage, ideal pet, healthy condition, low price to good home: Mrs. F. Carry, 266, Dudley Port.

MAGNIFICENT adult pair breeding Cockatiels, nesting, outdoors, 25/-; Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

NOTICE, grand large tame Amazon Parrot, plain speaker, 40/-, worth 45/-; approval: McKend, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

GREEN Budgerigars, fine healthy pairs, in exposed outdoor aviary, winter and summer, 7/6 pair; Farley, Clyde House, Rood-st., Wednesbury.

EXCEEDINGLY tame pet Budgerigar, will sit on the hand, with unique house and stand, 10/-; Mrs. E. Gray, The Ferns, Yiewsley, Middx. (358)

BUDGERIGARS for sale, one pair yellows, in fine breeding condition, 8/6; one odd green cock, 3/6; Mackness, 22, Cyprus-rd., Church End, Finchley, N.

BUDGERIGARS, outdoors, finest possible, selected breeding pairs, yellows, cocknut fusk nest, 6d. each; Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

BREEDING Cockatiels, lovely pair, reared young, 25/-; pair green Budgerigars, 4/6; wanted, hen Red-necked Cardinal breeder; Miss M. Staniland, Boston, Lines. (366)

AFRICAN Grey talking Parrot, rare mimic, whistler, very tame, amusing, new 10/6 cage included, 45/-; approval: Harry Smith, Connaught Quay, Chester. (371)

WANTED, Foreign seed eating Finches, cheap, cash or exchange, champion pedigree Belgian hares, either sex, 15/- each; Dolpin, Woodville, Bentley-lane, Walsall. (351)

EXCEPTIONALLY large exhibition Fruitsucker, perfect, 55/-; aviary-bred Orange-headed Ground Thrush, fine songster, 60/-; pair white-winged Whydahs, 35/-; Dr. Ainslie, Eton.

SPLENDID young African Grey Parrot (red tail), six months in England, commenced talking and whistling, bargain, 70/-, with cage; exchange: Seedman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester.

MUST pair, going to do my bit; fine African Parrot, can speak 40 words, a real pet, price 35/-; approval: first cash order gets him: T. Saunders, King's Head, Bishopsworth, Bristol.

FOR sale, 1 Orange Bishop, out of colour, winner, 1 Pintail Nonpareil, winner of several first prizes (acclimatised), 3 H.M. Goldfinches, breeders, 1 H.M. Bullfinch: Scribbins, 11, Baker-st., Exeter. (366)

PAIR White Java Doves, with pink eyes, 3/6; very tame; 2 pairs Green Budgerigars, fine birds, 8/6 pair; 2 pairs Yellow Budgerigars at 10/6 pair; fine specimens, perfect condition: Mrs. F. Carry, 266, Dudley Port. (357)

WANTED, cock Golden Waxbill; hens, Fire, Zebra, Java; pairs, Javass, Zebras; various Waxbills, Gouldians, Diamond Doves, various small Foreigners, cock Zebra Dove; state whether outdoor: Scott-Miller, Broomhouse, Glasgow. (370)

HEN Pekin Robin, 7/6; healthy, acclimatised, cage-moulded; small Tanager (name not known), light green head, yellow underparts, blue back and wings, 35/-; in good condition: Miss Peddie Waddell, 4, Great Stewart-st., Edinburgh. (362)

WEAVERS, yellow and black, in lovely colour, 7/6 each; Zebra Finches, show plumage, 14/- pair, hens 8/6; then Saffron Finches 5/- pair; Jendai Coucous 40/-; tame talking Cockatoos, 25/-; G. B. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. Telegrams, "Parakeet." Phone, "Central 689."

GRAND pair Golden Pheasants, 30/- pair; 4 grand odd cocks, 15/- each; 1 extra fine cock Amberst, 20/-; 1 extra fine large cock Silver Pheasant, 15/-; 1 grand cock Californian Quail, 10/-; all in full colour, also 1 cock and 2 hens, Yokohamas, Japanese Longtails, 1915 birds, laying, 30/- the pen; approval: A. J. Underwood, Bird Specialist, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (367)

TRIANGULAR spotted pigeons, 15/- pair; cocks, Diamond Dove 10/-, Sealy crowned Finch 12/6, Rufous tailed Finch 10/-, Red Mountain Dove 10/-; hens, Parson Finch 10/-, Pintail Nonpareil 12/6, Violet tailed Waxbill 42, Olive Finch, masked grass, 10/-, Bengalia 6/-; pair tricolour Mannikins 6/-; pair three Diamond Sparrows, including true nesting pair, 42: Welford, Haven-st., Wight. (366)

TIMBER Parrot (Psittacus timneh), extremely rare, 45 10s.; Blue Mountain Lorikeets, first lot imported for years, 36 pair; Pennant's Parakeets, 45 pair; Mealy Rosella, 43; Rosella, 70/- pair; Crimson Lory, 70/-; Redrump, 35/-; Tovi Parakeets, 42/- pair; Madagascar Lovebirds, 21/- pair; Yucatan Jay, 45 10s.; Golden-fronted Green Honeyeater, 60/-; Diamond Sparrows, 30/-; Ribbon Finch, 3/6; Peaceful Dove, 12/6; Bearded Tits, 25/- pair; John Frostick, 303, High-rd., Streatham Common, S.W.

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GENT'S AND BOYS' SUITS FREE!

Astounding Easter Offer for a few weeks only to "Cage Birds"
Readers! Send only a post card and save pounds.

Now readers, would you like a suit or pair of trousers absolutely free? Perhaps your boy also? A most astounding offer is being made by a well-known London firm! They have discovered a remarkable Holeproof Cloth. You can't tear it! Yet it looks just the same as £3 or £4 suitings. You can't wear it out, no matter how hard you wear it, for if during six months of solid hard grinding work every day of the week (not just Sundays), you wear the smallest hole, another garment will be given free! The firm will send a written guarantee in every parcel. Think, readers, just 15s. 3d. for a man's suit, and only 4s. 9d. for a pair of trousers, or boy's suit 5s. 11d., knickers 2s. 3d., guaranteed for six months' solid grinding wear, and replaced free of charge if hole appears.

The Cloth.

As previously stated, this really marvellous cloth is absolutely untearable—you cannot tear it, no matter how hard you try; but possibly the thought arises that being of such hard-wearing quality, it must resemble in some shape or form the ordinary old-fashioned cord. That is not so. Side by side with the very latest designs in tweeds, and the best of our fancy worsteds, readers without testing the cloth would be unable to say which was holeproof and which was ordinary tweed. It is absolutely identical in appearance, and for considerably less than a sovereign, it is possible to obtain the design and colouring which in ordinary tweeds could not

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The prices of garments in this holeproof cloth are truly remarkable—of course, they are cut very low, more or less, to induce the public to test the cloth. It is possible to procure a really well-cut, smartly-finished suit consisting of jacket, vest, and trousers for the absurd sum of 15s. 3d., whilst a pair of trousers guaranteed for six months' solid hard wear could be obtained for merely 4s. 9d., or gent's riding, cycling, or walking breeches for 6s. 3d. Boys' Suits from 5/11, knickers 2/3.

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ing machine used in the making of these garments is driven by electric power; no work except the actual guidance of the garments through the machine falls on the worker, with the result that double and treble the quantity of garments can be turned out with absolute assurance that every garment is really well made. This is one instance of how the method carried from the beginning to the end of the business has resulted in a better and cheaper article for the public.

The Result.

Readers would do well to investigate this offer at once, before the rush, and the result to themselves will be a considerable saving of money in their tailoring bills, besides being able to wear garments made from a cloth which looks really smart, and yet will wear even better than the ordinary common cords.

Generous Free Samples for Readers.

To induce readers to give this remarkable cloth a trial, the manufacturers offer to send (if readers will send merely a 4d. postcard asking for free samples) a generous supply of cloth cuttings, fashions, and a most remarkable measurement chart, which will enable readers to measure themselves as well as any tailor could measure them. This will be sent absolutely free of charge by return of post. Readers must not delay a day, but should study the advertisement beneath, and send a postcard for the free samples of cloth cuttings. Remember, send now, while prices remain low.

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We will give any reader a pair of Trousers, Breeches, or complete Suit, free of charge, if he can wear the smallest hole in six months, no matter how hard he wears goods. We have discovered a really remarkable cloth that will not tear or wear out—absolutely holeproof, looks exactly as finest tweeds and serges, made in all the most up-to-date designs and suitable for farm and rough wear or office and best wear. Just to introduce this remarkable cloth to "Cage Birds" readers we offer a pair of well-cut Gent's Trousers for only 4/9; Breeches 6/3, or complete stylish suit for 15/3, BOY'S SUIT for 5/11, Knickers 2/3, and send in parcel a guarantee, plainly stating if the smallest hole appears in six months (no matter how hard you wear goods) we replace the garment absolutely free of charge. Send 4/9 and 4d. postage, together with waist and leg measures, and state colour, for sample pair of Trousers (Breeches 6/7 post free).

BOYS' SUITS 5/11, KNICKERS 2/3

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Having no time for exhibiting, I have the following selected specimens for disposal: with a good moult should prove big winners; they are all genuine birds and will be sent on approval. They have not been picked over by exhibitors or specialists: 2 Hawfinches, 3 Goldfinches, 2 Bullfinches, 2 Bramblefinches, 2 Chaffinches, 2 Siskins, 4 Linnets, 4 Greenfinches, 1 Redpoll, 1 Yellowhammer, 1 Corn Bunting. Prices very reasonable to clear; stamp reply: Cottingham, 9, Feverit-st., Nottingham. 'Phone 5752.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

FRED ALLEN, BRITISH BIRD CHAMPION

LARGEST STOCK IN THE NORTH.

Gentlemen, I must really thank you for the way you have placed your orders with me; I never was so busy in all my life. I regret I have sold out of Siskins, Hawfinches, and Rollers, but I shall have another large stock very soon, and all those who have deposited cash with Editor will be supplied at earliest opportunity. No one can deny that I have been successful in supplying the best. In fact, many have wondered where I got my birds. I have had so many. Moreover, I generally get a customer for always once he has tried me. I send all my birds on seven days' approval for cash or deposit. I have a grand lot of English Peewee cock Goldfinches, real gems, with extra broad faces and nicely buttoned, all on full song, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; monster yellow cock Greenfinches, like paint, well shaped and like Russian Bullies for size, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; English giants, 2/-, 3/-; Scandinavians, 1/-, 1/6; cock Chaffinches, real beauties, can win, and in perfect condition, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, and one, a sterner, 3/6; Norwich type cock Linnets, well pencilled, grand colour, and real giants, 2/6, 3/6 each; Reed Buntings, beauties, tame, 2/6, 3/6, and one of the best in a cage 5/6; Yellow Bunting, splendid colour grand and good V-marked head, 7/6, win anywhere; also another h.m., 2nd only time out, 10/6. I have a few grand pairs already for the season. Cock Linnet, and Canary, 5/6; cock Goldfinch and Canary, 8/6; cock Greenfinch and Canary, 5/-; cock Greenfinch and Goldfinch, 5/-; cock Greenfinch and Chaffinch, 5/-; cock Chaffinch and Greenfinch, 5/-; and several other pairs nearly ready.

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Have you ever heard Linnets run their notes like Rollers? If not, pay me a visit any time of the day or night except Sunday. I have a grand lot, all being trained under my undefeated champion of England (cup winner), all singing day and night, they make the proudest and best ever carried to a contest, and are all on quality, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each. H.M. Linnets, which have won all before them, mad proud, and will sing anywhere at any time. 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/- each. I have a grand lot with extra loud voices, 1/6, 2/- each. Linnet cages, 9d., 1/- 1/6 each. Cock Thrushes, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each.

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Give me a trial, gentlemen, you will not regret it. I send all out on approval. Patronised by all the leading fanciers in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Canada, and America. Travelling Boxes, 2d. each. Bankers London City and Midland. Write at once to—

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Grand cock Goldfinches, 3/- each; large specially selected for showing, mulling, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/3, 1/6; cock Linnets, selected for showing and mulling, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; Matt. Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 38, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. (383)

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Real English cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6 each, three for 5/6, six for 10/6; special picked birds, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; caged-off singing cock Linnets, 1/6, 2/- each. Redpolls, 9d. and 1/- each, three 2/-. Cages, 9d., 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 2/- each. List post free.

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Some of the best quality obtainable, specially picked for the show bench; make sure winners; grand English cock Goldfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 and 10/- each; selected cock Linnets and Redpolls, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each.

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Solbills.

LONGTAIL Tits, 7/6 pair: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (380)

TAMB singing cock Woodlarks, caged November, 5/6, two 10/6: Levy, 614, Pullman-rd. (367)

WANTED, tame Magpie, in good condition, state price: 47, Manwood-rd., Crofton Park, London. (381)

WARRANTED cocks, Larks, full song, 1/6, 2/6 each: Brain, Merchant, Aston, Birmingham. (336)

HEN Thrush, warranted hand-reared, finger tame, healthy, vigorous; offers; stamp: Crisp, South Mill, Bishop's Stortford. (385)

SKYLARKS, champion songsters, sing indoors or out; warranted, tame, healthy, 5/-; Crisp, South Mill, Bishop's Stortford. (385)

TWO grand cock Blackbirds, piping, 2/6 each; 2 cock Thrushes, singing, 2/6 each, or offers: Prior, 9, High-rd., Ilford, Essex. (379)

LARKS, Larks large upstanding cock Larks, 3/- per dozen; the old firm: F. Twist, Boundary-la., Hesketh Bank, nr. Preston. (371)

FEW loud singing cock Skylarks, day and gaslight songsters, caged months, 5s. each, with cages: Seed-ran, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (382)

BEAUTIFUL cock Blackbird, full song, indoors or out; thoroughly tamed, healthy, perfect plumage, warranted, 5/-: Crisp, South Mill, Bishop's Stortford.

THOSE requiring a genuine singing cock Skylark on approval, cheap, send me your address; I will send to you by return: Mrs. Dutton, Dunstable.

LARKS; a few fine healthy cocks for sale, caught January, on full song, 1/6 each, 2 for 2/6; two extra good ones 3/- each; Lark Food, mixed with honey, 1/6 lb.: T. Ashton, 5, Mafeking-st., Gateshead. (377)

TWO magnificent singing cock Skylarks, one nearly as large as a Thrush, both grand songsters, 2/6 each, or 3/6 the two; approval willingly; honestly worth 10/- each: Mrs. Harrington, Dalmeney Cottage, Dunstable.

LOUDEST cock Skylark ever heard, been caged 12 months, 1/6; also hand-reared young cock, 1/-; these can be matched to sing any in this country; secret of feeding free; contests were won all parts of the country by Skylarks purchased from me last week: try one; approval: George Holt, Dunstable. (248)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, regular supply of all kinds of British; state prices: Mrs. Ellett, 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

COCK Blackbird and Thrush, 5/- each; Linnets, 2/-; cock Chaffinch, 1/6; Yellowhammer, 1/-; all in full song: Flavell, Woodgate, Quinton. (380)

TWELVE mixed aviary seed birds, 1/-; Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Skylarks, Robins, 1/- pair; Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Mistle Thrushes, Redwings, Skylarks, any above selected songsters 1/6 each: Fenn and Son, Bowers Lane, Isleham, Cambs.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS, few buff cocks and hens, cheap; approval: A. Baker, Richmond-st., Barnstaple. (380)

Border Fancy.

YELLOW Cinnamon hen, 4/-; approval: Brown, 5, Hendry-st., Bamsford, Falkirk. (383)

WANTED, any quantity of Border cocks; offers to Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (375)

BORDER hens, Greens, both colours, good type, 4/-, 5/- each; can be seen: S. Taylor, Squires-place, Prescott. (382)

WELL matched pair, buff cock, yellow hen, 10/-; variegated yellow hen, 2/-; bargain: E. Freeth, Bradford-rd., Trowbridge. (379)

WILL give 5/- to 7/- each for any quantity of Border cocks; also highest prices for pairs: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (382)

NOTICE: Grand lot Border Canaries, show or stock; reasonable easy payments arranged; approval: McKead, Seabridge, Castle Douglas. (382)

EXTRA BARGAINS

in Border Fancy hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6 each; all ready to nest and untried; yellows and buffs, in clear or marked; some of them can win, and all worth double the prices. Two yellow self cinnamon, real gems, at 7/6 and 10/6 each; seven days' approval; cage 3d. extra: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (378)

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Few real good Border hens, bred from first-class stock, in perfect health, and ready to nest, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; will suit anywhere; approval willingly; travelling cages, 3d. extra.

JOE THOMAS, AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.

Crests and Crestbreds.

WELL-BRED Crest cock, rising two, 10/-: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes. (381)

WANTED, good Crests, best price given: J. Howard and Sons. See other Wanted advertisement.

PAIR of large Crest-breds, buff marked cock Green hen, ready to nest, cock ring, 12/-: Robinson, 18, Garbutt-st., Shildon. (382)

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LARGE HEALTHY YORKSHIRE HENS, yellow or buffs, in perfect condition, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each up.

SID. MULING HENS, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each.

BORDER FANCY HENS, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each.

Pure **ROLLER HENS,** including a few club rung birds, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each.

RELIABLE FEEDING HENS, 4/-, 5/- each; all on 10 days' approval; terms cash or deposit with editor; travelling cages 3d. extra; all birds put on rail same day as order is received. I guarantee every bird to be untried and in perfect health and breeding condition.

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Established 35 years same address.

TWO variegated Crest cocks, 17/6, 20/-; green Crest cock, 20/-; good birds: A. Fiddament, Portman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (389)

ROOM wanted, Crest-bred cock, 1913, B.L. fmg; Crested cock, 1915; Crest-bred hen, 1915; lot 42/-; genuine bargain: Mrs. Curtis, 8, Fabian Road, Fulham. (382)

1915 wing marked Crested cock, very large, good head and feather, show bird, 40/-; several Crested hens; approval: T. Billington, 32, Colborn-st., Nottingham. (381)

GREEN Crest-bred cock, massive turnover, a splendid stock bird, 32/6; clear Crested cock, heavily feathered, 20/-; bred from high-class strain: Hughes, Plough-yard, Cheltenham. (355)

GREEN Crested cock, also variegated Crested cock, really splendid stock birds, worth breeder's attention; sell cheap; approval, deposit: M. Feeney, 126, Craghton-place, Winchburgh. (385)

CHAMPION Crests, having won 17 firsts, 12 seconds, 13 thirds, two silver cups, gold and silver medals, this last season; both yellows and buffs to part with, also a pair of coppers: Bewick, 7, Newfield-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (385)

BARGAINS. Now large Crested and Crestbreds cocks at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each Crested and Crestbreds hens at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; worth more than double these prices; seven days' approval: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (385)

A. J. SLADE, having sold the whole of his stock of Crest and Crestbreds, has the following cages for sale:—24 single breeders, 2 large flight cages, nurseries, and all working utensils, in good condition: 24, Vaughan-rd., Coldharbour-lane, Camberwell. (384)

CLEAR body dark Crested cock with green Crest-bred hen, 45 pair; wing marked dark Crested cock, 70/-; large variegated Crested cock, grand head feather, 50/-; clear buff Crested cock, good skull, 25/-; wing marked dark Crest cock, 15/-; large green Crest cock, rather rough, 10/6; variegated Crested cock, 10/6; wing marked dark Crest hen, rather rough, good velvety Crest feather, 10/6; lightly variegated Crested hen, 8/6; approval: T. Gilbert, Hope Cottage, Hill-st., Coventry. (384)

NOTICE—Special offer, monster 1915 exhibition Crested cock, large broad head, marvellous head feather, turnover to end of beak, sure winner in good company, only 42/-; also monster stock Crested hen, large drooping crest, immense size and heavily feathered, only 35/-, or 65/- the pair, honestly worth 47 for stock alone; also choice 1915 exhibition Crested cock, large perfectly formed drooping crest, sure winner, only 25/-; also massive feathery exhibition Crested hen, marvellous head feather of the right quality, quite a monster, only 35/-, or 50/- the pair, honestly worth 45; cold-room bred, Palace winning strain, genuine bargains, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 23, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (384)

W. RADMORE,

17, Chaddleswood-avenue, Plymouth, has for disposal from his well-known strain, wing-marked dark Crest cock, 20/-; grey Crest cock, 17/6; variegated dark Crest cock, 12/6; wing mark dark Crest cock, 10/6; no hens; stamp reply. (387)

NOTE THESE PRICES.

Early orders should be sent to secure such bargains. Crested Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- Crestbreds Hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. Crested Hens, 10/6, 12/6. Pairs for breeding, 15/6, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-, upwards. Cages for one bird, 3d., two 4d.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

Cinnamons.

1915 YELLOW Cinnamon cock Canary, 10/6; bargain; approval: Wm. Heron, Burnside, Castle-Douglas. (383)

HAVING paired up can part with good yellow cock

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Ap. 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 7.30. Important.—D. Havenland.
Abertillery C.B.S.—Ap. 8, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Fixing dates for F.F. shows and other business. Fanciers please attend.—Wm. Newell.
Barry F. and F.S.—Ap. 8, 7.30.—H. P. Thomas.
Bolton City (Carlisle) O.S.—Ap. 12, headquarters, 7.30. John C. Bell.
Bolton Roller C.S.—Ap. 11, Joiners' Arms, 7.30. Club business.—Jos. Kilshaw.
Bradford West C.B.A.—Ap. 8, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Members' schedule, etc.—F. P. Terry.
British Roller C.C.—Ap. 11, The Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, London, W. 7.30.—J. W. Norris.
Burnley C.B.S.—Ap. 9, 7.30. Lindsay Street, 7. General meeting; quarterly balance-sheet, young show business. New members should communicate with—Jas. Moorhouse, 102, Nairne Street, Burnley.
Burnley O.S.—Ap. 11, Star Inn, 7.30. Further arrangement of N.E. Show and selection of judge.—H. Bastwood.
City of Bradford O.S.—Ap. 8, Flying Dutchman, 7. Continuation of members' shows; delegates' report of Union meeting.—W. Helliwell.
City and Suburban A.C.B.—Ap. 10, Church Institute, Paddington Street, W., 8. Bird food competition; critic and judge, J. Robson.—F. J. Martin.
Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Ap. 15, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Table show; two classes: Linnet; Siskin, Redpoll and Twite. Other important business.—Smith and Lees.
Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—Ap. 12, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7.30. Printing business. Lecture by Mr. H. Norman, 8.30, on the Breeding of High-class Stock.—W. D. Fryett.
Doncaster C.B.S.—Ap. 8, Black Bull, 7. Classification and dates for N.E. shows and other important business.—G. Hunt.
East Ham F.S.—Ap. 13, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Abandoning of show for April 8; reasons for so doing will be given.—W. A. Harwood.
Farnworth C.B.S.—Ap. 12, Church House, Church Road, 8. Date for F.F. show; general business, etc.—W. Dawson.
Gt. Horton O.S.—Ap. 8, Station Hotel, 7. Business important.—B. Hainsworth.
Huddersfield O.S.—Ap. 10, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Election of judges for P.F. shows; holding an open show; and discussion on how to improve present-day Cinnamon-marked Yorks., opened by Mr. H. Mallinson.—A. Lawford.
Ilkeston C.B.S.—Ap. 15, Nottingham Castle Inn, 7. Business important.—T. Smith.

Keighley C.B.S.—Ap. 11, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Selection of show dates and judges.—G. W. Town.
Laisterdyke, Bowling and Tong Combination.—Monday (date not stated).—Ed., Barley Mow, 7.30. Competition shows; specials and other important business.—J. E. Hudson.
Liverpool B.B.A.—Ap. 13, Oldham Hall, 8. Election of judges for annual old show.—Thos. K. Jones.
London C.B.A.—Ap. 11, 2, York Street, St. James, 7.45. Adjourned discussion on "Hints on Mating," opened by Mr. Crisp at last meeting. Fanciers heartily invited.—A. Wallington.
Oldham C.B.S.—Ap. 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Special meeting.—G. Mills.
Openshaw, Corton C.B.S.—Ap. 12, Room, back of stage Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. General business, first nest, etc.—A. W. Newton.
S.W. London C.B.S.—Ap. 13, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8. General business; wanted new members, those wishing to join should write for book of rules. The oldest society in S.W. London.—W. Lilley, Sec. (pro. tem.), 17, Ilminster Gardens, Lavender Hill, London.
S.W. London C.C. and F.A.—Ap. 13, headquarters, 8. General meeting and election of annual show judges.—J. Luckham.
South Moor and Dist. C.B.S.—Ap. 8, Oxley's Hotel, 6.30. Dates of nest feather and annual shows; nom. of judges for same. All fanciers are invited to join this fast-growing society, so roll up.—Geo. F. Bates.
Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—Ap. 12, Reid Hall, 8. Monthly meeting and show of British birds.—J. Waugh.
Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—June 17. N.E. show. Judge, Mr. H. Boothman, Levenshulme.—W. Stafford.
Stratford and E. London F.S.—Ap. 12, Eagle, 8. Arrangements for next evening show; consider offer of new cage bird cup.—A. Wasey.
Swansea C.B.A.—Ap. 8, The Elvslum, 7. Table show; Chaffinch and Brambles two classes each, h.m. and f.m. Hens, two classes.—D. R. Rees.
Tong C.B.S.—Ap. 11, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30.—W. Walker.
Wakefield O.S.—Ap. 8, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. Ordinary business and question night for matters of interest.—J. Isherwood.
Walkley C.B.S.—Ap. 14, Mission Hall, Westmorland Street, 8. Balance-sheet and report. Paper on Difficulties, by the sec.—G. Tomlinson.
Walton Everton C.B.S.—Ap. 12, Mission Hall, Kilshaw Street, 8.30. Lantern lecture by Mr. A. G. Hunt. Members of other societies cordially invited.—A. G. Hunt.
Wigan Roller C.C.—Ap. 9, Legs of Man Hotel, 6.30. Club business. Intending members please send names for insertion in 1916 rule books.—Greenall and Unsworth.
York C.B.S.—Ap. 10, headquarters, 8. Lecture on British Birds' Nests and Eggs.—V. G. F. Zimmermann.

The Woodlark in Captivity.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Concluded from page 97.)

In this, the concluding instalment of his most interesting article, the author tells how to keep and feed the Woodlark in captivity.

THE Woodlark, although largely an insectivorous bird, will, if caught in mid-winter, be easily induced to eat canary seed and crushed hemp; but if we want to bring him on quickly to song we shall have to supply a really nutritious stock-food. I think that I have tried most of the advertised foods, and have found some of them good and some of them, like the curate's egg, good in parts, but most of them seem to be open to one objection, namely that they consist of substances which have to a great extent lost their freshness and nutritious qualities.

Have "Dried Flies" any Value?

For instance, take the case of the "dried flies" of commerce. I do not for one moment doubt that, when the so-called "dried fly" swam in his native element in Mexico he was a useful and self-respecting member of society, but, if we examine him in the condition in which he is offered to us in this country, we cannot conscientiously say that he is really anything but dust and a smell.

I would not for worlds say anything to hurt the feelings of a "dried fly," even in his defunct and desiccated state, and I do not forget that we shall all of us be dust some day, nor do I overlook the possibility that Nature will use our component parts again and make of them something, or somebody, better than we have been; my point is simply that while we are in the dust stage we shall not be of any use as an article of diet, and this is the only charge that I bring against the "dried fly."

An Inexpensive Stock-food.

Let us see if we can devise a more nutritious food. We will purchase a sponge-cake for the sum of one halfpenny, and one pennyworth of liver; we boil the latter, and allow it to dry. We then grate the sponge-cake and add rather less than a third of the grated liver, adding also a pinch of maw seed. On two days of each week we shall add some crushed hemp seed and on other days a little

crushed canary seed, or grated walnut, or Spanish chestnut or Marie biscuit for a change.

For these various processes you will find a Walsh's hemp-mill very useful, and very cheap. The above mixture will keep fresh and good for several days and, though I can not guarantee that it will make your Woodlark sing, I can at least say that my Woodlarks have done well on it.

Your Lark will also want a little live insect food daily. The "Fancier's Delight" recommends "gentles that you fish withal." In a former article we extolled the merits of gentles for the Nightingale and, of the two Nightingales then mentioned, one, "Many," is still with us and sang splendidly last year, whilst the other ("Antony") was gathered to his fathers last spring in the sixth year of his captivity. Our opinion therefore of gentles is unchanged, but we have not found the Woodlark very partial to them. The beginner will probably have to use mealworms, and should be careful not to give more than eight a day, even to a bird in full song.

The Woodlark in the Aviary.

This species makes a delightful aviary bird; he lives most peaceably with all his neighbours, and can be guaranteed not to strafe even the most defenceless of the latter. My friend Mr. Suggitt, of Cleethorpes, had a charming experience with a pair of Woodlarks in his aviary a few years since, a brood of young being reared until they were feathered and almost ready to leave the nest. I never succeeded in inducing the species to nest here until last summer, when two young were reared, only living, however, to the age of one month, at which time they were probably barely independent. I shall try again.

I will once again, before I close, impress upon the beginner that the Woodlark is a difficult subject. It will do very well in a cage for a time and sing charmingly, but the moult is a most critical time, and unlike the Skylark, even if it survives the moult, it will not sing as well in its second year. I would therefore earnestly recommend him to buy his Woodlark in mid-winter and to let it sing to him during February, March and April; but when "fair, fresh May" comes tripping in, wreathed with flowers, open the cage-door and let it spread its wings and flit away, free as the wind that bloweth whither it listeth, to the dim blue hills and wide free spaces, where it would be.

Twitterings.

Mr. A. Walton, sec., East Ardsley C.B.S., writes that he has removed from 132, Bradford Road, to 4, Woodhouse Lane, East Ardsley, near Wakefield.

Mr. A. E. Thorpe, Park Villas, 28, Park-grove, Levenshulme, writes that he has now taken over the duties of secretary for the Ardwick and Manchester Dist. C.B.A., and will be glad to answer any communication re same.

Messrs. Witherby and Co. announce for immediate publication a "Life" of the late W. B. Tegetmeier, the eminent naturalist. The author of the book, which is entitled "A Veteran Naturalist," is Mr. E. W. Richardson, a son-in-law of Mr. Tegetmeier. There is an introduction written by Sir Walter Gilbey shortly before his death.

OBITUARY.

Mr. H. Gregory, Llanelly.

Kindly notify, writes Mr. G. H. Davies, hon. sec. Llanelly C.B.S., the great loss our society has sustained through the death of our esteemed member, Mr. Hy. Gregory, son of the old veteran, Mr. T. J. Gregory, who passed away on March 31, leaving a widow and three children to mourn his loss. I can assure you we can ill afford to lose a fancier who had always given his best to the society, and was a fancier to the backbone. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to the widow and dear ones who have to suffer this terrible blow.

In the April number of "British Birds," Messrs. Witherby, High Holborn, are publishing monthly, Miss E. L. Turner continues her articles entitled "Wait and See Photography." Mr. P. G. Ralle contributes further "Manx Ornithological Notes," and Mr. C. J. Carroll tells of a Siskin colony in Tipperary. An interesting item is an obituary notice by Mr. C. B. Moffatt, of the veteran Irish ornithologist Robert Warren, whose death at the advanced age of 86 was the result of an accident.

A Good Example.

Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, vice chairman, Sheffield O.S., writes that his society has invested £75 of its funds in Treasury bonds.

A Law to Himself.

When Sir William MacGregor, the former Governor of Queensland, was in Fiji, he found the residents much addicted to the caging of wild birds, says the "British Australasian." Soon these began mysteriously to disappear in the night, the simple reason being that Sir William went around opening the cage doors after dark.

Dates of 1916 Bird Shows.

Further shows for which dates have been fixed are: Bacup Roller C.C., Nov. 24-25; Beamish C.B.S., Oct. 21; Aberdare C.B.S., Nov. 23. Secretaries should make a note of these and other dates as they are published, so that clashing may be avoided as far as possible.

Our Front Page Drawings.

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Her First Snowball.

Accompanying two pretty photographs sent to "Country Life," showing a Blue-fronted Amazon in the snow, is the following letter, signed "Ski":—"Enclosed is the photograph of a green Parrot from the Amazon. It has only been about two years in this country, but is a very hardy bird, and is very cross if it is not taken out every day, if only for a few minutes. It flew from my hand into the snow and was delighted with it. It walked about in it, as seen in the photograph, and for a long time would not allow itself to be picked up or taken into the house. It was also very pleased when it was put to sit on a large snowball and began at once to converse loudly about 'Polly' and 'Pretty Poll' though it had been rather silent for several days previously, when the weather was too bad for it to go out at all."

"I have not been able to answer all the enquiries I have had for Norwich Greens during the last fortnight from my advt. in CAGE BIRDS."—R. JENKINS (Widnes).

"Please thank, through CAGE BIRDS, those who applied for British Birds advertised last week. I have been able to answer only those who enclosed stamp. They are all sold and I have had lots of P.O.s and cheques to return."—J. WILSON (Norton, Malton).

"I had 15 letters by first post on Saturday in reply to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS, and no doubt I shall get dozens more. I always do when advertising in CAGE BIRDS. I am trying to answer all who sent stamps; others I cannot reply to. It's marvellous where the money comes from; the dearer the birds, the better they sell."—T. W. WREN (Oxford).

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Cornish Choughs in Manxland

A pair of Cornish Choughs are still nesting yearly in the Isle of Man, says Mr. P. G. Ralle in "British Birds." The mine building in which the nest was originally placed having been demolished, the birds have established themselves in a group of ruined mine buildings about a mile higher up the same valley.

Birds as a Table Decoration.

"Pearson's Weekly" says that a certain Society hostess who has always been famed for her wonderful collection of singing birds has recently trained a little party of Finches to act as a table ornament, perched upon a miniature tree in the very midst of things. And the idea has proved a very popular one among her guests, several of whom have gone in for "live" decorations themselves on quite daring lines.

Sparrows and Larch Trees.

Sparrows are now turning their attention from the fading crocuses to the larch trees. They wantonly destroy the tiny flowers, familiar to few who are not botanists; that bring a pink flush upon larches just before the trees burst into the loveliest shade of green known to nature. They do not eat the flowerets of the larch, but merely peck them off out of sheer devilry. This is why so few cones are found on larch trees where Sparrows abound.—"Westminster Gazette."

In the Courts.

Sunday Bird-catchers Fined.

At West Ham Police Court, Robert Mann and Robert Mann, jun., father and son, of Nicholl-st., Haggerston, were charged with cruelly abusing and torturing three Linnets in captivity, and with taking 18 wild birds on the marshes at Temple Mills on Sunday. A constable said the prisoners had three Linnets braced to sticks stuck in the ground. They also had two dead Linnets, and 18 freshly caught birds. Prisoners pleaded guilty to catching the birds, but denied having any braced. They stated that they were using two dead birds as decoys. They were each fined £2; and the Magistrate ordered the birds to be liberated and the nets and apparatus to be destroyed.

Cruelty to Chaffinches.

At Epsom Thomas Holden, 46, Retford-st., Kingsland-rd., London, Richard Covill, 9, London-st., Bethnal Green, and Arthur Herring, 50, Pritchard-rd., Hackney were charged with cruelly torturing six Chaffinches by keeping them in captivity.—A constable met the defendants carrying a cage and a basket, and followed them to the railway station, where he examined the cage and found in it six Chaffinches; in the basket was a decoy bird. One of the Chaffinches was bleeding under its wings, and when liberated was able to fly only a short distance. All the birds were in a very terrified state.—Covill was fined 15s., and Holden and Herring 10s. each.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Open contest, Rock Hotel, Ap. 2, for time and quality. 51 birds entered, 42 minutes sing. 1, 4. Fairhurst, 173 and 64; 2, Murphy, 146; 3, Donnelly, 130. Quality, 1, Knowles; 2, 4, Peet; 3, J. W. Jones. Timers, J. Murphy, Malone; minutes, J. Whittle; tappers, Bradley, Dawes; judges, T. Statham, S. Rigby.—Disley, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest club sing, Woodman Inn, Horse-fair, April 1; very nice singing was heard. 45 entering for four minutes' time singing: 1, 2, Blackshear; 3, Beard; 4, Scottson. Open Linnet contest, April 2, another good muster; 46 facing the starters for three minutes' time singing: 1, 2, Blackshear; 3, Scottson; 4, Beard. Monthly meeting, April 8, at 7.—J. Beard, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, April 1st, for four minutes' time sing, Shepherd timer, Wareing chalkers. Ireland to the front again: 1, Dooley, 3min. 33sec.; Davis and N. Coles shared, 3.27 each; Hardman, 3.16; Jones, 3.14. April 2, same timer, etc.; 1, Hardman, 3min. 52sec.; 2, Jones, 3.35; 3, Dooley, 3.30; 4, Wright, 3.18. We will sing any club in Yorkshire for single time singing for 40 sappers and give them their own window for best 6 of club members, any time this Easter. A letter to to above will secure a deposit.—J. Hardman, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnets, singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Leeds, April 3. 18 birds sang, and some grand singing was heard. Our host, who is home on leave, added three special prizes: 1, 2, A. Binns; 3, H. Wigfield. Judges, C. Taves, S. Butterfield, and T. Summers.—W. Lipman, Sec., 8, Harold Terr.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York-rd. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Ap. 1; 36 birds sang for 5 prizes. 1, 4, Jim Chippindale; 2, Hayes; 3, Wigfield; 5, A. Butler. Judges, Jennings and Naylor, Ap. 2; 29 sang. 1, 2, Shared by J. Chadwick and Thompson; 3, Buttery; 4, Sissons; 5, Wharam. Judges, Jennings, Naylor, and Hardestale. Linnet contest, Ap. 2; 14 sang. 1, G. Hirst; 2, Wood; 3, Thompson; 4, J. Chippindale. Judges, Hardestale and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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Use our Notepaper.

Capturing the German Canary Trade.

How the Scheme is Progressing.

Valuable Suggestions from Our Readers. Generous Help for Our Wounded Soldiers.

Amongst the offers of assistance we have received during the past week are those we have the pleasure of publishing in our present issue. They comprise pairs of Canaries already mated, pairs ready for mating, stock cages, breeding cages, appliances, etc.

Also we have had many applications from soldiers who have "done their bit," and are incapacitated from ever again earning anything in occupations which involve manual labour.

A Committee to be Formed.

We hope almost at once to be able to bring into communication the generous givers on the one hand and the deserving cases on the other hand, and as a preliminary we are taking steps to organise a committee of influential and well-known London Canary breeders.

We should like to include on this committee provincial breeders as well as those living in London, but as it would be necessary for the members to attend at frequent meetings, and it is important that this attendance should be only at such inconvenience to themselves as is unavoidable, we have thought it better, for the present at least, to ask only London fanciers to aid us in our proceedings.

As soon as we have obtained the consent of a representative number among those whom we are approaching in the matter we shall call a meeting, in order that the scheme be given an immediate start.

Once it is in working, we are certain that its good work will continue. The possibilities are unbounded; the immediate results will be that many deserving cases will meet with assistance, and the ultimate result should be that an industry will be founded which will place our country in a position to supply the markets of the world with the Canaries for which she is already famous, as well as those which are bred entirely for their singing qualities. The production of the latter has been for generations a monopoly of our enemies. Let it never again be such.

The letters we publish this week will speak for themselves, and it is only necessary for us to thank the writers for their kind suggestions, and to assure them that each one will receive full consideration.

Philanthropy and Commerce.

A word, however, may be as well in answer to a part of the letter of Mr. A. G. Cant. He says that we are confusing philanthropy and commerce together, and that we must dismiss philanthropy altogether if we are to capture German trade.

We are sorry that anything we have said has led Mr. Cant to believe that we "expect to capture German trade by providing inexperienced soldiers with one or two pairs of birds."

What we expect to do, with the help of British fanciers who realise what our wounded soldiers have done for us, is to provide the brave men who have "done their bit" with a pleasurable, easy, and profitable spare time occupation, an occupation which would not impose too severe a strain upon a war-worn constitution or a partially crippled body, and which would at the same time furnish the means of supplementing the inadequate allowance officially awarded by a grateful Government.

What we hope to do is something quite different, and entirely independent from the philanthropic side of the question; that is, to establish in our own country an industry which would be able to supply the world's demand for singing birds, and thereby divert many thousands of pounds yearly from going into the pockets of the enemies of civilisation.

The suggestions offered by Mr. Last and others will help us in the latter portion of our task, and the generosity of our readers will ensure the success of the first part of our undertaking.

Our fund to date is as follows:—

Previously acknowledged	£9 4 0
Mr. E. Bousfield	10 6
„ H. Gutierrez	5 0
	£9 19 6

Help Through the Daily Press.

Sir,—In last Thursday's issue of the "Daily Mirror," there appeared a picture of a wounded soldier and some Canaries. If you are helping any of our wounded boys to obtain birds I shall be very pleased to give three or four hens, which I have left over from last year's breeding.

(Mrs.) N. WILSON.

Canonbury.

A Word to the Roller Clubs.

Sir,—I have pleasure in enclosing 5s. for the Disabled Soldiers' Canary Fund. I expect you will hear from the other Roller Canary Clubs when they have had their usual monthly meetings. It is against the German roller trade that the battle has to be fought, and it is for the clubs to be on their mettle now to second your effort to the best of their ability. So far as concerns contributions in money and kind, we may be sure they will not fail, but when the commercial aspect is concerned co-operation between the clubs is necessary, and I would suggest that the advice and help of the exporters of repute should be sought for. We must lose no time, but the slack season for dealing is practically with us now, and there is therefore leisure to prepare. Foresight and preparedness are the watchwords; let the strong, energetic and patriotic ones now show what they can do.

Seven Kings.

HENRY GUTIERREZ.

Sir,—I enclose a small sub., 10s. 6d., towards Canary fund. It is a grand idea, and deserves every support.

Bournemouth.

E. BOUSFIELD.

A Nursing Sister Will Help.

Sir,—I see by the "Western Morning News," that it is suggested that wounded soldiers should breed Canaries. I have two flight cages, one breeding cage, also one or two smaller cages. If they would be of any use I would give them for the use of soldiers, if the carriage could be paid; they are in good condition.

Saltash.

SISTER IN CHARGE.

Sir,—I have read in your paper your suggestion to supply wounded soldiers with Canaries and cages, and I have much pleasure in putting down my name for three Norwich hen Canaries, and one double-compartment breeding cage with all accessories, and shall be pleased to forward them carriage paid, and free of all charge, to any address you like to name, for the use of our wounded soldiers.

Tower Hill, London. STANLEY THORNE.

Sir,—It will give me great pleasure to help to do anything in the way of birds and cages to assist you in the hobby for our wounded soldiers.

I will give to any one or two wounded soldiers in Somerset, two breeding cages (singles) and six good others 16 x 10. I would send them carriage paid with one pair of Canaries, and if it is possible to get you any more I will do so. I wish your undertaking every success.

Weston-super-Mare.

H. TRAPNELL.

Sir,—With regard to your scheme for soldiers breeding Canaries. If they are prepared to pay rail fare on the cages I can give them with pleasure five cages and a drying cage.

One is a Norwich flight cage 5ft. long, 12in. high, and 10in. wide, fitted complete; two are three-compartment breeding cages 3ft. 6in. long; and two are double moulting cages 24 by 9 by 10.

The drying cage is complete with lamp and thermometer, and the other cages are also fitted complete. I have also several extras which could be included, as I am giving up owing to ill-health.

(Mrs.) J. A. MACQUEEN.

Malvern Link.

A Co-operative Suggestion.

Sir,—I have been greatly interested in your suggestion re capture of German Canary trade. I think, however, you are confusing two things, one philanthropy, the other commerce. The first, I think, we can dismiss at once if our object is to capture German trade. I do not suppose there is a member of the fancy the length and breadth of our land who would not help one of our "boys" if in need, but, with all respect to your correspondents, it seems to me almost worthy of "Punch" to expect to capture German trade by providing inexperienced wounded soldiers with one or two pairs of birds.

I am quite convinced that we can and ought to capture this trade, but I am inclined to think some co-operative plan would be the way to do it. I would suggest the following as a rough idea.

A limited company to be formed, with 2s. 6d. shares, but membership not to be restricted to shareholders. A committee to arrange details, such as breed of birds re-

quired, prices, etc. A central depot, with branches. Members to be able to obtain pairs for breeding from the central depot or branches, and at the end of the season to sell their young stock to the society at a fixed price, notified at beginning of season. The central committee either to dispose of these young birds to dealers or export them direct.

Anyone unable to afford to buy birds for breeding could have one or more pairs lent to them, payment for which could be deducted from the sales of the young stock. This is, I feel sure, the right direction to move, and the above is simply a rough idea of the lines to take.

Purley.

E. C. LAST.

A Pound's Worth from Erin.

Sir,—I heartily agree with your splendid idea of enabling our disabled "Tommies" to have another "dig" at the "Hun" by breeding Canaries, and thus assist in the capture of the German export Canary trade.

Apart from export, I think it is a great pity that we cannot meet the home demand. Your "3s. 6d. a pair" correspondent last week cannot be one of the present-day business men, and though I am convinced he means well, I know he is putting prices at what we might call "zero."

In 1914 I bred eight hens and six cocks (common), obtained 82 young in three rounds, and, after giving 13 cocks as presents, and paying all expenses, had a balance of £11. I can prove this, as I keep an exact account of all transactions.

I would suggest that you would first try to assist ex-fanciers who have "done their bit" and got "worsted." Time enough to help inexperienced men when we give the required assistance to our brave chaps who had to give up one of the finest hobbies in the world. We want quick results, big supplies, and no bungling if at all possible.

Unfortunately I have disposed of all my surplus stock, but would be pleased to promise a good pair of Yorkshires (value £1), and properly matched, to any ex-fancier you may mention. Wishing your great and patriotic object every success.

"IRISH, AND PROUD OF IT."

Belfast.

Some Suggestions from Ealing.

Sir,—I have been watching your scheme of capturing the Canary trade, and think the idea an excellent one. It will be a big job, but I see no reason why we should not breed all we want. An organisation needs forming, which will act as a medium between breeder and purchaser, so as to ensure the breeder disposing of all he can breed at a profitable price.

As the scheme grows it would be as well to have districts mapped out with a representative of the organisation in each who would be in touch with the centre. Shows could be encouraged to give more classes for singing birds, and possibly a gift class, the entries in which could be sold for the benefit of the fund.

All the birds sold through the organisation would have to be kept at a high level, so that a good reputation may be obtained and the best value secured. Also, as one of the chief considerations, prices would have to vary with the season, etc. A small commission would have to be deducted for working expenses.

A small committee, perhaps, would be best for selecting the birds when a number have been sent in, and that opens up another question, that of house room for the stock till passed on to the dealers, shopkeepers, etc., who apply to the organisation for birds.

Shopkeepers who sell the organisation birds might have a large notice provided to display the fact that they sell birds bred by soldiers wounded in the great war of 1916.

All breeders should be registered with the organisation, and those who supply birds should be willing to throw their bird rooms open to inspection to make sure no unhealthy birds are received, for it would scarcely be practicable for the organisation to put all birds received into quarantine.

It will be a fine scheme, and a big one, but not too big to be tackled successfully. I should like to mention many more items, but this letter is already too long, so must leave them for the present. I shall be pleased to do what I can to help. I wish the scheme success; nay, it's going to be a success, undoubtedly. A start should be made this season if possible.

Ealing Common.

A. G. FITZ.

HOW TO PAIR YORKSHIRES.

By Sergt. A. Thomas (Wokingham)

(Continued from page 91.)

Keep Some Pairs for Breeding Stock.

WHEN pairing up it is well to remember to have one or two pairs up for breeding our own stock birds; then in the following year we can again blend some of those youngsters in with the show birds. Unfortunately two good show birds will not often throw show birds, as the usual thing is for the birds to deteriorate in size, and more often than not the result of such pairing is that the young are undersized.

Having found out the faults in the birds, we proceed to pair up. Supposing we start by running the buff cocks out into show cages, and one yellow hen. The hen being the most important factor in breeding we will make the cocks suit the hens.

Remember that where a fault lies in one bird, that bird must be paired with another bird which is extra good at that point. Avoid coarse, heavy beaks, especially as they are usually accompanied by coarse heads.

Don't use a cock bird with a flat head, it is not so bad a fault in the hen. A flat head is easy to detect, for the eye is almost on the top of the head instead of being placed exactly in the centre of it. The flat head is generally accompanied by eyebrows, making the bird appear sulky.

Pay attention to the neck. The yellows are not as a rule so well filled as the buffs. It should be shaped after the manner of a champagne bottle. Square shoulders are not so objectionable in a stock bird, but it must have a partner with a very nicely rounded shoulder. If a bird's shoulders are well filled in a nicely rounded back will always accompany them.

Some Important Plumage Characters.

Short flighted birds, and those with hollow backs, should be rejected, both these are very glaring faults, but do not discard a bird because he has slightly crossed wings, if he is good otherwise. The Yorkshire being a very narrow bird, it is hard to breed them with perfect wing carriage. Then again, some of the wings have a droop. If the one fault is matched carefully against the other we are making progress. Good wing carriage, viz., tips just meeting, indicates a well filled back.

A wide or open tail is a minor fault, but still it goes against a bird. It should be long and round like the stem of a clay pipe. Hence the saying of the reporters, "nice pipe tail." A fish tail is a blemish, but not important. The worst fault in the tail is the bird which lets it habitually drop. The tips of the wings should rest on the tail and the latter should be in a straight line from the head and back. Once you get dropped tail well into your stock it will take years to breed it out.

Now, just one more point. Your birds may be ever so good, and yet they may lack just one little point which makes all the difference between that glorious "first" and "say," "vhe." I refer to the "Swagger," without which a Yorkshire is hopeless in anything like hot competition.

Where the Belgian Comes in.

This trait we must get from the Belgian blood, but it is not wise for a beginner to introduce it direct, for the simple reason that it takes three or four generations to breed out the faults introduced by the Belgian, viz., the high shoulder, thin neck, and snaky head. It is much better to get a quarter-bred Belgian, and see that it contains no Scotch Fancy blood.

You may improve the size in your stock by double buffing, but see that you use good quality buffs, as the tendency is to get rough feather round the waist. Keep the youngsters so bred which have long wings and sides, they are worth taking care of. I have done little or no good by double-yellowing. By it one loses size, and there is a tendency to show openness of feather.

Inbreeding, judiciously, is not harmful; it is in some cases desirable, especially if you wish to fix some particular point in your strain. I do not think it is wise to inbreed with brother and sister. When I have done so I did more harm than good. Consins are plenty close enough.

Don't be afraid after you have paired up and the hen has gone to nest, and reared her first brood of youngsters, to change a cock or a hen if you think that a particular pair of birds are throwing bad youngsters. If there is not a decent bird in a nest of say, four youngsters, there is little likelihood of there being a Palace winner in the second round.

Correspondence.

Money in Canaries.

SIR.—I tell I should express my gratification for the results of my first advert. in *CAGE BIRDS*. My young Norwich were snapped up immediately by cash buyers, and I have received both money and enquiries from English, Scotch and Irish fanciers, in some cases for birds which I had not got and had not mentioned in my small advert.

This pleasant experience proves three things: That advertising does pay—at least, in *CAGE BIRDS*; that there is a phenomenal demand for decent Norwich Plainheads; and that the Fancy has gilt-edged possibilities for sick soldiers, of whom I am one.

Lewisham.

A. M. TALBOT.

The Song of the Canary.

SIR.—With regard to hen singing Canaries, Mr. Napper may be interested to know I have a Sib-bred hen Canary two years old (nested twice with a Goldfinch), which is a sweet songster. She will warble for 30 minutes at a stretch, and continue this throughout the day; her song is much like the Robin's when in his full song. She is in a large open cage with a cock Bullfinch, and they live together in perfect harmony. When the hen ceases her song, then Bullie begins, and frequently they sit side by side and sing for all they are worth. I have often remarked I would never wish for a sweeter songster, and for that reason I named her Jenny Lind. I have several singing birds, a Roller included, but none of their song, in my opinion, equals hers.

(Miss) F. GRAY.

SIR.—I did not intend adding to my previous notes, but some of my remarks seem to have pricked the susceptibility of our friend, Mr. B. Clark, judging by the tone of his last letter. I certainly had no intention of causing any pain or irritation—quite the contrary, but of course when we soar into type we should always remember that the sharp eyes of critics are upon our statements. By the way, few things please me more than when my blunders are corrected with an unsparring hand, for then each and all will be the richer.

I am afraid I must plead guilty as regards Cuckoos, for I know but little about Cuckoos, except that I am always delighted to hear them on their arrival, for then I know that "the spring and playtime of the year is come."

I have some dim recollection of your correspondent, Mr. J. Craig, and in long past years have often had a hearty laugh over his pert enquiries, and no doubt he has laughed too. He is now asking me another question, which no man can answer with decision. The creation of birds was so long ago, and so far away, that I am blown if I can remember much about it. The only thing I can now do for him is to ask another. Will he, or anyone, explain why some climbing plants twine from left to right, and others from right to left?

I think the domestic Canary, in all its numerous varieties, may be regarded as having been evolved from the original type under the domination of man, and many of us believe their songs vary as I have already described in my former notes, in consequence of imitation. If I remember aright, I think it was Mr. Vale who possessed a Canary which sang the Goldfinch's song beautifully. Speaking of Goldfinches, there are, as you know, distinct varieties of Goldfinches, the most dissimilar known to me being the pretty little Goldfinch of the Devonshire orchards, and the grey-headed Himalayan Goldfinch. These will, I think, interbreed, and no doubt produce fertile off-spring, neither British Goldfinch nor Himalayan Goldfinch, but resembling both equally. It should therefore be quite possible to build up or create a distinct strain of Goldfinches, and no doubt the young cocks would imitate the songs of the Linnet, Canary, etc., if hatched and reared by Canaries, and, of course, where Goldfinch would never be heard by them.

W. NAPPER.

The Grand National British Bird Show.

SIR. I have got the above in fairly good working order now. The profits are to be given to the "Roll of Honour" Week Fund, for the widows and orphans of Liverpool soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war. The Lord Mayor has granted his patronage, and promised us great help, and the venue will be St. Martin's Hall, noted for its comfort to exhibit and visitors. The judges are: Mr. C. Boulton, Mr. H. J. Chick, and Mr. J. Bewick. These gentlemen have been nominated by exhibitors and fanciers whom I have come across, and have written me.

Mr. George Green has kindly consented to act as show manager, and Mr. Clem Hillman is giving me all the necessary assistance in the secretarial work. We would like to

pass over at least £50 to the fund. Seeing that every organisation in Liverpool and district is giving a charity performance, the cage bird fancy should not be behind.

There are some classes guaranteed, but there are not sufficient of these. Below I give a proposed classification, but a lot of the classes will have to be guaranteed if they are to be offered. Now exhibitors, come forward, please; but don't guarantee a class that is sure to be filled; help the doubtful class so that we can have a representative British show.

The Proposed Classification (50 Classes).

Goldf. H.M., Goldf. F.M., Bullf. H.M., Bullf. F.M., Linnet H.M., Linnet F.M., Lesser Redpoll H.M., Lesser Redpoll F.M., Greenf. H.M., Greenf. F.M., Siskin H.M., Siskin F.M., Mealy Redpoll or Twite, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Hawfinch, Yellow Bunting H.M., Yellow Bunting F.M., A.O.S. Bunting, Finch or Bunting F.M., Bullf. hen, A.O.S. Finch hen, Bunting hen, Selling, 15s., Selling, 10s., Song or Missel Thrush, Blackbird, Starling, or Redwing, Ring Ousel, Fieldfare, Magpie, Jay, Jackdaw, or Chough, Larks or Pipits, Waxwing, Nightingale, Wheatear, and all Wagtails. A.O.S. Softbill.

Novice Classes.

Goldf., Bullf., Linnet, Greenf., Chaffinch or Bramblef., A.O.S. Finch, Bunting, Finch hen, Bunting hen, Finch F.M., Bunting F.M., Canary Hybrid light, Canary Hybrid dark, Hybrid between two British, Champion Hybrids.—Canary Hybrid, cl. tkl., or even mkl., uneven or variegated. Dark Goldf. or Linnet yell., Dark Goldf. or Linnet buff, A.O.V. except Canary Bullf., Bullf. Hybrid, A.O. Hybrid between two British.

J. W. METCALFE.

Hen Bullfinches and Hybrid Breeding.

SIR.—Again in answer to your correspondent "Canary-Bullfinch," I can see no reason to suppose that the cock Canary would become "exhausted" through being kept with the hen Bullfinch for the whole of the season. Whenever he starts to moult he loses all interest in his partner's behaviour, and she may build nests and lay eggs to her heart's content so long as she leaves him alone and does not expect him to take part. On the other hand, it would be folly, on the hen's account, to allow this, as she merely succeeds in exhausting herself to no purpose. One must use discretion.

What I meant to imply was that by keeping the Canary back one could arrange to get eggs while the cock was still at his best, and when the hen was reaching her prime. I should suggest the middle of June as a likely time to give one or two chances. I think that Canaries are considerably later moulting if kept out of doors. I know I have had a hen hatching eggs in October in my outdoor aviary, though this was rather exceptional. The same hen started very early, too. I would repeat my suggestion of plenty of fresh green food for the hen, and an occasional mealworm and a few grains of hemp most days. I don't believe in egg food as it makes them too rank.

I have just taken out of my aviary a cock Goldfinch and a young hen Bullfinch, and have put them in an aviary 12ft. by 6ft. by 6ft. 7in. high, which they will have to themselves for the season. They are what is called "in the pink of condition," and I have every hope that they will pair and have some success. If I remember to do so, I will write and record when they start building, although with this extraordinary weather one cannot prophesy as to what will happen. I have a cock Bullfinch in the large aviary, out of which I took her, for as I noticed that she had begun to flirt with him I deemed it advisable to separate them, as I could not bear to think of breaking their hearts later on. He did not seem to take much notice of her overtures, but I am amused now, about a week later, to see him making advances to my old hen Greenfinch who, if she will have him, will make him a satisfactory partner from his point of view, though I am bound to confess that the cock Bullfinch as a breeder with other species proves himself nothing but a failure.

This hen Greenfinch, by the way, is a splendid breeder, and will rear any amount of babies, and I am looking to her to help, should I be fortunate in securing fertile eggs from the hen Bullie. This will be her fifth season in my aviary, and each year she has had four or five nests. She usually begins in March, but this year it is too stormy.

My stock mixture consists of best canary, teal, and rape seed only, and every now and again I give a scatter of wild seed mixture or a few grains of hemp. In summer they get any amount of green foods. I believe in plain food, and not too much of it during the winter. I think it is more natural than giving fattening foods, and my birds are always in A1 condition.

(Mrs.) G. CHRISTIE.

Early Canaries.

SIR.—Referring to Mr. Hill's statement of early Canaries, I have a nest of young Norwich which were hatched on Feb. 14. I think this beats his Rollers by a fortnight, also Mr. Richmond's. The hen is on with her second nest, and I expect young on Friday, April 6. This is my first start at Canary breeding, and I think it is a good one.

Wakefield.

G. ROBINSON.

A Recipe for Mahogany Stain.

SIR.—Here is a very good varnish for bird cages. Take 1 pint of methylated spirit and mix in it about 1/4 of a tumblerful of Bismarck brown dye. When dissolved, add 6ozs. of shellac, and let stand overnight. Apply with a camelhair brush, three or four coats. If too light, add more Bismarck brown dissolved in a little spirit. If too thick add more spirit; if too thin, more shellac.

If only one cage is to be stained get 4d. worth of wood naphtha and add two handfuls of shellac, with a little Bismarck brown.

HANDY MAN.

Oxalic Acid for Insect Pests.

SIR.—I thank T. C. Clayton and other fanciers for the interest they have taken in this subject. When I made enquiries I did not know how long I might have to wait; and wanting to get in order for the breeding season I set to at once and did some spare cages with oxalic acid and lime. I put the birds in them, cleared the bird room out, gave it two coats, and had the floor done with some in water.

I gave all the cages two coats inside and out, and not knowing what quantity to use, I dissolved four ounces of oxalic acid and added it to a bucket of lime. That is about as much again as Mr. Clayton says, and the birds have now been in it nearly a month and they are in the pink, but I shall follow Mr. Clayton's instructions next time. Don't put washing soda in the water for cleaning the floor with any of the acid, for it makes it boil.

G. L. B.

Colour in Norwich Plainheads.

Its Origin and Its Importance.

SIR.—In noting with a good deal of interest the reply of Mr. Frank Cole, I can assure him that, whilst burying his head in the sand and kicking up a cloud of dust with his feet, may tend to create a diversion, it will really deceive no one, least of all an old campaigner in these columns like myself.

Really what we have to consider is the fact that his letter now under review is in reply to mine of your previous issue, and I must frankly confess the miserable carcass of skin and bone my critic now serves up is certainly not worth the charge of powder and shot that brought it to my feet. By the tacit consent of silence, I gather he is not desirous of pursuing even as a matter of interest the question of the Lizard blood, and, this being so, I presume I am now free to handle his scheme for obtaining colour.

Briefly I gather the essential feature in his method is to introduce the green blood through both cock and hen, taking care that the strength of the green blood ensures the birds being more light than dark.

Even though such a pair will produce a percentage of clears, my critic should well know that as stock such birds are more potent in green blood than the parents, and it is very evident where breeders' operations are confined to not more than twelve pairs that the day is not far distant when nothing more than "circus horses" will prevail. To secure clear bred partners is, of course, somewhat easy, but under the scheme of my critic, which for success depends upon a full charge of green blood, to put it there, and then reduce it by means of clear blood, is, upon the face of it, a retrograde movement, and ridiculous.

Of course, I know that more than one outstanding bird has been produced by this "shot in the dark" method, but to fill your room with variegated and self greens to obtain this "gift of the gods" is about as disastrous as the much-suffering paterfamilias who filled his house with girls in the hope of some day or night being presented with a son. Apart from this, the method is opposed to the ideal of the pioneers of our breed, who aimed at the rich brilliantly coloured clear, in which no trace of the green blood was in evidence; in short, a bird clear down to the skin, and free from streaked beak or stained toe-nails, the ideal the connoisseur fondly handles to-day when he has the chance. Do the clears of my critic's method conform to the ideal? I know the usual classification which reads "Clear or invisible ticked" has tended to obscure the truly ideal clear, and a bird "as black as sin" beneath the surface has won, and will again win, in such classes, but all the same the beginner should ever fix his mind upon the ideal and pursue his methods to that end.

The fact that my critic has not yet grasped the elementary principles of colour production in our breed is no reason why others should

follow suit. Some day he will realise that green blood, though apparently absolutely essential, is nothing more than in the nature of a post-dated cheque, which has to be passed into the bank of the yellow blood to mature, and eventually become honoured. Bless my never say so! If green blood in itself, undiluted with yellow blood, would ensure the desired depth and brilliancy of colour, the Crests and Crestbreds of to-day would need to be exhibited in asbestos-lined show cages, and shows would need to be fitted with an automatic sprinkler installation; not to mention the providing of a goodly stock of thirst quenchers for the judges and visitors, for what section of breeders, apart from the green varieties, have used more green and less yellow blood? Where are they for colour? Is it not a jolly good thing for a lot of the Crests and Crestbreds that they cannot see for themselves? Eh! What?

No, my friend, the breeders of note to-day, who are in the position of reviewing some solid experience, do not ask how much green blood can be put behind their stock, but really how little. Briefly, they have realised that good green blood plus yellow blood accomplishes more than green blood plus a bit more green blood. What imparts brilliancy to the colour? Is it green, or buff, or yellow blood?

If this is a little more of a "fertile imagination," which is always to be preferred to an "addled intellect," then Messrs. J. H. Payne, C. A. House, Gen. Gardner, and others are blessed or cursed the same way, for years ago these breeders, who used to matter, sung the praises of the green blood well mixed with the yellow. Lots of prominent breeders to-day join in the anthem; lots more could if they did the proper thing, but, instead, they will wish the devil had me for giving the game away. So helpful is the yellow blood that no wonder many breeders, to accelerate matters, and quickly raise the standard of their colour throughout the stock, resort to double yellowing, and with less than 20 per cent. of green blood can produce unbeatable colour. Fortunately, I have a little proof myself, for my unfledged clear yellow cock, who in a stinging class of 24 unfledged yellow cocks at our recent Cardiff Show, was so bred, nothing in the class beating him for colour, nor anything in the section, and he was clear down to the skin, and to the end of beak and toe-nails.

It is because I can put my back against living authorities, and stand upon my own experiences, that I find no need to handle this matter in ambiguous terms; but, nevertheless, allow me to point out that although double buffing to ensure success needs handling circumspectly, double yellowing needs it more, for under the happiest circumstances the effect is paralysing for a while.

What should be grasped is the characters of the buff and yellow plumage, which are diametrically opposed to each other. The buff feathers tend to breadth, and carry down, or underflue, to the end of shaft, whilst the yellow tends to narrowness of web and scantiness of feather furnishing. That is why, as a general rule, we pair yellow to buff, and that is also why the buffs are generally more solid and compact than the yellows. The double buffing occasionally considerably helps to fill the hollows and round off the bumps.

Therefore, seeing that in double yellowing you are doing without the useful compact and solid influence of the buff character, it is only reasonable to expect the double yellows to tend to a little slimmness or length and apparent loss of size. Actually your birds are of the same good size, perhaps, as the parents, but the absence of underflue, and a narrower class of feather tells the tale. Really to experience a minimum of penalty your yellows should be selected for breadth of webbing and wealth of furnishing—the more the better.

It is because of all this that breeders who have proved its worth, and do not mind whispering all about it in your ear, always tell you not to be disappointed with the double yellows, but to peg away and mate them up in the usual manner the following seasons, and there is not the slightest doubt about it that when you have really got going with a double yellow bred cock and hen, and per chance a double yellow bred buff cock and hen too, a much higher level of colour will be reached, and with more plea, are and profit, than by the extravagant wastage of green blood as supported by my critic. In conclusion, I am sure all readers will much appreciate the courteous response of my Devonport friend, and, incidentally, will note his support of my views and experience regarding cinnamon blood.

E. W. ALISON.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.
PLUCKING ITS FEATHERS (A. Pearce).—Examine the cage thoroughly, and if you find any trace of insects overhaul it and eradicate them. Give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut dusted with flowers of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Also give a fat mealworm daily for a time. Crush the head of worm and fasten it on the end of a perch with a pin.

AGE FOR BREEDING (R.I.B.A.).—No, a cock six years old that is healthy and active, and in full song, is not too old to mate, and a hen two years old, if also in good sound health and active will make a very suitable mate, other things, size, colour, markings, etc., being also suitable.

THROAT TROUBLE (J. C.).—Do I understand that there are visible signs of ulceration on the tongue? If so, make a little concentrated solution of boric acid; that is, dissolve in a little warm water as much of the acid as it will take up. Dip a small camel-hair brush in this solution, shake off the surplus fluid and wash out the bird's beak with it, repeating the process a few times each morning and evening for a few days. Also give a morsel of bread and milk, with a thin covering of "honey and borax," obtainable from any chemist, on it. If no ulceration is visible, add 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil to the water, and shake well together every second day for a week or so, and see that the bird is not exposed to direct draughts or fumes of burning lights.

SHEDDING FEATHERS (F. James).—Well examine the cage, not the bird, to make yourself sure that there are no insect pests, or if any are found exterminate them. Continue giving the baths regularly as now. For the rest treat the bird, for a month if necessary, as advised to "Roller Novice" in this issue. The moulting is the cause of the bird not singing, and it will be quite useless mating him until it is quite recovered from this trouble.

CAUSE OF FAILURE (D. A. J.).—Considering the vile weather conditions we have had this spring, and the fact that your birds are in a cold room, the cause of their failure in the first round is sufficiently obvious—you put them up too soon. Give each bird now half a teaspoonful of egg food with about half that quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame mixed in it every second day. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle and insected. Give a little fresh young dandelion daily to each. At the end of a week or so you may mate up again, and will doubtless find things go better in the next round.

SHOWS NO VIGOUR (Gorton).—Feed on a staple diet of three parts good sound canary and one part summer rape only, and otherwise treat it the same as advised to "Roller Novice," in this issue. It will be quite useless mating him until he has quite recovered from the moulting, and when this happens the song will doubtless return naturally.

STILL MOULTING (Roller, Novice).—The bird's condition is probably due to exposure to cold draughts, sudden and extreme fluctuations of temperature, or damp. See that these causes are removed and keep the bird in a fairly comfortable and equable place. Then give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet and broken groats, and add to the water 20 drops of a mixture made by dissolving half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry and adding a teaspoonful of glycerine. Give a leaf of fresh dandelion daily. Continue this until the feathers have ceased dropping.

HUSKY ROLLER (Norton).—There is just a possibility of the voice being recovered during the spring, but one cannot say this will occur with any certainty, and the risk of permanent injury to the voice is very great. Keep it in a comfortable place well supplied with fresh, pure air, but free from direct draughts, dust, or irritating fumes. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and a leaf of dandelion freshly gathered daily as soon as you can get it. Two days in every three for the next month or so give the following concoction instead of plain water for drinking, viz.: Place a small teaspoonful of linseed and a piece of best liquorice, the size of a small hazel nut, in a teacup, fill with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse by the fire for half an hour, stirring occasionally until liquorice is dissolved. Strain, and add to the clear liquid a teaspoonful of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and stir still dissolved. When cold give in the drinker in place of plain water.

C. ELLIS.—Reminded by post.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

DISINFECTING CAGES (C. G.).—Thoroughly scrub the cages with warm soda-water, adding a dash of Jeyes' Disinfectant, and using Lifebuoy or Coal Tar soap, and leave them out in the air as long as possible before putting any birds into them. (2) The cage you mention would be large enough for a pair of Hardbills. (3) Yes, the Crossbill should be included among the Hardbills. His diet should consist of sunflower, hemp and canary, 3 or 4 mealworms daily, and other insects for a change. Offer the core and tips of apples, smashed nuts and berries in season; also the cones of pine and fir trees, when quite ripe and about to open and spread their seeds. Maize, dani and wheat will sometimes be taken, and a change of food is good for them.

BRITISH BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Bullfinch).—I would advise you not to have more than one pair of Bullfinches, but the other pairs could be put in, or to make variety you might include a pair of Linnets or Greenfinches. No doubt some of them would attempt to breed if properly treated, but there is never any certainty about British birds doing so. (2) A good seed mixture would be canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 1 part, with a few sunflower seeds daily and a mixture of other seeds such as hemp, niger, gold of pleasure, and maw 3 days a week, allowing a spoonful to each bird. All kinds of green food and wild seeds should be given freely. Hang up nest boxes, wicker nests and small cages, surrounding them with heather to give seclusion. Collect old nests, fine roots, moss and cow hair, and give them plenty to build with.

A NEW BEGINNER (Arthur Elton).—I am glad you like the paper, but I fear you have misread much by not taking it earlier. When your hens are ready to nest (which will be when they are in high condition, flying from perch to perch, constantly flapping their wings and calling, put one of them in a cage by itself, and then introduce its partner, either the Greenfinch or Linnet. If they get on pretty well together give them a nest-pan or box and some moss and cow-hair to build with. Your general management will be practically the same as for Canaries, and I would advise you to get our Nutshell booklet No. 5, post free 2d. It gives you all the information on feeding and rearing the young. You say one of your Yorkshire Canaries is singing, if so it must be a cock bird, not a hen as you state.

REFUSING GREEN FOOD (D. A. J.).—As a rule Goldies are quite ready to take their share of any green food that is being distributed. The kinds you have been offering are not what they are particularly fond of, and you may have better success with dandelion and sow-thistle, but I think your best plan would be to place them in a cage with another bird that is a green-food eater, remove the seed box for a couple of hours, and then give them some. With a little perseverance you may succeed. There is also the possibility of their doing so when you are able to gather bunches of wild seeds and dandelion seed heads. If you fail entirely I would advise you to soak some seeds and give a spoonful every other day until it is eaten; this will take the place of green food.

LINNET MULE BREEDING (A. Mack).—I see nothing unusual in the behaviour of your birds; the hen will frequently pull out the nesting material and fling, but if one waits until she is tired of doing so, and commences to sit in earnest, a new lining can be fastened in and another nest made for her. This should be done in the evening, just before the birds go to roost. You did wrong in breaking the egg; you cannot tell if a newly-laid egg is fertile, and you gained nothing by breaking it. Nutshell booklet No. 5 would help you in your treatment. (2) Two mealworms per day would be sufficient for your bird; you could vary these by collecting other insect life during the summer.

BREEDING WITH HEN LINNET (L. C. F.).—There is no dependence upon British birds for incubating and rearing the young, even in a large aviary. The best way is to give your bird the opportunity, and if she fails, remove the eggs the second time to a good breeding hen Canary. If you could get the Hybrids they would be much more valuable than the Mules.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Starter).—Seed-eaters would suit you for your aviary better than any others, and I would advise the following in pairs: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet and Siskin. If you have trouble in getting any of these, put in a pair of Greenfinches instead. These would be enough to commence with. See that the seed boxes are out of the reach of mice. Put in some nesting-places and give them some old nests and plenty of moss and cow-hair. Offer a plentiful supply of wild food during the spring and summer.

LINNET AND ROLLER CANARY (L. M. N.).—If yours is a good Roller he should not be allowed to hear the Linnet's song. (2) You can pair a Linnet with a Roller hen, the young would make good singing Mules.

FEEDING CHAFFINCH AND GREENFINCH (Bird Lover).—These two birds require quite different treatment, and your best plan is to send for our two little booklets on them, 2d. each, post free. There is no end of information in them, much more than I can give you in these short replies. If in doubt shall be pleased to assist you.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (J. B.).—Put the bird now on to a course of chemical food, with fluid magnesia at intervals (as per directions in previous reply), as necessary to keep the bowels moving quite freely, but not in a continuous state of watery looseness. Are you giving this bird grit? I do not mean ordinary bird sand, but flint grit; you can get such, properly prepared for small birds, from any of our large advertisers. A pinch over the sand-tray daily will suffice. As soon as you can get it, supply seedling and flowering grass liberally, as much as it will eat, but do not supply it while tainted with frost. Keep a millet spray in the cage, removing it when picked clean. Report progress in about a fortnight, by which time it ought to be nearly fit again.

AILING PARROT (G. Smith).—You cannot do better than continue the treatment already given until the bird's condition becomes quite normal. As regards the bird's foot, if it is as you suspect there is a dislocation or some similar injury to the toe, as the mere tearing out of a claw, though leaving a state of soreness for a time, would not prevent the bird gripping its perch properly; many birds lose claws, but this would not reduce it to the state you describe, and I consider especially as the accident or episode you refer to took place some time ago, you had better let a vet. examine the toe in question and see if it can be put right. I should add that a bird with one sound foot would not be likely to over-

balance often in the manner you describe. The refusal to eat the seeds, etc., you name is no great matter.

ROSE-BREADED PARROT (A. W.).—The bird you describe is the Rose-breasted or Roseate Cockatoo. The price you name is rather stiff, unless it was already beginning to talk. Whether it is worth keeping is largely a personal matter for yourself; does it attract you, etc. I can only say that most Roscates make droll and clumsy pets, the majority do not talk much, others do a little better, while a few become quite talented. As soon as it is steady and not scared by members of the household passing near its cage, keep it in your living room, and if it has any aptness for speech it will pick up words and short sentences, which it hears, and similarly mimic cries and calls. When restless and you offer it some tit-bit, talk to it and repeat again and again some short sentence you would like it to utter.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS IN KITCHEN CAGE (C. B.).—(1) If the temperature of the kitchen is changing up and down several times during the day, then it is an unsuitable place, and the Budgies will not thrive, but if you can find a corner for the cage that is well ventilated but not draughty, and the temperature fairly even (not changing every time a meal is cooked), then they should do well. (2) They should be paired up at once. It would have been better a fortnight earlier. (3) If you can manage to fix up four lunks, with their openings towards the light, and at least twelve inches apart, then you can put two pairs in the cage. (4) Yes.

SPICE FINCHES NESTING (A. C.).—These birds are shy breeders, and I should leave the nest pretty severely alone, or if you suspect it is infested with insects, examine it, and if it does not contain eggs remove it, catch the birds up and wash them in a tepid solution of quassia. With plenty of nesting material they will soon construct another nest. Your birds would be the better for some twiggy branches with buds just bursting, such as Hawthorn, privet, rose, and twigs from fruit trees, and it now will be safe to give them garden weeds gathered about noon, by which time frost and dew will have disappeared. Once a week for next month fluid magnesia in the drinking water will benefit the birds—say a tablespoonful of the magnesia to half-pint of water. No need to cage them.

POST MORTEMES.

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Major.—Norwich cock succumbed to septicæmia (not septic fever), a condition in which the blood becomes invaded by germs, which multiply and bring about their harmful influences. I would advise a very thorough system of disinfection of cages, and the administration to your remaining birds of some good blood tonic such as tincture of iron and quinine in doses of five drops daily in the drinking water.

Club Reports.

BOLTON ROLLER C.S.

Meeting, Headquarters, Mar. 14. Decided to hold annual open contest, Jan. 5 and 6. Secs. please note. The delegates' report on the Control Board meeting was endorsed. Mr. Norris's letter came too late for the meeting.—Jas. Kilshaw, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting, Y.M.C.A. Halls, Mar. 18; President in chair. Auditors gave their report, which showed the club in a sound position. Officer-hearers elected: Pres., Mr. J. Rundall; vice-pres., Mr. J. Kennedy; treas., Mr. C. Gibb; committee, Messrs. Cuthbertson, McLean, Melvin, Kerr, Campbell, Perry, Smith, and McEwan; sec., Mr. Thos. J. McGregor, 48, Sarafville Crescent, Larkhall.—T. J. McGregor, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, March 25, headquarters, Mr. Wareing presiding over a good attendance. Balance-sheet submitted showed a gain of 17s. 1d. for the season. Seven new members elected, including a lady member, this bringing the total of members elected this year to 16. Decided that no action be taken in respect of letter from B.R.C.C. until a further meeting of clubs in Manchester in February has been held.—J. T. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ABERDARE C.B.S.

Meeting, Mar. 21, Miller's Restaurant, Mr. T. Davies presided. The Society has decided to run an open show on Nov. 23 at Aberdare, with the two well-known judges—J. H. Payne, Gloucester, Canaries, and E. J. Davies, Cardiff, the remainder. Other societies kindly note, so as not to clash. There is a members' cup for most points in society shows throughout the season, to be won three times in succession for ownership. The F.F. show, first to count for points.—J. M. Shelby-James, Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Annual general meeting at Glasgow, Mar. 18, Mr. Charles Campbell, pres., in the chair. Financial statement for year, which showed a balance of over £8; this being thought fairly satisfactory, the statement was endorsed and passed unanimously. Medals and specials won throughout the year were presented to winners present. Members elected—Messrs. H. R. Hume and John Brown. Subs. are due and new members cordially invited to join. Vote of thanks to chairman concluded meeting.—J. Young, Hon. Sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

General meeting, Llwynnodyn Hotel, Porth, Mar. 23. Chair, Mr. T. James. Decided to leave minutes over until next meeting owing to sec. not being present. Mr. John Wells and Wm. Rees were accepted members and received a hearty welcome. Mr. John Challenger was elected hon. sec., and Mr. A. H. C. Legg, assist. sec. Decided that Mr. Legg should send all reports to CAGE BIRDS in future. Unanimously resolved to buy a shield for competition for members, and several handsome subscriptions were promised. The shield is to be competed for at all three shows—pair show, young bird show and open show, for most points through the year, and to be won twice in succession or three times in all; members competing to pay 2s. a year, thus providing a fund to buy another trophy when the shield is won; the winner each year to receive a gold medal. Members kindly note that headquarters has been changed. Next meeting April 6.—A. H. C. Legg, Assist.-Sec.

WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) C.B.A.

Meeting, Cafe Hall, Mar. 15, Mr. L. Simpson presiding over a good attendance. Show business was gone through, and we nominated a few judges. We have fixed our N.F. show on July 15, and annual show for Nov. 4. Members elected, Mr. P. Smith, Gosforth; Mr. Thompson, South Shields; Mr. Cloud Wallend; Mr. Gray, Byker. Mr. J. Johnson gave a very interesting lecture on colour feeding, and fanciers present listened to it very keenly, and got a few useful hints as to when to start feeding. Questions were asked, and Mr. Johnston answered well. Through shortness of time it was decided to leave over discussion till next meeting, so members please turn up in good numbers, and good time. Election of judges, April 12. New members invited. A very pleasant evening ended with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Johnston. Geo. Greenwell, Sec.

WELSH (N. Counties) F. & F.A.

Meeting at Llandudno Junction, Mar. 8; Mr. James Arundale, chair. It was reported that the Countess of Dundonald, of Gwyrch Castle, Abergele, had favoured the Association by consenting to become President, whilst several local gentlemen had accepted office as vice-presidents. Applications for membership were considered, and the applicants elected en bloc, the chairman expressing the hope that their example would be speedily followed by other fanciers, now that the membership was open to all. The quotation for prospective site of annual open show not having been received, the matter had to be deferred, as also the date of show, provisionally fixed for 1st Wed. in Nov. Decided to fix open prize-money and entry fees as follows:—Prizes, 2s. 6s., 3s.; fee, 2s.; members, 1s. 9d. Entry fees and prizes for local classes left in abeyance.—G. E. Cragg, Hon. Sec.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Meeting Mar. 11, with a good attendance. A discussion arose as to how the section special went. Any member may pool as many birds as he likes, and has to pay 1s. each bird, young birds bred 1916 in Canary and Mule section, and British any age. If 8 birds in a section special goes to best bird in the 4 classes. If 10 or more it would be worked on the sliding scale, and over 8 for second and third, so every man will have to select his best bird which he pools for the 1s. and send them in with his entries, all pools to be paid before May 1. We have nominated our judges to write for terms. Annual show fixed for Nov. 4. Decided that Sec. and Chairman get paid for their work, Sec. 15s. and Chairman 7s. 6d. Four new members, Messrs. Henderson, Hendle, T. Mowbray, and L. Elliott. Next meeting April 15, Pelton Colliery Inn to select judges.—J. Stanger, Sec.

GLASGOW (Derby) O.A.

Annual general meeting, March 17, Grand National Hall, Main St., Gorbals. Mr. J. P. Renwick presided over a good attendance. The financial balance sheet was read and showed a very satisfactory balance. Election of officers: Pres., Mr. J. P. Renwick; vice-pres., Mr. A. McLauchlan; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Jas. Stewart, Junr., 21, Ormonde Park, Muirhead by Glasgow; auditors, Messrs. J. McMahon and L. Scott; committee, Messrs. Phillips Craig, Muir, Livingston, Vernall, etc. Rules were passed as submitted, with the exception of Rule IV., which now reads: "The funds to be divided into sixteen prizes, viz., Four 1sts, four 2nds, four 3rds, and four 4ths, in the proportion of 4, 3, 2, 1." Agreed to delete N.B. on membership card, which means we will have no meeting in June. Decided to hold annual show 30th Sept., in Grand National Hall, Main St., Gorbals. Judges elected and will be published as soon as acceptances are to hand. Vote of thanks to president and sec. brought meeting to a close. A hearty invitation is extended to all Scotch Fancy exhibitors within the seven miles radius wishing to join. Annual sub. 3s. Any further information from Sec.—Jas. Stewart, Junr.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Crown Hotel, Hill-st., Mar. 1, Mr. Broadhurst chair and a large number present. New members proposed, Messrs. Waldron, Smith, Jukes, Stevens, Jones, and Matthey; elected, Messrs. Woodhouse, Parkes, Clarke, Walls, Westwood, Nillward, Layland, Haynes, Cannon, Jones, Baker, and Herbert. This makes 24 new members to commence the year; a grand start, and we can do with more; fanciers wishing to join kindly send your names in by any member, or to the Sec. Messrs. Roe and Norman were elected as judges for open show, Dec. 6, 7. Several Roller members brought birds for the purpose of explaining the tours to the novices of that section. Will all Roller members be present next meeting, April 5, as Mr. Taylor has the rings ready. There will be a lecture by Mr. Weaver, of Wolverhampton on "Seasonable Hints," which will interest all members, and we give a hearty invitation to any fancier who is not a member. Lecture to commence at 8.15. Members please be present at 7.30, so that business can be got over to give Mr. Weaver ample time to explain things; bring young fancier friends, and let us have a crowded meeting.—A. C. Shirley.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Meeting, March 21, Oddfellows Hall, Morley St. Mr. W. French presided over a fine attendance. The Sec. read balance sheet, which showed a loss of about £9 on last show; decided not to print same, owing to cost, but each member will be supplied with a written copy. We hope the novice members will muster in force next meeting, to pick up useful hints, and to discuss notice to alter rules re novice cup at N.F. shows. Mr. W. Luscombe tendered his resignation as assist. sec., which was accepted with regret, he having filled the office to the satisfaction of all. J. E. Rowe was elected pro tem, and we hope one of the members will see his way to fill the office. Messrs. W. H. Soper and Holloway elected members.

Table show of British and Mules, Mar. 21, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley St. Entries totalled 70, and a grand lot they were, every one staged in the best of trim. Linnets and Goldies had 15 each, very close in merit. Special best in show went to the winning light Mule, a very nice 4-pointed. The first attempt at a Linnet singing contest was fairly successful. 8 entries faced the judge, and it caused quite a flutter amongst the members. Judges: Singing contest, Mr. E. S. Lugg; show classes, Mr. G. Pridham; their awards were well received.

Linnet singing contest: G. Pridham, Linnet (15); 1, 3, Cheney; 2, Deebie; 4, 5, Lugg; 6, Perrin; 7, Wills. Goldf. (15): 1, sp, 4, Cheney; 2, 6, Harbilly; 3, 5, Deebie; 7, Wills. Bullf.: 1, Deebie, Siskin, etc. (9): 1, sp, Large; 2, 3, 6, Cheney; 4, Smale; 5, Lugg. Greenf.: 1, 4, Cheney; 2, Lugg; 3, Sondel; 5, 6, 7, Large. A.O. Hardbill (9): 1, 5, 6, Cheney; 2, Large; 3, Wills; 4, Dyer; 7, Deebie. Softbill: 1, sp, Large, Mules (7): 1, sp, sp best in show, Hamblly; 2, Wills; 3, 4, 6, Perrin; 5, Cundy; 7, Large.—J. L. Rowe, Press Corresp.

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MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

General meeting, Mar. 20, Deansgate Hotel, Mr. Raynes presided over a good attendance. Decided to hold N.F. show at the Homing Society Club room. Judges called for Oct. show. Next meeting night Mr. Barker Clegg will give a lecture entitled "The plastic properties of the Cinnamon," so let's have a good attendance. Friends will also be quite welcome.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Meeting, March 22, Hunts Shop, Ocean Road, Mr. J. S. Dixon presided over a good attendance and got through a great amount of business. We have secured as president Mr. Cecil A. Cochrane, M.P. for South Shields Borough; vice-presidents, Mr. T. T. Anderson, who has promised us a handsome present annually to be won by a member; Mr. J. M. Hunt, who has offered us the use of a very large room in King Street to hold our N.F. shows; Messrs. C. S. Cairns, Ald. D. Richardson, Councillor G. E. Evans, H. Robson, J. W. Curry, J. W. Wood, Councillor H. M. Sadler, and we hope by our next meeting to have our list of vice-presidents increased. Agreed that rules drawn up be printed as soon as we get the number of vice-presidents required. Messrs. R. Ridley and Barnes elected trustees. Decided to hold shows as follows: N.F., July 22; annual, Nov. 18. We hope these dates will not interfere with other shows in the North. We have got the promise from some of our members that they will get us the staging, and this we accepted with many thanks. New members elected: Messrs. A. Frazer, H. Whitehead, Nessworthy.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

General meeting, headquarters, St. Thomas' School, March 7, and second table show Canaries, British, and Muling Pairs. We had a splendid entry of 66. Mr. Beswick judged Brit. and Mr. Schofield Canaries, and gave every satisfaction. Brit. made a grand show both in quantity and quality, and Mr. Beswick had his work cut out to judge them in time for members to look round, and we had to extend the meeting half an hour to give them a chance to see them. General business, including new members elected and nominated, was got through during judging, and finished up with a vote of thanks to the judges.

Open and Amat. Yorks Cock: 1. Lane, Yorks Hen: 1. Lane, Yorks Pairs: 1. Lane, A.O.V. Can. (Ck.): 1. 3, Garbutt; 2. Lane, Hen: 1. 2, Garbutt; Pairs: 1. 2, Garbutt, Goldf. or Bullf.: 1. 2, Daley; 3. Oldham; 4. Lane; vhc. he, Fairhurst, Linnet, etc.: 1. 2, c. Oldham; 3. 4, Daley; vhc. he, Fairhurst, A.O. Handbill: 1. 2, 4, Oldham; 3. Austin; vhc. Lane, Mule or Hyb.: 1. Daley; 2. 3, Oldham; Muling Pairs: 1. Fairhurst; 2. Daley, Nov. Yorks. Ck.: 1. Blinston; 2. Redditt; 3. 4, Steele, Hen: 1. Redditt; 2. 3, Steele, Pair: 1. Redditt; 2. Blinston, Goldf. or Bullf.: 1. Finlayson; 2. Griffiths, Linnet, etc.: 1. 2, 3, Finlayson; 4. vhc. Griffiths; he, Hill; c. Steele, A.O. Handbill: 1. Hill; 2. 4, Finlayson; 3. Griffiths; vhc. Kilip, Mules: 1. Finlayson; 2. 3, Steele, Muling Pairs: 1. vhc. Blinston; 2. Hill; 3. 4, Steele. Most points: Yorks, Redditt; A.O.V., Garbutt; Brit., Oldham. Best team, 4 Brit., Daley.—H. Boothman.

LONDON AND P.O.S.

A most interesting lecture was given by Mr. Geo. Mortlock at the Raglan Hotel, Mar. 16, at the monthly meeting of London and P.O.S. Mr. Crabbe in the chair, and at the conclusion Mr. Mortlock was bombarded with questions from his interested listeners. Unfortunately the lecture had to be curtailed as much as possible owing to the closing difficulties, but what there was of it was most heartily appreciated.

Mr. Mortlock commenced with a few words on the Goldfinch, which, he said, is well-known as a free breeder with Canaries. It is in condition for breeding when the beak is white, and when it utters the "sippet-slam-sir-witty." Birds that have been kept in a room with a fire or other artificial heat come into condition very early, but Mr. Mortlock advised Mule breeders to wait until good weather came along before pairing up. A sure sign that a Finch is well up in condition is when it swaggers its tail upwards and utters the "cheeter-wee-er." It can then be paired up, with good results.

A Mule breeder does better with a house moulting bird, and with a breeding cage in preference to an aviary, but the cage must be as large as possible and plenty of top room is essential if satisfactory results are desired. Some fanciers think they cannot breed good birds from the Chevalier, but there is a much better chance of securing variegated Mules if a Chevalier is used. In any case, Mule breeding requires close attention and patience, and it takes years to produce a really fine clear bird. Success lies largely in giving the Finches every attention previous to the breeding season. The hens that are used for muling are treated the same as Canaries, but they are not so likely to become egg-bound. Some Yorkshire hens produce good Mules, but they are not so good as the Norwich for the purpose.

Mr. Mortlock then turned his attention to the favourite, the Light Mule, which is the ambition of all Mule breeders to produce, but which is so hard to obtain. A Light Mule always has a more "bloomy" appearance than a dark one, and a marked bird very often throws a beautiful Light or Marked Mule. Light Mules are easily discernable in the nest, almost as soon as hatched; the skin, not the down, is light and clear. If the skin is dark the breeder can expect dark Mules. The bird that makes very ready and successful Mules are the Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Redpoll and Siskin. Mr. Mortlock then spoke of a Bullfinch hen and Greenfinch cock that bred some lovely Mules, though the cocks were not quite such sweet or fluent songsters as the Canary Bullfinches, but the cross could be numbered amongst the Hybrids with attractive plumage. The Redpoll makes a good muler, but a really good coloured Canary is necessary; also the Siskin is a ready breeder, but a very mischievous little rascal when the hen is building, and he has to be watched very carefully for he will sometimes pull the nest to pieces. Goldfinches are similar; they too must be watched, especially when the hen is sitting, for if she leaves the nest the Goldie will sometimes turn the whole lot out, eggs and all.

In conclusion (because the time had slipped by so quickly) Mr. Mortlock said that Mules leave the nest quite early and can do for themselves very much sooner than Canaries, so they stand a better chance of growing up. Numerous questions were asked, which Mr. Mortlock answered readily and fully. A vote of thanks was passed, which brought a happy, instructive and interesting evening to a close.—H. T. Hugkins, Hon. Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KRATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

The Shows.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON.

Show, Mar. 22, "Eagle," Chobham Road, Judge, W. Dalton. Yorks. Ck.: 1. 2, 3, Bayliss; 3. Stevens, Hen: 1. 2, 3, Bayliss, Bred: 1. sp. 2, Soames; 3. r. Stevens; vhc. he, Fish, A.O.V. Can.: 1. Bayliss, Mule: 1. 2, Abbott, Greenf.: 1. he, Bayliss; 2. r. Soames; 3. Stevens; vhc. he, Fish, Redpoll, etc.: 1. 3, r. Bayliss; 2. vhc. Soames, A.O. Brit.: 1. sp. 2, 3, Bayliss; r. Stevens.—A. Wacey, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK C.B.S.

Show of muling pairs, March 3, Foresters' Hall, Judge, Mr. Craig. Goldf. and Canary: 1. sp. Fraser; 2. sp. Cairns; 3. Clark, Linnet and Can.: 1. sp. Hyslop; 2. Priest, Siskin Can.: 1. McGregor, Redpoll Can.: 1. sp. Flemming; 2. Hyslop; 3. Clark; 4. Priest, Greenf. Can.: 1. sp. Flemming; 2. Hyslop; 3. McGregor; 4. Anderson, A.O.V. and Can.: 1. sp. Priest; 2. Hyslop; 3. Anderson.—P. Clark, Hon. Sec.

MAESTEG C.B.S.

First Members' Table Show, Bird in Hand Hotel, March 31, Judge, Mr. J. Beynon. Sixteen members staging forty birds. The exhibits were of fair quality, considering the society is in its infancy. British were of a better type than some of the Canary section, and would hold their own in larger shows. Nor.: 1. 3, Morgan; 2. W. Williams, Yorks.: 1. Huntley; 2. W. Williams; 3. Parry, P.M. Goldf.: 1. 2, Roberts; 3. W. Williams, Linnet: 1. 3, C. Williams; 3. Evans, British, A.V.: 1. T. Williams; 2. Gates; 3. C. Williams.

ABERDARE C.B.S.

Table show, Mar. 28, Judge, W. Davies, Aberaman. Nor. Yell. Ck.: 1. 2, G. Davies; 3. Evans, Buff: 1. Evans; 2. Jno. Davies; 3. Jos. Davies, Yess. Hen: 1. Jos. Davies; 2. Evans, Buff: 1. 2, G. Davies; 3. Jos. Davies, Yorks.: 1. T. Davies, Brit. Hardbill: 1. 2, 3, T. Davies, For.: 1. Jos. Davies, Can. A.V.: 1. 2, 3, G. Davies, Mules and Hyb.: 1. 3, T. Davies; 2. G. Davies, Silver Medals.—Bost Nor., G. Davies, Best Second Prize: John Davies, Most points: Geo. Davies, Best third prize, A. Evans.—J. M. Shelby-James.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Annual pair show, Mar. 22, George Hotel, Yorks. turning up particularly well. Norwich were also in good numbers and of good quality. The Mule and Hybrid pairs were a feature of the show and were greatly admired by the many visitors. Mr. T. Wright, York, judged and gave satisfaction. Yorks.: 1. 2, Blackburn; 3. 4, Stainsby, Nor.: 1. 2, Scott; 3. 4, Gale, Mules: 1. Robinson; 2. Harrow; 3. Carter; 4. Raisbeck, Hybrid: 1. Robinson; 2. 3, 4, Hearfield, A.O.V.: Raisbeck.—W. Hearfield, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting and show of British, Co-op. Hall, Mar. 10, Mr. P. Allan presiding over a good attendance. Prize cards and specials for pair show and prize money for annual show were distributed to those present. Member enrolled, Alexander McLean. Specials for British bird show were kindly given by the following gentlemen: G. Henderson (3), G. McGown, P. Allan, H. Hyslop and D. Lunn. Entries did not come quite up to last year's total, but quality was as good. Mr. Edmund Taylor, Shettleston, judged, and gave satisfaction.

Goldf. or Bullf.: 1. Proudfoot, Linnet: 1. Stewart; 2. Hyslop, Greenf.: 1. sp. Stewart; 2. Glass; 3. Mitchell; 4. Hyslop, Siskin or Twite: 1. P. Allan, Redpoll: 1. sp. Hyslop; 2. Glass; 3. P. Allan, Chaffinch or Bramble: 1. Hyslop; 2. P. Allan, Hens for Hyb. Breeding: 1. sp. P. Allan; 2. Hyslop; 3. Mitchell, Bunting: 1. sp. P. Allan; 2. Hyslop, Large Brit.: 1. Hyslop, For., including Goldfinch: 1. sp. P. Allan, Dark Mule: 1. two sps, 2. P. Allan. Next meeting and lecture by Mr. R. Heggie, Stepps, April 14, at 8; trusting to have a full attendance.—Wm. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

The most successful and interesting table show and lecture on British birds ever held by the society was at Headquarters, March 20. Much disappointment was felt at the inability of Mr. Allen Silver to attend as judge and lecturer, but Mr. G. E. Weston kindly consented to officiate—no mean task, considering the entries numbered 55. Members and visitors attended in force, numbering over 50, a testimony to the popularity of Mr. Silver. Staging was completed by the appointed time, thanks to energetic seers, and committee men, and judging was carried on in full view of all. First prizes were won as follows: — Greenf. (10): 1st, Kent, Knight, Goldf. (9): Beeching, Linnet (8): Shorter, Bullf. (1): Kent, Brambling (5): Wale, Chaff. (4), Redpoll (6), Yellowhammer (4), Hens (5), A.O.S. (3), all Knight.

Judging completed, Mr. G. E. Weston invited questions and criticisms. Many questions were asked and suitably answered, after which the judge took all classes in rotation and discoursed at length on the merits of each specimen. So engrossed were the audience that the arrival of 11 p.m. came as a shock. Mr. Weston complimented the members upon such an unusually fine display and explained his awarding of two 1sts to the Greenfinch class, the birds being two of the best he had encountered on the bench, a tribute indeed to their owners. Messrs. Marriott's spl. for best bird was shared by these two. A vote of thanks to Mr. Weston concluded an evening which will be remembered by all present.—F. C. Knight, Corres., Sec.

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YORKSHIRES wanted, any quantity, colour fed or non-fed, prices 8/6 to £1 per pair, 2/- to 5/- each for hens, 5/6 to 10/6 each: Powers and Russell, 77, Slater-st., London, E. See displayed advt. (384)

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Various Canaries.

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WANTED, cock Canaries, must be in song; state prices; also hens wanted: Mrs. Elliott, 104, Kirk-gate, Wakefield. (385)

YORKSHIRE cock, 7/6; two large Norwich cocks, 8/6 each; seven unfledged birds; wanted talking Parrot; stamp reply: S. Plumb, c/o 63, Charles-st., Swinton, nr. Rotherham. (382)

SHILL, yellow Norwich hen, green marked Yorkshire hen, pure Roller hen, 12/- lot; nine single and one three-compartment breeding cages, 15/-, or offers: Steele, 56, Scarr Bottom, Halifax. (379)

WANTED, any quantity and any variety of Canaries, will give 8/6 to £1 per pair for good stock, 2/- to 5/-; cocks, 6/6 to 10/6; see other adverts: Powers and Russell, 77, Slater-st., London, E.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

WANTED for cash, all kinds of Mules, Hybrids and Muling birds; offer to Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (379)

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COCK Goldfinch-Canary Mules, 7/6 each: Mrs. Munsell, Grays, West Tytherley, Salisbury. (381)

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GREEN Budgerigars, in breeding condition, 6/- per pair: Robertshaw, 59, Hammond-st., Halifax. (381)

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AMAZON Parrot, good talker, mimic, and whistler, must sell, 45/-; a bargain: T. Perry, 9, Vezey-st., Rhyl. (378)

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PAIR Red-billed Weavers, 7/6; odd Grey Java, 5/6; H.M. cock Chaffinch, 2/-; lot 12/-, 102, Keighley-rd., Skipton. (382)

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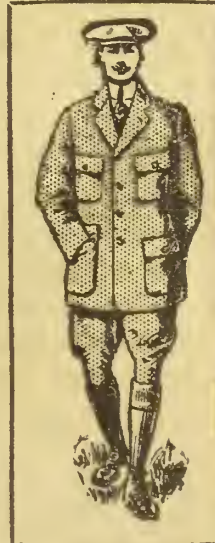
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Aberdeen C.B.S.—Ap. 18, Miller's Restaurant, 7.30. Discuss on the forthcoming show, specials, cups, etc.; General Business.—J. M. Shelby James.

Aldershot C.B.S.—Ap. 19, Station Cafe, 8. Discussion on the "Feeding of Young Birds," opened by Mr. H. Whitby, C. Bailey.

Charlottesville Fanciers' U.S.-K.S.—Ap. 26, St. Luke's, 10. Debate: Addison Road. Show; exhibit, staged by Judge, A. Jepson, C. H. Pope.

Arwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Ap. 18, St. Thomas' Old Schoolroom (entrance, Chapel Street), 8. Election of judges open show; notice question night.—A. E. Thorpe.

Barrington C.B.S.—Ap. 11, Social Club, 7. To take subs.; admit new members, and other society business.—Thos. Sanderson.

Clapham C.B.A.—Ap. 18, 8. Classification for annual open show.—T. J. Hose.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Ap. 29, 81, Killick Road, 7.45. Judges for F.F. show and other business.—Wm. Kane.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Ap. 20, Carlton Hotel, 8. To fix date of open show; elect judges; and other very important business. Table show, Bullfinch cock, Mule or Hybrid, E. Thomas.

Coventry O.S.—Ap. 19, Dolphin Inn, Market Sq., 8. Special meeting.—J. Kent.

Coaltown of Wemyss C.B.S.—Ap. 18, Gothenburg Hall, 6.30. Lecture and arrangements for raffle for June 5.—A. Storrar.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Ap. 19, Lamb Hotel, 8. Judging competition, British and Hybrids. Judges, Messrs. H. Brown and G. Stevens.—A. S. Treasure.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Raith Arms Inn, Ap. 22, 4. Table show of Linnets, Greenfinch and Redpoll; also presentation.—A. Robertson.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 19, George Hotel, 7.30. Business important re cup, etc.—Wm. Hearfield.

Dalton-in-Furness C.B.A.—Ap. 15, C.M. Room, 7.30. Admission of new members and N.E. show. Fanciers welcome.—T. Hale.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Ap. 18, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Arrangements for raffle. New members invited; also former members made welcome. Question night.—John C. Charlton.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—Ap. 15, Black Swan, 6. To consider a proposal on capturing the Canary trade, and other important business.—A. Walton.

Garston B.B.A.—April 19, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. British night show; full classification; and other business. Judge, Mr. D. Griffiths, R. T. Lonsdale.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Ap. 15, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Mr. J. Fairman will give his experience and lecture on the Yorkshire. Fanciers welcome. W. Gilbert.

Lancely C.B.S.—Ap. 15, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. Very important business. D. H. Davies.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Ap. 18, The White Swan, 8. Presentation of trophies won at night shows. Questions and answers.—Day and Roberts.

Leigh C.B.S.—Ap. 19, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Mr. W. Ordish will continue the opening of discussion.—R. Charleson.

Mansfield F.R.—Ap. 19, Lower Victoria Hall, Leeming Street. Table show. Judging at 6. E. O. Davies.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Ap. 20, Kelydon Hall, Wadham Green, 8. Important business.—C. W. Woolley.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Ap. 17, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. Catmore, Liverpool on the "Possibilities of Hybrid Breeding, etc." Friends invited. F. Wilkinson.

Newham C.B.S.—Ap. 19, Institute, Newham, 7.30. To select a judge. Those wishing to join can do so by sending their name to Sec. Wm. Gibb, 39, South Row, New D-Val, Newham.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Ap. 18, St. Stephen's School, Curran Street, Harpurhey, 8. P.F. show business. New members invited. Subs. due.—A. Colley.

North London C.B.A.—Ap. 19, Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. General debate. P. W. Jeffries.

Norwich Specialist Crested Canary Assn.—Ap. 26, Mr. Brimble's, 105, Pottergate Street, 8.30. Open classes.—E. P. Gilbert.

Open Norwich Plainhead Club—Ap. 15, Oddfellows' Hall, Thornton Road, Bradford, 6.30. General meeting. Members please try and attend for once, S. Wilcock.

Plymouth W.C.O.S.—Ap. 18, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, 8. Alteration of rules and questions. W. A. Dyer.

Penygraig C.B.S.—Ap. 20, Butcher's Arms, 7. General business; subs. due. T. I. Evans.

Richmond C.B.S.—Ap. 17, St. John's Hall, 8. "Questions and Answers." General business; if a good attendance prize will be given.—Colin Brown.

Sacriston P.P.R. & C.B.S.—Ap. 15, Mrs. H. Abbot's Tea Rooms, Front Street, 5.30. Business important.—Wm. Dodd.

South Shields "Always Ready" C.B.S.—Ap. 19, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. All V.P. names must be sent in; business very important. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. W. Watson.

Wanstead F. & F.S.—Ap. 20, Cambridge Park Hall, Wanstead, 8. Gen. meeting and show, all sections. P. King judge cage birds. H. S. Loft house.

West Stanley Patriotic F.F. and C.B.S.—Ap. 16, Sandhole Club, 6.30. Distributing funds.—R. Hutchinson.

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A Cornishman in the United States.

Mr. J. G. Rogers, 74, Barrington Street, Rochester, New York, and late of Helston, Cornwall, wishes us to state that he would like to correspond with any fellow fancier in America.

Migrants Arriving.

Reports of the arrival of our spring migrants are now getting frequent. Wheat-eaters and Chiffchaffs have been here for some days, and Sand Martins and Pied Wagtails are reported from Cheshire. The latest arrival is a Swallow, reported in "The Times" of April 7 as having been noted at Christchurch, Hampshire. The ultra early Cuckoo, usually so familiar in the newspapers from Christmas onwards, seems to have given us a rest this year, but notes are coming in showing that the real Cuckoo has now arrived, through the date is still full early.

The Song of the Ring Ousel.

The Ring Ousel has arrived, for it is one of our earliest summer birds, and comes with or even just before the Wheatear, says "F.Z.S." in the "Liverpool Daily Post." At the very beginning of the month a friend of mine saw five on the high grouse moors of the Lancashire-Yorkshire border, and he was told that they had been noticed nearly a week earlier. On these moors the Ousel nests in the grit walls, or, more frequently, in the steep banks cut by the streams which drain the spongy mosses and carve deep ditches in the hillsides. The voice of the bird lacks the richness of that of its cousin, the Blackbird, but it is wild and free; in harmony with the rugged grey rocks and open heather-clad wastes to which it returns in early spring before the last snowdrifts have melted from the sheltered sides of the walls.

Swallow's 6,000 Miles' Journey.

Referring in "British Birds," April issue, to the Swallow reported in CAGE BIRDS of Mar. 25 as having been recovered in S. Africa, Mr. Witherby says that this is the third Swallow ringed under the "British Birds" scheme which has been reported from S. Africa. The first was ringed as an adult at Cheadle on May 6, 1911, and caught near Utrecht, Natal, Dec. 27, 1912; the second was ringed as a nestling at Skelmorlie, Ayrshire, July 27, 1912, and recovered at Biel Valley, Orange Free State, Mar. 16, 1913.

This third instance, two or three hundred miles further south, and, like the others, is extremely interesting, says Mr. Witherby, and makes it possible to state that in any case some of the Swallows which breed in the British Isles winter normally in the extreme south-east of Africa.

"I cannot possibly answer all the correspondence resulting from my last week's advt. of Norwich in CAGE BIRDS. I have replied to many letters and could have sold many more birds. I hope the day is not far distant when I shall be in full swing again; it is a forced sale owing to the war."—A. E. EBBAGE. (Norwich.)

"Kindly thank all enquirers about my fifteen-penny advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I have had over 70 letters and postcards, also 37 postal orders up till now. I have sent back all money that arrived too late, and would suggest that all sending P.O.s should also enclose stamps in case they should have to be returned."—G. KEN. NETH (Arbroath).

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

BOWBURN.

Linnet singing will be held Ap. 15, Toulson's, Wheatheaf; meet 2 p.m. Fairless judge. (Advt.)

THORNLEY.

Linnet singing contest held Workman Club Ap. 8, a very large company present. The winning bird sang 25 notes, out of 3. 1, Allcroft, 2, 4, Hoyland, 3, Earl, Judge, Admon, Thacker, Charlton.—Calvert, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing on, Empire Hotel, Bolton rd., Ap. 22. This is known as our Easter contest. There will be several good prizes. We shall be glad to see old and new friends.—T. Hayhurst, Sec. (Advt.)

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, time singing; 62 entered and some very good singing was heard. 1, B. Nelson, 118; 2, 3, Crompton, 34 and 81, Ap. 9, 45 entered. 1, Wainwright, 101, 2, Crompton, 83; 3, W. Nelson, 67. All members should clear off the books for big sing at Easter.—W. Dolson, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Ap. 8, under a moderate company. Shepherd timer, and Wareing chaker, for 4 minutes' time sing. 1, Jones, 3min, 44 sec., 3.39; 3, Hardman, 3.36, Ap. 9, 3 minutes' time singing, when some of the best singing since the club formed was heard, Hardman and Jones doing all the 3min.; Dowley, 2.50; Davis, 2.42. We should like to have last week's challenge accepted. J. Hardman, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club open contest Ap. 8, for time and quality; 40 birds entered. Time, 1, Fairhurst, 159; 2, J. Murphy, 102; 3, E. Murphy, 97; 4, Cowburn, 65. Quality: 1, T. Statham, 2, 3, dead-heat, Rigby and A. Jones; 4, Knowles, Timers, W. Meadows, J. Statham; minute, J. Murphy; judges, J. W. Jones, T. Statham. Next open contest Ap. 15, Lion Inn, Bolton New Road, Atherton.—R. Disley, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest, club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, Ap. 8; 45 entered for four minutes' time singing. 1, 3, 4, Blackshear; 2, Beard. Open sing Ap. 9, three minutes' time singing, 36 birds. Blackshear and E. Clayton dead heat for 2 and 3, sang off for second place Mr. Clayton winning by one. 1, Scottson; 2, E. Clayton; 3, Blackshear.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Open Linnet contest for a copper kettle added to a 6d. entrance each bird, Easter Sat., Ap. 22. Also Linnet Bird Waterloo, Easter Monday, Ap. 24. Entrance, 2s. 6d. each bird. Hurry up with your nominations.—J. Beard, Hon. Sec.—(Advt.)

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Leeds, Ap. 9. 36 birds sang: 1, 2, shared Wigfield and Binnis. Judges, S. Butterfield and C. Ward.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Linnet Contest, Talbot Hotel, Wordsworth Street, Kirkstall Road, April 9; 26 birds were hung, and some very fair singing was heard, considering most of the competitors were novices as it is a new club: 1, Dobson; 2, Smith; 3, Batchelor; 4, Quinlan. Judges, Sellers and Goodwin. Please send name and address of Secretary (Editor).

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club contest Ap. 2; 29 birds. Judges, A. Lorrain, N. Solomon; 1 and 2 shared J. Chipendale, Dearlove; 3, J. Chipendale; 4, Turner. April 9, 18 birds sang. 1, 3, J. Chipendale; 2, 4, Dearlove. Judges, A. Lorrain, N. Solomon.—F. Turner, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing Ap. 8; 28 birds sang. 1, Jim Chipendale; 2, Thompson; 3, J. Chadwick; 4, Wigfield; 5, Wharman. Judge, Jennings and Crane. Ap. 9, 31 birds sang. 1, Buttery; 2, Jim Chipendale; 3, J. Chadwick; 4, T. Ineson; 5, Wood. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor. Extra contest Ap. 9, 14 sang. 1, Jim Chipendale; 2, Thompson; 3, G. Hirst. Judges, Hardcastle and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

In consequence of the Easter Holidays next week's issue of CAGE BIRDS will be published one day earlier, and be on sale Thursday Morning, April 20th.

Correspondents will oblige by letting us have their communications by Monday, April 17th. In any case all copy must reach us by Tuesday (April 18th) first post at latest.

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Twitterings.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds reports that protection by-laws have now been secured by all counties except Merionethshire.

Mr. C. Huntley writes that, in addition to 1st in Yorks at the show at the Maesteg C.B.S., he won vic in Norwich and champion special in Yorks.

We have had forwarded for inspection a sample of the rings advertised by the Sunderland Ring Co. The rings are well finished without rough edges, and the numbers are distinctly embossed. With orders amounting to a shilling a handy pedigree book and cage labels are given free.

As a result of the West Stanley Patriotic F.F. and C.B. Show, writes Mr. R. Hutchinson, sec., we have £35 16s. 3d. to distribute among wounded soldiers, which is very good seeing we only had five weeks from the first meeting to the show. The auditors, Messrs. J. Middleton and J. Armitage, have certified the accounts. We thank you for your kindness in publishing reports of meetings, etc.

I was very pleased to see such a splendid drawing of my birds on the front page of CAGE BIRDS for April 3, writes Miss A. B. Smyth. Since the Holborn Show I have parted with the Jay, but still have the Thrush; he is a most cheerful whistler. The birds' different characters are very clearly marked in the picture. The stillness of the Thrush and the look of inquiry in the Jay's eye are wonderfully expressed; the Jay has evidently seen some insect move. All good wishes to a most helpful paper.

Messrs. J. Howard and Sons, the well known bird exporters of London and Norwich, wish to return thanks to the secretary and members of the bird societies of Ireland for the recommendations they have given to brothers of Canaries to send birds to their depots for sale, thus enabling them to supply their shipping orders as they have come in. They are still offering liberal prices for all kinds of birds, to fill orders for abroad.

The opening article in the April number of the "Avicultural Magazine," the journal of the Avicultural Society, is on the "Mott and Mr. H. D. Astley, and is illustrated with a beautiful coloured plate. A French Member contributes "More Notes on Humming Bird," and among the other articles are "Nesting Habits of the Mistletoe Bird" by S. A. Lawrence and R. T. Littlejohn; "The Feeding of Insectivorous Birds" by P. F. M. Galloway, etc.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

A Veteran Crossbill.

In his "Manx Ornithological Notes," in the April issue of "British Birds," Mr. P. G. Raffe mentions a Crossbill, taken near Ramsey in 1901, which lived in captivity for fourteen years, and died on Sept. 3 last year. The bird sang till about a year before its death.

A Yorkshire Fancier's

Narrow Escape.

I hear to-day, writes Mr. E. Thomas (Cardiff), that Pte. J. Dugmore, the well known Yorkshire exhibitor, is in hospital in France. His dug-out was blown up, and he is very badly bruised and deaf.

Dates of 1916 Bird Shows.

Further shows for which dates have been fixed are: Accrington C.B.S., Oct. 13, 14; Gateshead C.B.S., Dec. 8, 9. Secretaries should make a note of these and other dates as they are published, so that clashing may be avoided as far as possible.

Rooks in London City.

A pair of Rooks are building their nest in Fountain Court, Temple. This is the first time for many years that they have been noted within the Temple boundaries, although close by, in Gray's Inn, there has been a Rookery from time immemorial. The Gray's Inn Rooks have been disturbed this year by the drilling which is continually going on and by the strains of the military bands.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the Easter Holidays, the Editorial Offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Thursday evening, April 20, to Tuesday morning, April 25. Correspondents will greatly oblige by posting their communications to reach us on Thursday, and queries to which an answer is desired in the following issue must be in hand not later than Thursday afternoon.

Proposed Roller Section

for Gateshead C.B.S.

At a meeting of the Gateshead C.B.S. on Mar. 18, writes Mr. M. Curry, sec., a discussion arose as to whether we should add a Roller section to our society, and it was decided to appeal through CAGE BIRDS to Roller fanciers for their views on the same. If we can get their support, our members will be very pleased to meet them. Our next meeting will be May 13th in Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, at 8, when we shall be pleased to see fanciers interested in this variety present. If any fancier cannot attend and will send his views to me, I will lay the same before the members. Mr. Curry's address is 6, Roxburgh Place, Heaton, Newcastle on Tyne.

Use our Notepaper.

Canaries for the Wounded ... and ... English Canaries for Overseas.

The Scheme in Being: Organiser Appointed.

WE have the pleasure of announcing that we have now appointed a special organiser of our double scheme of providing Canaries for wounded soldiers and of ultimately capturing for our own country the enormous export trade in song Canaries which has hitherto been largely a monopoly of our enemies, the Germans.

The work will be in the hands of Mr. A. G. Filby, whose letter appeared in our issue dated April 8. He will have plenty to do, and we have no doubt he will do it well.

A Committee to be Appointed.

In the meantime, steps have been taken to establish a committee of representative Canary breeders, and letters have been sent out to secretaries of societies inviting the nomination of delegates who will be prepared to serve on this committee.

We are again publishing a selection from the many helpful letters received during the week, and these and all others will receive earnest consideration.

The suggestion of Mr. Hardbattle, the secretary of Leicester C.B.S., that collecting cards be printed and sent to Cage Bird Societies is an excellent one. The cards are now in the hands of the printers, and will be sent to all secretaries as soon as ready. There are nearly 800 cage bird societies in our country, and a little help from each would mean a wonderful total in aid of our wounded heroes.

As will be seen by the letter of Mr. Ousman, the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S. has anticipated the idea of a collection, and has already made a "whip round." We have no doubt that many other societies have acted similarly, and that their announcements will come along in due course. There are, indeed, few among those who have been compelled to stay at home who are without relations or friends who have been "doing their bit," and there are few who are unable to express in some way their appreciation of the heroism displayed by those who have striven on the field of battle in the cause of justice and civilisation.

It is the most natural thing in the world for a fancier to help a brother fancier, and we are confident that our appeal will meet with the universal support of all those who have been enabled to "carry on" with their hobby through the long months of war.

A Good Idea.

We should like to call especial attention to the letter of Mr. J. Bastock. He offers a pair of birds from his own stock, and tenders for these should be sent to us. The idea is one which will appeal to many, we are sure, and we shall be pleased to give publicity to similar offers from readers who will follow his example.

During the short time which has elapsed since our scheme was first mooted we have received several offers of birds and appliances, and if those who have made the offers will put a price on their gifts we shall be pleased to publish their letters. In this way as pointed out by Mr. Bastock, birds which might not be the best for any particular case will be turned into money, and the money will serve to purchase such birds as may be desired by the individual applicants, or to meet any case which may be brought to our notice.

Mr. Filby, who is to undertake the organisation of the business part of the scheme, commences his duties next week, and will have something to say in an early issue. We think, therefore, that we shall do well for the present simply to ask our readers to think over the importance of the capturing of the foreign Canary trade, and let us have any fresh ideas that may occur to them. Every suggestion will have very careful consideration.

Who Gives Quickly, Gives Twice.

In the meantime do not forget that the scheme in aid of our wounded heroes is a separate proposition. Don't think about this, but let us have your help in money or in kind. "Money a mickle maketh a mickle."

As will be seen from the report in our "Club Reports" column of the meeting of the Leeds Roller Club, the association which gave our fund such a good start with the donation of £1 announced in our issue of April 1, the members of the club have endorsed the generous action of the committee, and have agreed to do their best to help forward our undertaking. With such support as this, backed up, as we are sure it will be, by other socie-

ties throughout Great Britain and Ireland, the success of our scheme in aid of our wounded and otherwise incapacitated soldiers is assured.

Our subscription list to date is:—
Amount already acknowledged £9 19 6
Mrs. M. J. Parker ... 2 6
£10 2 0

What Bids for These?

SIR,—I note your appeal for birds for wounded soldiers. Now I would suggest that you give a free advert. to any fancier willing to give any birds to a fund started by readers of CAGE BIRDS. It is no use talking about it; let us be up and doing. To start it, I will give a real good yellow 1915 cock and buff hen to match, well worth 30s., to the highest tender, the money to be sent to you for the benefit of your fund, and I will forward the birds to the purchaser upon hearing from you. A special column for such adverts. will, no doubt, meet with success, and I think this will be better than giving the birds direct to applicants, for it would obviate their being furnished with birds of a variety they did not favour, while out of the funds provided you could ask for birds to meet expressed requirements, and you would doubtless be supplied with birds worth more than the money asked for them.

The scheme would, therefore, have a double value. Birds would, in the first place, be given by those who might not give cash, and the cash received by you on their sale would purchase other birds which would not only be worth more than the price asked for them, but would exactly meet the requirements of the wounded soldiers in need of them. If the applicants are members of a society their applications could be made through the secretary, who would, of course, vouch for the bona-fides of each case.

J. BASTOCK.

Moseley.

Stoke-on-Trent Gets to Work.

SIR,—Your idea of Canary breeding, as a supplement to the curtailed earnings of disabled soldiers on their return to civil life, is of great interest, and is worthy of the closest attention and support of all in connection with the cage bird fancy, but unless the scheme is carefully and thoroughly organised, and made systematic, the result will be a flooding of local markets, and a consequent slump in prices, which will leave the dealer to garner all the profit, while the breeder, for his season's work and expenditure, will not get change for sixpence.

Given the support it deserves, your scheme will creditably institute a supply, but it must not stop here if a bona-fide attempt is to be made to capture the foreign and Colonial markets, and a system should be arranged whereby the producer shall get the utmost available profit for his labour.

To this end much attention will be necessary to see that the collection or assembling, and also the distribution of the supply, should be done on an equitable basis, and not left to individual profiteering, as the prices now offered are not at all a safe standard, being abnormal, and they will not hold when the supply is increased or when Peace comes, and things generally become more normal.

With regard to the supply, I think the following points should be considered: (1) Type may be negligible, except that the birds should be fairly small, of good colour and voice. (2) Economical methods of feeding, housing, and attention should be adopted, preferably the flight method, and food must be bought at wholesale prices. (3) One cock must answer for a number of hens. (4) Young cocks must be sorted out early for liberal treatment in order to get on song quickly. (5) A course of tuition under a good Schoolmaster is desirable.

This gives us the material ready for disposal, and here arises the question of how best to assemble the birds in convenient batches at centres best adapted for railway consignment to appointed destinations. This, to my mind, requires very careful organisation, and the solution of this problem will be found by amalgamating the best features of the various methods put forward for your consideration, and maturing the scheme on a thoroughly sound basis.

In common with Mr. East, who writes in your issue of April 8, I am of the opinion

that a co-operative scheme would be an advantage, especially for the collection and disposal of the birds, and on this account, without trespassing any further on your space, would refer you to my paper on this subject which you were good enough to publish so far back as Dec. 5, 1914 (your Christmas Number). The principle is there, and the details could be varied on many ways, and still achieve the same object.

I do not know if the Hon. Sec. of our society, Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A., has yet written you on this subject, but it was brought up at our monthly meeting last Monday, and a whip round was made, so you may expect a cash donation when he has "got at" our members who were not present at that meeting. I raise my hat to CAGE BIRDS for its magnificent offer to the paid organiser. Good luck!

Stoke-on-Trent.

E. OUSMAN.

Valued Help Promised from Leicester.

SIR,—At our meeting last Wednesday I placed before our members your scheme for supplying disabled soldiers with Canaries. I have pleasure in stating that we are willing to back you up, both with a subscription (which I hope to forward next week) and help. We are prepared, if you decide to divide the country up into districts, to take charge of this one—subject to your approval, of course.

I should like to add my little suggestions to the number that you already have. Why not work this in conjunction with the Cage Bird League, making us all members of one national association, with a small annual subscription, and, when selling time comes, have the birds gathered together at the different centres, somewhat on the lines of the poultry egg-collecting scheme?

In regard to variety, I do not think it wise to keep to any one in particular, and, with all respect to the Roller fanciers, our own Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders can hold their own as song birds; the song does not deteriorate to anything like the same extent the training would not be so difficult or elaborate, and they have a much better appearance. Would it be advisable to have collecting cards printed, and sent to different societies for building up funds? Wishing the scheme all success.

J. HARDBATTLÉ.

Sec., Leicester C.B.S.

Cheltenham C.B.S. to Discuss the Scheme

SIR,—I am very interested in your scheme to help incapacitated soldiers in augmenting their incomes by Canary breeding, and, incidentally, capture the German trade. That such a scheme is practicable is certain, but what occurs to my mind is, "What is best?"

In talking the matter over with our Chairman, Mr. Madagan, we decided that the subject should be brought up at our next meeting, and the views of the members taken. May I suggest that you ask all societies to discuss it, and the Secretaries report to you the principal points? In this way you would get at the views of people who would never "blossom into print," and a good working scheme could be evolved from the various opinions.

I am rather inclined towards Mr. E. C. East's suggestion of a limited company, but whatever plan is adopted, it will require a vast amount of organising, and a great deal of work, for the committee, or whatever body is appointed.

A. S. TREASURE,

Hon. Sec., Cheltenham C.B.S.

An Encouraging Press Letter.

SIR,—Congratulations on your scheme for helping wounded soldiers. I think it is a most excellent idea, and while I do not, of course, think that it is going to provide the men with sufficient income to live upon, it is none the less going to augment their meagre allowance from the Army.

I shall have great pleasure in referring to it from time to time in "The Smallholder," and for this reason shall be pleased if you will keep me posted as to events.

THE EDITOR.

Correspondence.

For Soldiers in Hospital.

SIR,—I am writing on behalf of our nation. She says she will be pleased to hand round any papers or books that any readers of CAGE BIRDS would like to send along, also any sort of Coloured Plates to hang up in the wards; they will help to make pictures, besides helping to get more fanciers. There are 80 beds in this house, and nearly all full, so I hope you will do your best on behalf of the staff and my comrades. If any of your readers have any books on any other fancy they might be so kind as to send them along if they do not want them. A singing Canary and cage would be very greatly appreciated by the wounded soldiers in the ward. The Matron thinks your fund a good idea, and wishes it success.

PTE. J. W. GILL, 4043, 4th York.

Dalmieny House, Edinburgh.

[We have forwarded some copies of CAGE BIRDS and some coloured plates, and are publishing this letter in the hope that some of our readers will oblige as desired.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

Two Shrapnel Shells—One Skylark.

SIR,—Thinking it may interest readers of CAGE BIRDS, I am writing to tell you of an experience of a Skylark in the trenches, as communicated in a letter from Private Fullerton. He says that a shrapnel shell bursting over the trench brought down a Skylark, which was stunned by the shock. As it recovered it hopped on to the hand of one of the soldiers, who carried it some distance away along the trench. Here he met a sergeant who was about to return home on leave, and a cage was made out of a rum box. The writer says it was more like a cage for a lion than a Skylark, but it served the purpose.

As the sergeant was proceeding down the trench, after being relieved from duty, "quite happy with his souvenir," the Germans started shelling again. A bit of shrapnel smashed the cage to bits, and the Skylark disappeared entirely, no one knowing whether it got away or was killed. The sergeant carrying the cage escaped with a slight cut on the upper lip.

J. NICOLSON.

The Song of the Canary.

SIR,—Mr. W. Napper says we do not know all the secrets of Nature. That is quite true, but it is for the ornithologist, etc., to solve the problems of Nature. What were once secrets are now well-known facts. For instance, it used to be a disputed point as to whether a young Cuckoo, a day or a few days old, could eject eggs, and young birds from the nest, but I got Mr. Peat Millar, of Beith, to take a series of snapshots of a young Cuckoo a few days old, and while still blind, in the act of ejecting a young bird from the nest, and this made a final and permanent settlement of that vexed question. I am surprised at Mr. Napper, being a birdy man, knowing so little about the Cuckoo, as it is the most extraordinary bird, as well as the most interesting that visits this country for the propagation of its species.

Unlike Mr. Napper, I have a vivid recollection of your correspondents engaging in discussions in long-past years. Although Mr. Napper is growing old, I am well aware he is not old enough to have been present at the Creation. What I asked for was his views on how birds learnt, or got their separate songs, etc.

I will give my views on how birds got their separate songs, etc., and leave Mr. Napper to criticise them, if he wishes to. As we are both getting old, I hope we will both be as canny as we can on one another. Bird sing and nest instinctively. How could birds imitate their father's song after they were created when there were no fathers with songs to imitate? If there were only a few pairs created, there would be few separate songs, and few types of nests, whether birds sing and nest instinctively or by imitation. The separate songs of birds in their wild state are almost infallible. Birds build their nests instinctively, and it is an almost infallible habit. How could birds build their first nests by imitation? That goes to the root of the matter. House Sparrows are often reared in House Martins' nests, but, so far as I know, nobody has even seen a House Sparrow's nest similar to that of a House Martin's. And there can be no doubt that birds can reason.

I have not made a study of climbing plants, or why some plants twine from left to right, and others from right to left. I should think they twine in the way they were originally intended to do, but there may be exceptions, as there are in many other things.

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How Does the Cuckoo Carry Her Egg?

SIR.—Now that the Cuckoo, about whose abnormally early arrival there seems to have been very little said this year, is about really to come to us for the summer, I have thought it would be of interest to the readers of CAGE BIRDS to know of a long letter which has been written to "The Observer" by Mr. H. S. Davenport. It raises the question whether the hen Cuckoo really carries her egg in her bill when about to impose it upon some unsuspecting Hedge Sparrow or other small insectivorous bird, and suggests a theory, which is new to me at least, that the bird swallows the egg, and regurgitates it when she has found a suitable nest in which to deposit it. I have no doubt that some reader of CAGE BIRDS will be able to answer Mr. Davenport's letter satisfactorily. With some shortening, due to my respect for your space, the letter is as follows:—

It would be interesting, as well as instructive, if someone could come forward and testify to having personally witnessed a Cuckoo in the act of carrying its own egg in its bill, with a view, of course, to depositing the same in the nest of some other bird. Such an economic procedure has been the popular conception for long enough; it has come down through generations, accredited with all manner of reputable hall-marks, and is to all appearances blindly accepted to-day. And amongst the countless historians of British birds who state that it carries its egg in its bill when bent on

foisting it on some dupe in the shape of a foster-parent, not a single one, so far as I am aware, has volunteered a scrap of evidence on the point.

Briefly, I take leave to challenge the teaching fostered in books as an accepted and unquestionable fact. Not only has my experience failed to confirm the tradition and belief with which I started bird-nesting half a century and more ago, but it has tended to show that the Cuckoo's crop, not its bill, is where the egg finds a resting-place after it has been laid and until its immediate destiny has been realised.

Some half-dozen summers ago I was lying in ambush, and with powerful field-glasses watched a Cuckoo at such short range that no illusions were possible. It had an apparent malformation of the throat; in other words, a very clearly defined semi-circular bulge in its crop, where its egg most assuredly was. On being flown at and scolded by a Song Thrush, the Cuckoo gave a most feeble "show" its quasi-negative action convincingly proving that it was in no mood for a vigorous scrimmage, lest the egg might come to grief. The bird merely moved its position an inch or two as the Thrush swooped to and fro in its vicinity, and ducked and twisted its head about with an absence of alertness that in other circumstances would hardly have been the case.

What I saw and learned then I have verified several times since under almost equally favourable conditions, and this being so, it seems to me that if, with so many intelligent observers about in these modern days, the bill theory cannot be thoroughly well established as the rule, the sooner it is taught that the cuckoo's throat is used as a means of conveying its egg about until finally got rid of, the better.

There should certainly be opportunity during the weeks that lie immediately ahead for some of our field naturalists and outdoor observers to test the validity of my contention. NATURALIST

HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

(Continued from page 369.)

We are indebted to Mr. H. F. Witherby, the Editor, for permission to extract from an exhaustive article entitled, "THE MOULTS OF THE BRITISH PASSERES, WITH NOTES ON THE SEQUENCE OF THEIR PLUMAGE," which is appearing monthly in the magazine "British Birds," the portions which refer to such birds as are generally kept in cages or aviaries. Readers are referred to the magazine mentioned for the complete account.

SNOW-BUNTING (*Plectrophenax nivalis*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August and September. In March a partial moult confined to the chin, throat, ear-coverts and sides of the head. The new feathers in both sexes are much like the old, but purer white, except those of the ear-coverts which in the male are buff instead of tawny as in winter, and in the female less dark than in winter. Abrasion causes a remarkable change in both sexes, but especially in the male. The wide tawny fringes of the fresh autumn feathers almost completely conceal the upper portions of the feathers of the upper-parts, besides forming a distinct tawny breast-band. In much abraded males in summer the tawny fringes become completely worn off, and the bird's head, nape, and under-parts become pure white and its mantle and back almost uniform black, the rump usually white but sometimes black and white, the wings and tail also become black and white. The female in winter is duller buff, not so bright tawny on the upper-parts as the winter male, and the feathers of the crown, nape and rump have black centres, while the black portion of the feathers of the mantle is not so extensive as in the male. In summer it becomes streaked on the upper-parts, the feathers having large black centres and greyish-white and tawny fringes, the under-parts usually have remains of the tawny fringes especially on the flanks and sides of the breast. The amount of white in the tail and wing-feathers, primary-coverts and other wing-coverts varies greatly individually in both sexes and at all ages. Allowing for this individual variation, the distribution of white in the wings is usually as follows:—

PRIMARYS.—Adult male—white at base often extends beyond primary-coverts, 9th usually with only distal quarter black, 10th with only a black patch at tip of outer web. Females and first winter male—no white beyond primary coverts, less white on 9th and 10th.

SECONDARIES.—Adult male—pure white or with some small black marks at tips of outer webs. First winter male and adult female—more extensive brownish black marks on outer webs. First winter female—most of outer webs and distal portions of inner webs brownish black.

PRIMARY-COVERT.—Adult male—sometimes pure white but usually with black tips. First winter male—either all black or with the bases white flecked with dusky. Females—brownish-black.

GREATER COVERTS.—Adult male—light. First winter male—brownish black tipped with white with sometimes the central feathers dusky white only flecked with black. Adult female—brownish black tipped white. First winter female—with smaller white tips.

MEDIAN AND LESSER COVERTS.—Adult male—white. First winter male—median white, lesser black with buffish white tips or white flecked with black. Females—median and lesser brown black tipped with white.

JUVENILE.—The upper parts are dusky-grey streaked with black faintly on the crown,

nape and rump, more broadly on the mantle, which is also buff; under-parts dusky-grey and buffish-white; median coverts greyish-black with white tips; lesser coverts the same with greyish-white fringes. The rest of the feathers of the wing and the tail-feathers as in the first winter.

FIRST WINTER AND SUMMER.—The juvenile body-feathers, lesser and median wing-coverts are moulted in the first autumn, but not the primary-coverts, greater coverts or wing and tail-feathers. In winter the male is often (but not always) of a darker tawny colour on the upper-parts than the adult winter male; the feathers of the nape have small black spots which become more apparent in worn summer plumage; the feathers of the rump always have black centres, but of varying size, so that in summer the rump usually becomes black but is occasionally white with black marks. The first winter and summer female has a darker nape than the adult female, and often has black flecks on the pectoral band, while the secondaries and greater coverts have less white.

CORN-BUNTING (*Emberiza c. calandra*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in September and October. No moult in spring, and abrasion has little effect except that the upper-parts become paler and more greyish and the under-parts white. Sexes alike.

JUVENILE.—Much like the adults, but the buff or buffish ground-colour of the upper-parts paler and the black-brown streaks broader and more prominent; the chin and throat are more uniform than in the adult and the wing and tail-feathers and wing-coverts have well-marked margins and tips of buff.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile plumage is completely moulted in the first autumn. The birds then become like the adults.

YELLOW BUNTING (*Emberiza c. citrinella*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult from August to October. No moult in spring, but abrasion has a considerable effect especially in the male, whose crown and throat gradually become more uniform and paler yellow, the upper-parts more strongly streaked and the sides of the breast and flanks brighter chestnut. In the female the crown and throat both in winter and summer have much less yellow and more dark green than in the male, the flanks and breast are not so chestnut, and the belly is paler yellow.

JUVENILE.—Somewhat like adult female, but with no pure yellow on the crown and nape, which are yellowish brown to pale buff or yellowish buff streaked black-brown, rump browner and more streaked, under parts much paler and duller yellow (sometimes greyish only tinged yellow) and the throat, breast and flanks with narrow blackish-brown streaks. The juvenile female appears to be not so yellowish on the crown, and paler on the under-parts than the juvenile male. Some specimens do not bear out these distinctions, which may therefore be due to individual variation; on the other hand, these particular specimens may have been wrongly sexed.

THE COMMON QUAIL AS AN AVIARY BIRD.

By
REDWING.

A Story of the successful rearing of a Species which is better known as it appears on toast than in an aviary.

ABOUT three years ago, when I had just completed an aviary for British birds (I mean a garden aviary), and was turning my attention to stocking it in such a way that I should be likely to breed a few of our native birds, and have the satisfaction of observing closely their habits and "modus operandi" during the nesting season, I noticed in the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS that there were Quails to be obtained for the modest sum of two shillings a pair.

As I had previously had Californian Quails in my foreign bird aviary, and had persuaded them to breed successfully, I thought that I would like to try if our common Quail would not likewise do me the honour of nesting in my garden. It was like encouraging British labour against the foreigner. So I sent for a pair, and in due time received a box from the railway station marked with the well-known, but alas, not always regarded label, "Live Birds, with Great Care."

Not a Very Promising Outlook.

When I opened the box and had a look at the new arrivals I was rather surprised to see that they were minus the greater part of their plumage, so that at this part of their existence it would have been impossible to give from them a description of how a Quail ought to be feathered. However, they had just enough plumage left on parts of their bodies for me to be able to tell the cock from the hen by a line of dark feathers extending from the base of his lower mandible some way down his throat, which in the hen is a dirty white. The hen also has a breast marked like a Lark's with black splashes, while the cock's is brown with light markings, but this last fact I did not find out till afterwards when their feathers grew.

I turned the pair of them into a fair-sized cage of the box type, and kept them indoors for a time, feeding them on a mixture of dani, wheat, small peas, canary, and millet, and in about three weeks they appeared to have improved so much in their plumage that I thought it would be safe to turn them out of doors into my new aviary, it being then about the beginning of April, and fairly warm.

They had for their companions most of the commoner British Finches, and one or two soft-bills. I had to take the precaution when I let them go of cutting the feathers of one of their wings, as they otherwise would have damaged themselves, not seeming to know that they were not able to fly straight through half-inch mesh wire netting.

Hopeful—But Daunting.

About the beginning of summer I occasionally heard the whistle of the cock, but I saw very little of either of them, as they spent most of their time in tufts of grass and other undergrowth. However, they did not appear to be going to nest, for although the cock seemed to be anxious to do so, and to call to the hen continually, she in no way encouraged him, and as one cannot meddle with the love affairs of birds, I had to wait and hope for the best.

As the summer slipped by, and no eggs were laid, I gradually resigned myself to the thought of no young Quails that year to gladden my eyes, and consoled myself with extensive plans for the future.

When the foliage in the aviary died down at the approach of winter, I replaced it by small bundles of straw in the run, and a few small sticks in the shelter; these sticks the Quails took complete possession of, and spent most of their time crouching under them.

During the winter months they got much tamer, and I saw more of them than ever before, so that with a little patience I was

able to observe their mode of feeding more closely. I noticed that they had a great liking for wood-lice, and any other small live food which came in their way, such as spiders, snails, guats, in fact anything that moved, except perhaps worms, which I never saw them eat, and which somewhat surprised me, as most of the other Gallinaceous birds seem to be fond of an early worm. I also noticed that they were fond of feeding at night.

The Promise of Spring.

With the coming of the spring I determined to do all in my power to induce them to nest, and with this object in view I planted hops and tufts of coarse grass about the aviary. I also gave them a liberal allowance of mealworms and gentles when I could get them. Towards the end of May I noticed the hen had taken possession of a tuft of grass in a corner of the aviary, and had scratched a hollow in the earth, into which she scraped a few bits of dry grass. She seemed to consider this was quite sufficient nest to make, for on the second of June I saw that she was sitting, and by watching for a short time I was able to get a sight of the nest when she left it. Then I saw two buff-coloured eggs mottled all over with rich brown.

A Fright which Did Not Materialise.

Things went smoothly after that: the hen laid six more eggs, and sat for three weeks after the last egg was laid, but I got rather a fright one day, for when the hen had been sitting for about a week, a thunder storm came on, and torrents of rain fell, so that I was afraid that the nest might be swamped and the eggs spoiled. They were not, though, for on the 30th I heard chirping, like the noise made by young chicks, and saw the baby Quails, tiny little fluffy bills of down, running about between the grass stalks with as much confidence and ease as if they had done it for years.

I had been supplying live ants' eggs for the last week, and on these the young Quails seemed to live for some time.

Seven of the eight eggs hatched, but three of the youngsters died before they were four days old, from what I did not know, unless it was from cold and wet. The other four, however, grew rapidly, and in about six weeks were almost as large as their parents, with almost the same markings as the hen. I found out afterwards that they were three hens and one cock.

Father a Shirker; Mother a Worker.

It was very pretty to see them feeding with their parents, for although the cock did not pay much attention to them at any time, leaving all the work to the hen, he seemed to have a certain air of proprietorship about him. The hen, on the other hand, was a model mother, scratching with her feet for tit-bits, and showing them to the chicks, and calling them to hide whenever she thought that there was danger, so that anyone visiting the aviary would never have suspected that it contained young Quails unless he had waited for about ten minutes without moving, when the chicks would suddenly appear from a tuft of grass or from under a leaf where they had been hiding.

When the young ones were full grown I got rid of them, and perhaps this is the most disappointing thing in breeding the common Quail, I mean their low market value. If anyone, however, does not mind a bit of trouble without pecuniary recompense, I would strongly advise him to try breeding perhaps one of the least-known, but by no means one of the least interesting of our British birds, the common Quail.

CIRIL BUNTING (*Emberiza citrinella*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August and September. In March and April a partial moult takes place, and this is apparently confined to the ear-coverts and a line above and below the eye. Abrasion has not a very great effect, but the colours become more uniform and brighter. While the female is duller on the upper-parts than the male, it differs strikingly in its under-parts, which much resemble those of a first summer Yellow Bunting, but are more prominently streaked and of a paler and more buffish yellow.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KRATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Queries Answered

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- (4)—Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.
- (5)—The department to which the queries refer must be stated on the left-hand corner of the query.
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- (9)—All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Postcards are not admissible.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

TWO HENS (A. Bradshaw).—It is exceedingly risky to attempt to breed with two hens and one cock in an ordinary double breeding cage without any partition. If you had two particularly agreeable and amiable hens you might succeed, but the chances are vastly in favour of their disagreeing and making a hash of things. You should keep in the partition, with a hen in each compartment, and then introduce the cock to each in turn, until they begin to sit, and then remove him altogether, or when he is away last, put him to the one that will not sit and let him remain with her until the other hen is ready for him for a second brood.

RAPE SAMPLES (E.W.H.).—No. 1 is a nice mild variety of rape sold under various names, such as English rape, etc. It is not summer rape, but is of nice quality and would do to form a change, or as an item in a seed mixture. No. 2 is a very fair quality of summer rape, and is the most suitable for regular use as a part of the staple diet.

QUICK RESULTS (L. L. Samuel).—(1) There is not the slightest reason to doubt the fertility of the eggs because they were produced within seven days of the birds being put together. Let them sit the full time, and you may again be agreeably surprised. (2) It does not at all matter about a strange cock being used for the second round, but when this is contemplated it is best to remove the first cock when the first clutch of eggs commences to sit, leaving the hen to hatch out and rear the young by herself. (3) To be quite sure of avoiding disappointment remove the birds to the other room when the first brood are ready to remove from their parents.

PERSISTENT LOOSENESS (Song Lover).—You should have repeated the full particulars of your management, as I cannot keep all this in mind for each query received. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, broken groats and crushed dry arrowroot biscuit every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake well dusted with carbonate of bismuth and sprinkled with maw seed. In the water add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of opium and dilute sulphuric acid two days in every three until the droppings become normal. See that all your seeds are sweet and sound. Keep the cage and perches scrupulously clean. The maw seed has nothing whatever to do with causing the trouble.

SWING PERCHES, ETC. (Novice, W. H. S.).—(1) With certain individual types of birds swing perches in breeding cages are certainly detrimental to fertility. Much depends upon the temperament of the birds and their condition, but securely fixed perches are always to be preferred in these circumstances. (2) I cannot tell whether the odour of creosote would be injurious to the birds if kept in it, as I have never inflicted this punishment upon them. Possibly not. To help to get rid of it, keep door and windows open day and night for a time—of course, assuming the birds are elsewhere for the time being—and a good current of air going through the place. Close it for an hour each morning and evening and evaporate half a small teacupful of vinegar on a hot plate in it. This will help to clear out the odour, but anyway you will find it fairly lasting.

INJURED TOE (Ruby).—(1) The bird has doubtless strained the tendon of the toe in flying on and off the wires, or about the perches when being caught. Give it rather small and nearly round perches in its cage—about the size of a lead pencil—for a few weeks, and nature will do most to remedy the trouble. You may bathe the foot in warm water for a few minutes each morning, then dry, and gently massage it with a drop of some stimulating liniment, such as Eiliman's, or even a drop of whisky. Repeat this each morning for a week or so. (2) You do not say whether the bird has moulted or not since you had it. If so, it was probably colour fed, and has moulted out a natural tone, in which case you can do nothing until next moulting season is at hand, then, by colour feeding during the moult, you can restore it. Do not give chillies. Give a small supply of green salads and fruits daily, and add 20 drops of chemical food to the water two days in every three for a fortnight. (3) When you see bird beginning to bathe its head in drinker, remove it and offer it the bath, allowing the bath

to remain for an hour. Repeat this daily for a time, and you will probably soon find the bird taking to the bath.

VARIED (My Girl).—(1) The samples of seed you sent were very badly packed, and only a few grains of canary reached me. The canary seemed of fair size, and sweet, but no reliable opinion can be given from such a meagre sample. The so-called rape is what is frequently sold as cole, and is a good sample of this seed. As a material portion of the staple diet summer rape is preferable. (2) The advertisement you probably refer to will be found again on page 196, column 3, in our last issue, dated April 8. (3) If the cock has been closely confined in a cabinet it is certainly a good plan to give him a few days in the breeding cage to enable him to "stretch his legs" before introducing the hen. (4) Nothing to complain about in the weather now. Birds may be mated any time, if in the proper condition.

FAT AND LAZY (Yellow Canary).—I am afraid this hen will not be of any use at all for breeding this year. Turn her into the largest flight you have available, and give a staple diet of summer rape only, and supplement this with a liberal allowance of green salads daily. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful only of canary seed, and once a week a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, teazle, and sesame. In the water add, every second day for a week, ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, then miss a week, and resume and give it again for another week. If the weather continues favourable for a week or two, you could turn her into the outdoor aviary at once, on or after the first month on the above treatment.

ROLLER WITH LOOSENESS (Finchley).—In addition to the staple diet give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, maw and crushed dry arrowroot biscuit every second day, and on the alternate days give in the water four drops each of dilute sulphuric acid and tincture of opium. Continue this until the droppings have assumed a normal condition.

SITS PUFFED UP (E. B.).—You ought to have said how old the birds are and how you have been treating them. Try the following, and if not better in a fortnight or so, write again and give fuller particulars. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part of summer rape. In addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. Give a young leaf of dandelion daily.

INFERTILITY (W. D.).—There can be no doubt that you mated the cock too early, and the unfertile eggs are the natural consequence. The next clutch will probably be different. Give the pair a small teaspoonful of egg food every second day for two or three weeks, and two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion daily.

OUTDOOR SHED (H. H. M.).—(1) Yes, you could keep Yorkshires in cages quite successfully all the year round in the shed you describe. But it would have been an improvement if two or three of the panes of the window shown had been hinged and provided with ratchets to open in very warm weather. (2) If this spell of mild weather continues you might put out the old birds at once to start breeding there. It would be quite safe to put the young out there as they became able to care for themselves. (3) Yes, you could put the old birds out safely in July.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

IN DOUBT (A. T.).—Of your Canary hens for breeding a good-looking Mule, that would sing well, I should prefer the Norwich. Birds produced from this cross would be of better type and colour, and, possibly, better feather than either of the others. The quality of the song would be much a matter of training; the natural song can be greatly improved by hanging the young ones within hearing of a good singer. There is little to choose between the two cock birds for quality of song; personally I prefer the Linnet, but then the young from the Godditch usually show a little colour in the face and wings.

ABOUT A THRUSH (N. D. P., Doubtful).—Your Thrush is going on all right. It is quite correct for the bird to sing in a low tone for some time before singing out properly. It is what is called "recording," and most birds commence singing in that manner. Your feeding appears to be quite satisfactory, although I think you would do well to offer him a little fruit, as it comes in season, and any insects you can get hold of. A snail occasionally is much appreciated, but should not be given too frequently, as they are somewhat relaxing. Three mealworms a day would be sufficient. Have you the "Nutshell" on the Thrush?

TWITES FOR THE AVIARY (J. Miller).—There is no reason why your Twites should not be turned in with the other birds; they are not at all quarrelsome. In feeding you will have to watch the Goldies, and see that they get their share of mixed seeds and wild food. A good staple diet would be canary four parts, teazle two parts, rape one part. Other mixed seeds, such as hemp, maw, niger, dandelion, gold of pleasure, etc., should be given three days a week. You can make this mixture yourself, or buy some good Finch mixture put up in packets. A few sunflower seeds should be given daily for the benefit of the Goldfinches. Supply all kinds of wild seeds as they come in season.

CHAFFINCH NOT SINGING (Chaffinch Lover).—You omitted to send your name and address. Will you kindly do so? I would advise you to give your chaffinches a little germinated seed. Take a little rape, let it soak in cold water for a night, spread it out in a shallow dish, keep damp and warm, when it will soon sprout. Do the same with some radish seed, and give some to the birds daily. A couple of mealworms each day, or other insects, will assist them. A small feed of light-cracked hemp occasionally will help to bring them along. Do not forget the bath on all suitable occasions.

BULLFINCH GAPIING (S. O. S.).—It appears to me that your treatment of the hen Bullfinch has not been quite satisfactory; possibly the error is in the feeding, or you have kept her in an unsuitable position. You give me no information upon these points. I would advise you to give it six drops of syrup of buckthorn in an ounce of drinking water. Let her have it for six hours, and repeat

a couple of days later. Supply her freely with green food, and wild seeds as they come in season, and let her bathe on all suitable occasions. You should get our "Nutshell" booklet on the Bullfinch; it will assist you in your management. Let her have plenty of fresh air, but not in a draughty position.

REARING THRUSHES (Mrs. Moore).—It is not usual to hand-rear young Thrushes at the age you are; they are generally taken when ten or twelve days old, but still it can be done, and, fortunately, the food you are using is on the right lines to succeed. You should add to the egg and biscuit two parts best ants' eggs, and the whole should be made rather sloppy with fresh new milk. Be sure that the food is perfectly sweet. Feed the young as early as you can in the morning. While so young they should have been fed every hour, but by the time you read this every two hours will do. Warmth is almost as essential to success as food, so keep them cosy, with a piece of flannel over them. For further instructions you had better get our "Nutshell" booklet, No. 4, price 2d., post free. (2) You cannot make a mistake in the eggs of the Thrush and Blackbird. The former are quite blue or bluish-green, with a few black spots. The Blackbirds are rather lighter in the ground colour, and are more clouded in marking; some specimens almost covered with greyish-brown speckles. The nest of the Thrush is lined with clay or mud

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY I. PAGE, F.Z.S.

TO KEEP WITH PARAKEETS AND LOVE BIRDS ("Stuck fast").—I also am "stuck fast," as your query gives me no details whatever. I take it you have either indoor or outdoor aviaries, or large cages, containing parakeets and Lovebirds. If you will give me size and present occupants of each, or some such data to go upon, I shall be delighted to try and help you. For instance, I am sure, Cavendish Square, W., is or was the publisher of the book you name, or the Editor of CAGE BIRDS would procure it for you. An answer was sent you by post, but has been returned marked "insufficient address."—(L.D.)

AMAZON WITH GROWTH IN BEAK (F. B.).—Such cases are best taken to a vet. at once, as he can make a definite diagnosis, and if the growth is malignant remove them or advise the painless destruction of the bird if necessary. If it is not convenient to you to take it to a vet, then treat the bird's mouth daily with honey and borax, and keep its bowels quite open (not watery loose) with equal parts of Epsom's salt and water as often as may be necessary to secure this. When not giving the magnesia will colour the drinking water with chemical food. You can add biscuits, a little plum cake, and shelled nuts (in variety) to your aviary. Give a little cod-liver oil emulsion daily thickly spread on bread, biscuit or plum cake, whichever the bird takes most freely. You will have to continue the treatment for some time. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses. All Parrots, to a greater or lesser degree, rasp their beaks up and down the cage wires. Of course rubbing an irritated part for relief may aggravate the trouble a little, but it will be very difficult to prevent.

BIRDS AND CRACKED ENAMEL (M. E. K.).—All the loose particles of paint should be scraped away and the cage well washed out. Then, if it needs repainting, put on one coat of enamel thinly, and as soon as this is quite hard the birds can go back again. If you adopt the precautions given above, no deleterious effects should follow keeping the birds in an enamelled metal cage, which, by the way, many fanciers do.

COCKATIELS NOT AGREEING (G. H.).—I have always found Cockatiels to agree together when the sexes have been equal, but among all members of the Parrot tribe individualism is very strong, and exceptions such as you name do occasionally occur, not only with Cockatiels, but with other species, which generally dwell together in harmony. Cockatiels like a roomy nest-box (concave bottom); as you ought to have at least three such fixed up, as otherwise they may fight for a favourite site. See to the nesting accommodation, and then give them another trial, when, if fighting still goes on, you must retain the best pair only and part with the other. You could keep Madagascar, Black-faced, and Blue-winged Lovebirds in with the Budgies and Cockatiels if you want a little more variety. As you could put in a pair of Canary-winged All-Green Tovi, or Tui Parakeets in with them, not all these four varieties, only one of them, whichever may be obtainable.

AILING JAVA SPARROW (Liver, Walsall).—If this bird does not improve with the advent of warmer weather and unlimited green food, etc., you can put down the trouble to senile decay, which I imagine it to be. The scaly legs are certainly due to old age.

WILL THEY AGREE? (F. B.).—(1) I think all the small Parakeets and Lovebirds you name would agree together in the aviary with your Budgies and Cockatiels, providing there is sufficient accommodation without overcrowding. The principal element of doubt being whether the Canary-wings and Tuis would agree together, but if there is plenty of space in your aviary the experiment is not too risky to try. (2) The Quaker Parakeet is bright green, blue flights and mouse grey head, neck and chest. They are more mischievous and interfering than pugnacious, and though I have seen them kept with Budgies, Lovebirds, Rosellas and Ringnecks, and the Quakers successfully rearing young, their inquisitive curiosity as to the nests of the other occupants of the aviary effectually prevents much success among them.

POST MORTEMES.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Grey Lice in Canaries (Anxious).—You sent no name with your enquiry, or we would have sent you advice by post, as the case seems a serious one. Your question has been forwarded to our expert, Mr. St. John, whose reply will appear in next week's issue, although you have not conformed with our rules.

Club Reports.

ABERDARE C.B.S.

Meeting, Ap. 4, Mr. Thomas Davies presided. Many specials were promised for the coming show, Nov. 23. Sec. will be pleased to furnish any information to anyone interested. The society wish to draw the attention of other societies to the date of show so as not to clash, and thus assist exhibitors.—J. M. Shelby-James, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Meeting, Ap. 3, Parish Hall. An egg-food making competition was held. Mr. Bartlett judge. Several members took part, each using a different method of making. The winner of the cash special for best sample of egg food was Mr. Parker. An interesting discussion followed on the merits of biscuits versus bread, the rearing of young birds with and without egg food, and various other knotty points. Vote of thanks to the chair brought an instructive evening to a close.—A. W. Farmer, Asst. Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, April 1, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Mr. F. Heaton, chair. The action the committee took in respect to CAGE BIRDS scheme for wounded soldiers was brought before the members. The feeling of the meeting was that we in Leeds shall do our best to make it a success, and the action of the committee was unanimously approved. Messrs. A. Holmes, J. Galligan, M. Newsome and H. Lawson elected members. Intending members please send names and addresses so as to be printed in the new rule books.—H. Best (sec.), 5 Alma Place.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

Meeting, Deansgate Hotel, Ap. 3, Mr. Raynes chair. Mr. H. W. Battye was elected judge for Norwich, and Mr. C. Houlton for British and Borders, at October show. An interesting lecture was given by Mr. Barker Clegg on the Plastic Properties of the Cinnamon, to a fair attendance, and some good discussion followed. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clegg which brought a well spent evening to a close. Next meeting a lecture by Mr. Culmore, Liverpool, on the possibilities of Hybrid breeding which will be very interesting.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

LANCS. AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting, Volunteer Inn, Oldham, April 1, only a moderate number attending. After the business the annual specials won by members were paid out to winners present. These were paid in cash instead of kind, as it was felt it would be more useful during the present state of affairs. An interesting discussion took place re affairs in the Lancashire section, and it was decided to have an early meeting, at which a lecture on the Lancashire Canary would be given by Mr. Barker Clegg. Vote of thanks to chair concluded the meeting.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Meeting, Headquarters, Windsor Castle, King-st., Hammersmith, April 6, Mr. Turner, chair; nine members and several visitors present. J. Robson gave his promised lecture on the choosing, feeding, and moulting of British birds, breeding of Hybrids, how to feed and moult, also the pairing of Yorks and Nor. Canaries, their feeding and moulting. He impressed upon fanciers the necessity of using the best of foods, as the cheapest and surest road to success on the bench. At the close Mr. Robson was asked many questions, which he answered in his usual lucid style, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.—H. Chappell, Press Corres.

DUBMIRE (Workmen's Club) C.B.S.

Show of Canaries, Mules and British, for the Benefit of the Fence Houses Sewing Party for Soldiers, was held Feb. 1, in the Dubmire Workmen's Club Hall, kindly lent by the Committee. We thank the members of the Hutton-le-Hole C.B.S. for their splendid help in the good cause. Messrs. A. J. Notley and G. Vipond gave their services as judges, and gave every satisfaction. Mrs. V. C. S. W. Corbett, Chilton Moor, opened the show, and was delighted to see so many fine birds staged, 130 in all. We had the great pleasure of handing over £5 6s. 10d. to Mrs. Sharp, of New Lambton, and thank all who helped in the good work for the lads fighting so hard.—Geo. T. Lynn, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Meeting, Ap. 4, Reindeer Hotel, Ryelane, Peckham. Mr. Frank Cole chair. Two new members elected. A lecture on the Norwich Plainhead was given by Mr. F. J. Martin, Battersea. There was a good number present, and Mr. Martin had a good reception. His lecture was very brilliant and interesting. Questions were invited after the lecture, and there was plenty of rising for Mr. Martin, who handled the questions admirably, there being a great deal of importance in the questions made. The chairman thanked Mr. Martin for his lecture, and said that although some of the members did not see eye to eye with him, they had heard something valuable. A vote of thanks as accorded Mr. Martin for the trouble he had taken, and for the pleasant evening.—A. G. Cant, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Ap. 4, Mr. W. G. Fellows chair. Schedule passed for British and Foreign table show, May 3. Twelve classes. Birds staged by 7. Judging competition in connection, prize given by Mr. A. H. Baker. The egg food competition fell through, members being too modest to exhibit their skill, but Mr. Chandler brought a sample of his food, which was smelt and tasted, and pronounced good, but no one could guess its composition. Mr. Chandler explained that it was made from a recent recipe in CAGE BIRDS, the component parts being wheatmeal and eggs made into a cake and baked; no doubt it will be tried by others. Mr. Egerton tendered his resignation as member of committee, as he will be shortly serving his country, but it was not accepted, hopes being expressed that his absence will not be prolonged. Mr. Egerton carries with him the good wishes of all the members.—G. J. Slade, Asst. Sec.

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CLUB REPORTS.

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BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Annual meeting, April 1, with a fair turnout of members, who again decided to have a show on the usual date, Nov. 10 and 11. Will local societies please note? They also elected Col. P. R. Simpson, Esq., J.P., as Hon. President; the Vice-Presidents are local gentlemen; Chairman, Mr. G. Dobson; Vice-Chair, Mr. G. Simpson; Treas., R. Havis; Sec., G. Havis; also a strong working committee. New members elected, T. Boyd, G. Robson, Jos. Carr., and W. Bulman.—G. Havis, Hon. Sec.

N.W. GLASGOW C.B.C.

Meeting at Amalgamated Musicians Hall, 44, Napierhall St., Mar. 28, Mr. P. Thom presiding over a good attendance. The principal item was a lecture by Mr. R. Haggie, on the Yorkshire Canary, which was thoroughly enjoyed; the masterly way in which Mr. Haggie tackled his subject showed he had a very practical method of rearing and staging the Yorkshire Canary. Proposed for membership: Messrs. Anderson, Tassie, and Findlay. A vote of thanks to Mr. Haggie and chair brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.—P. Houston, Sec.

GRIMSBY O.S.

Meeting, March 20, Slatter's Room, Freeman St., nine members present. Messrs. Walker and Cook were elected members. Decided to buy a silver medal for competition among Yorkshire, most points throughout the year. A Yorkshire class was added for all shows. Mr. Harding promised, on request, to give an exhibition on washing Canaries at next meeting. A table show was held but Mr. C. Smith was the only exhibitor in British gaining 119 points, and Mr. Walker showed one Hybrid pair, gaining seven points. Owing to the war the club is very short of members at present, and fanciers in the district will receive a hearty welcome at the meetings. Classes will be added for any variety of birds. Full particulars can be obtained from any member of the society.—D. C. Thornton, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

The dinner at the Arcade was a most enjoyable function, and a great success. The menu was well served, and the musical arrangements being in the hands of Messrs. Sparkes and Pickering, a treat was expected. A capital programme by well known artists was gone through. Nearly a hundred sat down for dinner, and during the evening Mr. Hobson, the sec., spoke on the society's position. He stated that the "old" society was sound financially, and had nothing to fear so long as fanciers played an honest and straight game. The enthusiasm of the members was unbounded, and the officials were of the best. As new members were elected every meeting he hoped this year would exceed expectations. Messrs. J. Woolhouse and Thorpe proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to all friends who had contributed to the success of the evening. Mr. Jones, pres., made a very able chairman.—E. Sisson, Assist. Sec.

GLASGOW AND W. COUNTIES.

Meeting and show, Good Templars' Hall, Ingram St., April 1, Mr. Cross presiding over a good attendance. Balance-sheet read and adopted, showing a substantial credit balance. Sec. was granted a gratuity of £2 for his season's labour. Rules were revised and a few alterations and additions made. New members admitted: H. G. Anderson, McCrystal, H. Baillie. Classification for show 6th May, Greenf., Lesser Redpoll, Twite, Mealy Redpoll. Messrs. Jas. Dick and J. H. Adam acted and judged show.

Goldf. (12): 1, Trotter; 2, 3, Mallon; 4, 6, Pettigrew; 5, McGowan; 7, McJury. Linnet, H.M. (5): 1, Trotter; 2, 4, 5, Pettigrew; 3, Bannerman. Siskin: 1, Mallon; 2, Trotter; 3, 4, 5, Pettigrew. Linnet F.M. (8): 1, Mallon; 2, Trotter; 3, 4, 6, Pettigrew; 5, Robb; 7, Baunorman. Judging competition took place over F.M. Linnets. W. Hamilton won silver medal by giving the judge's selections correctly. Date for first raffle of the season left over till next meeting.—J. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Mar. 29, Mr. R. B. Cairns chair, and a large turnout, amongst whom we were pleased to see with us again Mr. J. R. Steel, after a severe illness which has kept him away for three months. New member admitted, Mr. D. Stewart. Judges for Annual Show, Dec. 2: Nor, and Crest, Wm. Simpson, Airdrie, Yorks; and Bord., G. Hissop, Stirling; Mules and Brit., A. W. Watson, Edinburgh. A large amount of club business was arranged.

Table Show.—Goldf. (6): 1, sp. Haggie; 2, Connolly; 3, McClymont. Bullf. (4): 1, McGavin; 2, 3, sp. McClymont. Greenf. (5): 1, McGavin; 2, McClymont; 3, 5, sp. A. Steel. Linnet (4): 1, A. Steel; 2, McGavin; 3, Jeffrey. Siskin, Etc. (6): 1, 2, McGavin; 3, 4, A. Steel; 5, 6, sp. Connolly. Lesser Redpoll (5): 1, McGavin; 2, A. Steel; 3, McClymont. Hens for Hyb. Breeding (5): 1, 2, sp. McGavin; 3, Hunter; 4, sp. A. Steel. Mr. Mathew Craig, Tolleross, judged, and his remarks on the exhibits were much appreciated. Next meeting April 26, 7.45, Mr. W. Connolly will give a paper on Canary management. Those wishing to become members kindly send names and addresses to the sec., A. K. Hunter, 142, Aitkenshead Rd., Govanhill.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.B.C.

Meeting, Mar. 29, Shields Cafe, Rigg Market. Mr. T. C. Crawhall chair, with a fair turnout. Mr. Wm. Mather wins C. R. cup, R. Tindall 2nd, J. H. Leach 3rd, for most points during season for birds wearing closed rings. Mr. T. C. Crawhall won £2 2s. cup, Mr. J. H. Leach 2nd, most points at N.Y. shows. After business we had a very pleasing presentation to make to Mr. R. Tindall, our late sec., for his valuable services to the society. Mr. Crawhall, in making the presentation, said the club owed a great deal to Mr. Tindall, who had been a member almost from the first, and during his term of office the club had progressed in a most satisfactory manner; he hoped the picture with its suitable inscription would always be a reminder of a pleasant time, and it showed in a small way the appreciation of his work by the members. Mr. Tindall thanked the members for their kindness; he had not looked for anything, as what he had done was done for the love of the Fancy, and of the club in particular. He mentioned that when he took over the reins of office he found a balance of a few shillings, and when he gave them up he left a balance of over £7. He wished the club every prosperity. It now had as large a membership as almost any Northern Specialist Club, and he hoped it would go on increasing. New members elected: G. Shields, J. M. Nicholson. Decided to hold next meeting June 15. The first N.Y. show will be held at this meeting. Judge, Mr. F. Laidlow.—Robt. Havis, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Annual meeting April 1, Shields Cafe. Mr. J. W. Lawson presided, a fair number present. Members elected, M. Mathewson, Byher, and J. W. Coulthard, Gateshead. Balance-sheet was read and considered satisfactory, leaving a balance in hand of over £3. Officers for 1916 were all elected except Mr. Curry and Mr. Mathewson, who were elected auditors in place of Messrs. Holden and Pierson. Table shows were considered, and Mr. Holden promised to give a cup for competition at same, and Mr. Curry a medal to cup winner. First table show July 1, two highest birds only to count so we expect members will turn in and help to make the shows a success; judge and classes will be announced later. New members can compete at these shows by letting the sec. know. Spectators for competition at open patronage shows were left over to see how many shows are to be held this season.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, March 20, Headquarters, Seven Stars, St. John St., Wolverhampton. Mr. Willows presiding over a good attendance. New members enrolled: H. Powell, H. T. Brookes, W. Tavener, F. Allen, S. Solomon, J. Giles, D. and W. Whitehouse, R. Owen, C. Whitfield, total new members 25. 1916 rule books I hope to have printed by next meeting. Owing to pressure of business, treasurer resigned. New elected treas., T. Brookes. The following were elected trustees: Messrs. Lawson, Harrison, Brookes. Letter read from Sec. of B.R.C.C., respecting the concessions granted by the B.R.C.C. to all Roller Clubs, unanimously agreed to accept all the suggested conditions, hoping that other Roller Clubs would do the same. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the late treasurer for his past services, and a presentation will be made at next meeting of a gold medal, suitably inscribed. Roller fanciers wishing to join us should apply to J. W. Thomson, Hon. Sec., 9, Gorsebrook Rd., Wolverhampton.

The Shows.

GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting and show, March 28, headquarters, Masonic Halls, 100, W. Regent Street, Mr. F. Taylor, chair. After business we held a very successful show of British. Mr. H. Jamieson judged and gave every satisfaction. He was so well pleased with the hen classes that he himself gave a special prize to the winning Bullie hen.

Linnet: 1, sp. Craig; 2, Hughes; 3, sp. Taylor; 4, 6, Webster; 5, Kead. Mealy Redpoll or Twite: 1, Craig; 2, Swan. Lesser: 1, 2, sp. Craig; 3, Webster; 4, Swan. Bullf. Hen: 1, sp. Hughes; 2, Swan; 3, Webster. A.O. Hen: 1, 2, 3, 6, two sps., Webster; 4, Craig; 5, Taylor. New members elected: A. McNicol, A. McCullum, J. Dobbin, J. McClymont, J. Fleming.—M. Craig, Sec.

HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

British and foreign table show, Nightingale Hotel, April 4, with a very fine entry as an appreciation of the popularity of Mr. Allen Silver, who judged. He commented upon the exhibits individually, which gave everyone present a very pleasant time.

Goldf.: 1, 2, Griffin; 3, Stephens; vhc, Miss Smith; vhc, Cooper; c, Cobden. Greenf.: 1, 2, Stephens; 3, vhc, Creighton; hc, Griffin. Linnet: 1, 2, Stephens; 3, Griffin; vhc, Cooper. Bramble: 1, 2, Stephens; 3, vhc, Creighton. Chaffinch: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Stephens. Redpoll or Twite: 1, 2, 3, Stephens. Bullf.: 1, Creighton. A.O.V.: 1, Stephens; 2, Creighton. Large Insectiv.: 1, 2, 3, Stephens. Small: 1, Mrs. Huggins. For: 1, 2, Mrs. Huggins. Mr. Stephens won silver spoon for best bird with his noted Fieldfare.—C. G. Martin, Assist. Sec.

POPLAR C.B.S.

Pair and Finch Show, All Hallow's Schoolroom, March 9, all previous being beaten both in quality and number; 46 pairs were staged in Canary section alone. The Yorkshire classes were not as well supported as we should have liked, but Norwich were beyond all expectations, the classes being well filled and some splendid pairs put down in the best of trim. After judging Mr. Robson expressed his pleasure at the all-round improvement of the Society, and gave some valuable hints to those present, after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.

Champ., Nor., Y.C. and B.H. (6): 1, 2 sps., 2, 3, vhc, Leech; hc, Hunt Bros.; c, Perry. B.C. and Y.H. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Leech; hc, Hunt Bros.; c, Perry. Yorks., Y.C. and B.H.: 1, Wyatt; 2, Hunt Bros. B.C. and Y.H.: 1, Hunt Bros.; 2, Wyatt. Amat., Nor., Y.C. and B.H.: 1, sp. Mrs. Stophor. B.C. and Y.H.: 1, Mrs. Stophor; 2, Gedge. Nov., Nor., Y.C. and B.H. (10): 1, sp. Lang; 2, Rule; 3, Tippler. vhc, Pycock; hc, Braithwaite; c, Tucker. R.C. and Y.H. (13): 1, Francis; 2, Pycock; 3, Rule; vhc, c, Stagg; hc, Prisman. Yorks., Y.C. and B.H.: 1, Pycock; 2, Prisman. B.C. and Y.H.: 1, Lang; 2, Alexander. Hyb.: 1, 2, Prisman. Muling Pairs (7): 1, sp. Gedge; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Lang; vhc, c, Pine; hc, Prisman. Goldf.: 1, Alexander; 2, Peeling; 3, Lang. Linnet: 1, sp. Bloomfield; 2, Alexander; 3, Prisman. Siskin or Twite: 1, 2, Prisman.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual show, Village School, Alexandria, April 4. There was a large attendance of members and friends, and a good turnout of birds, including many prominent winners at Scottish shows. Sec. intimated that Mr. E. Barron, the popular Sec. of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, had kindly consented to give a paper on the Norwich Canary if club members would alter next meeting to Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Mr. A. Maxwell, of Glasgow, had also promised to be present, as he had some points he desired to put to Mr. Barron, and several other prominent fanciers would be present to take part in the discussion. As this is likely to be the tit-bit of the season it was unanimously agreed to alter date of next meeting to Wed., May 3. Nine new members were admitted, making sixty-five since January. Mr. Matthew Craig, Glasgow, judged, and was much admired for his quick and popular decisions.

Goldf. Mule: 1, sp. Trotter; 2, McInness. Linnet: 1, Trotter. A.O. Mule: 1, McLean. Bullf. Hyb.: 1, sp. Mallon. Goldf., Brit.: 1, Trotter; 2, vhc, Mallon; 3, hc, McInness; c, Gemmell. Bullf.: 1, sp. Trotter; 2, Dow; 3, Campbell; vhc, McIntyre. Linnet: 1, sp. Mallon; 2, Crow; 3, Barker; vhc, Gemmell; hc, Trotter; c, McInness. Greenf.: 1, Mallon; 2, McLean; 3, Murray; vhc, McKirdy; hc, Campbell. Lesser Redpoll: 1, sp. McLean; 2, McKirdy; 3, Trotter; vhc, Dow; hc, McInness; c, Murray. Moaly: 1, Trotter. Twite: 1, sp. McLean. Siskin: 1, Mallon; 2, Trotter. Bramble or Chaffinch: 1, sp. McLean; 2, 3, vhc, Trotter; hc, McKinnlay; c, McKirdy. Bunting: 1, Trotter; 2, McInness. A.O.V. Hardbill: 1, sp. Trotter. Bullf. Hen: 1, Mallon; 2, Gemmell; 3, McLean. A.O.V. Hen: 1, Trotter; 2, McKirdy. Softbill: 1, sp. McKirdy. For. Goldf.: 1, McLean. Bullf.: 1, sp. McLean.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

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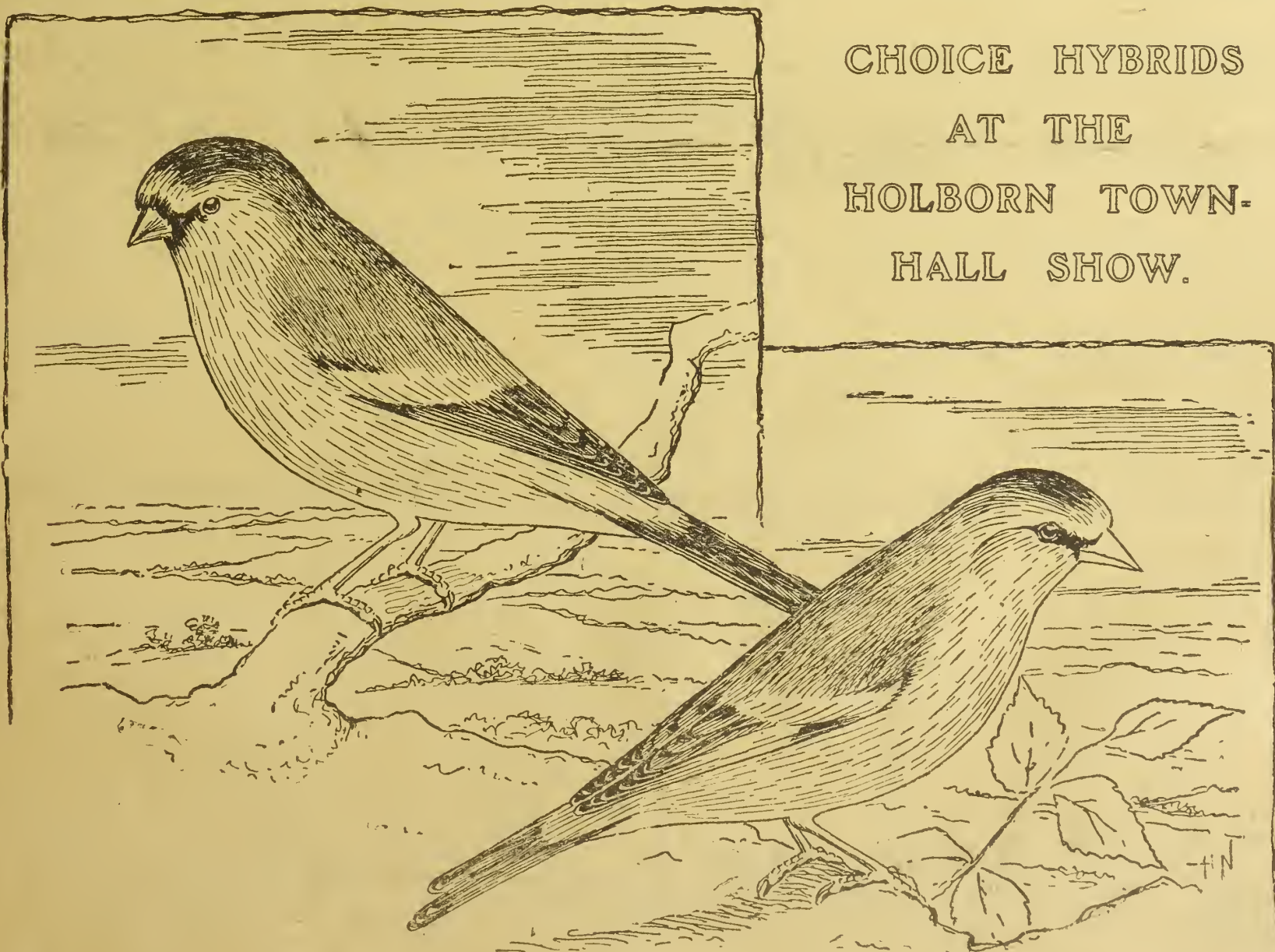
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SHOW DATES FIXED.

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- June 10-12. Liverpool Grand National British Bird Show. (J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
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Ireland.

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All matter intended for publication must be sent in of typed on one side of paper only, and must reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday if insertion in the next issue is desired.

Twitterings.

Mr. W. W. Robt. writes that he has removed to "The Hollies," Redlestone Park, D. Scot. Leics.

Mr. J. Maddison, New Ayle, writes that he is not accepting any judging engagements for the 1916 show season. This announcement may save some secretary the trouble of writing him.

We have received a remittance of sevenpence accompanying a CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL advertisement cut out of last week's issue. The envelope and postal order bear the Buxton post mark, but the sender has omitted to forward his name and address. If he will supply these particulars a copy of the ANNUAL will be sent accordingly.

Dates of 1916 Bird Shows.

Further shows for which dates have been fixed are: South Moor C.B.S., Dec. 23; S.W. London C.B.S., Young Bird Show June 17, Animal Dec. 2; Wallsend Mid-Tyne Assn., Nov. 4.

Our Front Page Drawings

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Grimsby Hopeful of a

Public Aviary.

Some day, says a writer in the "Grimsby Daily Telegraph," I hope a Park aviary will become an actual fact, for there are numbers of local gentlemen just bursting to help on with a collection of rare and attractive plumage birds.

What a Canary Breeder Thinks of Cage Birds Annual.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is to hand, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool, and after a thorough perusal I find it quite comes up to previous standards. Every article is minutely gone into and explained by the various writers. Coming as it does in the thick of the breeding season, every novice should procure an ANNUAL at once; his difficulties will then soon be overcome.

Wake Up, Open Norwich P.C.

Members.

Mr. S. Wilcock, secretary of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, asks us to call the especial attention of the members to the meeting on April 29 at the Oddfellows' Hall, Thornton Road. Very important business is pending, among which will be the question whether the club shall go on or be wound up. Only four members besides the hon. sec. attended the last meeting—Messrs. Lord, Cowgill, Simonett, and Airtion—and the meeting had to be cancelled.

Hundreds of Yellowhammers Visit Manchester District.

I do not know whether the occurrence is purely local, says "W.C." in the "Manchester Dispatch," but we have had a great number of Yellowhammers, the Yellowhammer, or Ammer, as we know them. They arrived on Sunday in hundreds, and I noticed them flitting about amongst the gorse on the hillside. A number have stopped here, but the bulk have passed on, and will probably find a summer home in the Yorkshire dales. The Lesser Redpolls are no longer flocking, and are now pairing up. Along the roadway at Siddington several pairs have been seen nesting.

Flocks of Goldfinches at Salonika.

Mr. J. Fenwick, of Shaw, Oldham, kindly sends for inspection a page from "The Balkan News," a newspaper published daily in Salonika. The paper comes from a friend of Mr. Fenwick, Lieut. Matland, to whom he sends CAGE BIRDS every week. In an article, "Birds in Macedonia," the writer says, among other things, "Jackdaws as tame as fowls seem to replace the Sparrows in the villages, where the spacious well-overhanging eaves gives them shelter. . . . North of the Deve Kran (Camel-back) of the Greeks is a great place for birds—rare Buntlings, Goldfinches, Stonechats, Jays, and the ubiquitous Magpies. Goldfinches are a bird feature of this country. Great flocks wheel in the air as one passes, and as they alight the wonderful gold markings are intensified."

In the Courts.

The Catcher Caught.

John Mace, labourer, Buckhurst Hill, was summoned at Epping for catching birds in Epping Forest. Keeper Little said he saw four men near some bushes. Defendant had a caged bird at the foot of a tree, near which was a dummy bird with a lined wire, and he was so intent upon watching a cock Chaffinch about to alight on the wire that he did not observe witness, who seized him. Fined 7s. 6d.

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

BARNSELEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Road, April 15, 29 birds entered for 5 minutes' time sing; Shepherd timer, Waring chalker. 1, Jones, 4min. 28sec.; 2, Hardman, 4:23; 3, Jones, 4:9; 4, Wright, 3:29. April 16, for 4min. time singing, same timer and chalker; Hardman, 4min. 29sec.; Troops, 3:17; Davis, 3:6; Dooley, 2:57. Dooley wins C.B.S. special nearest 3 minutes, and very proud he was, indeed, as it was a shame from his native land; more specials in store next week. J. Hardman, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest, club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, April 15; 40 faced the timers for 4 minutes' time singing. 1, E. Clayton; 2, 4, Blackshear; 3, Bead. Open Linnet contest, April 16; 41 entered for 3 minutes' time singing: 1, Bead; 2, 4, Piper; 3, Blackshear. Sing starts at 3 prompt; April 20, and first pair in window at 1, April 21. J. Bead, Hon. Sec.

Leon Inn Linnet Club. Open contest, Apr. 15, for time and quality; 44 birds entered, and some very good singing was heard. Timer: J. J. Murphy, 179; 2, E. Murphy, 167; 3, Fairhurst, 144; 4, Donnelly, 135. Quality: 1, T. Statham; 2, Page; 3, Rigby; 4, Knevels. Judges, J. W. Jones, R. Statham; timers, T. Statham, J. Litherland; minutes, E. Dawes; T. Whitfield, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnets, singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner's Lane, 24 birds sang. 1, A. Binner; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, shared Longbottom and Wigfield. One of our old friends, Mr. T. Chippendale, has been with us again. Judges, T. Summons and C. Ward. H. Wigfield.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club. Grand contest, Flat-towers' Arms, Skinner Lane, 24 birds; A. Lorrman and N. Solomon judged. 1, Robinson; 2, 4, Chippendale; 3, Dearlove. F. Turner, Sec. Linnet contest, April 13, Skinner's Arms, Burlington, 19 birds, for quality singing. 1, Jarman; 2, 3, shared by Connor and Blackburn. There will be a general meeting to elect fresh sec., as Mr. Clayton has answered the call and joined the colours. Judges, J. Sellers, J. Dalton.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnets singing, April 15; 30 sang for 5 prizes: 1, Jim Chippendale; 2, Studd; 3, Jarratt; 4, Wigfield; 5, J. Chadwick. Judges, Craue and Naylor. April 16, 31 birds sang: 1, Buttery; 2, 3, shared by J. Chippendale and T. Ineson; 4, 5, T. Ineson. Judges, Hardestale, Craue, Naylor. April 16, 12 sang: 1, Wood; 2, Thompson. Judges, Hardestale and Hayes. W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

A TIMELY HINT.

Owing to the shortage of paper it is not certain that we may be able to publish a second edition of "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL" for 1916. See the advt. on page 213, and send for your copy at once, or you may be disappointed.

THE MIGRANTS' BUSY FORTNIGHT.

The London "Observer" of April 9 has an interesting article entitled "The Coming of the Birds," from which we take the following:

"Given favourable weather, the latter half of April witnesses the great influx of summer birds, most members of the large family of Warblers arriving during that period. The Willow Warbler is invariably a good deal later than the Chiff-Chaff, but earlier than the Wood Warbler, whom he so much resembles. The Greater and the Lesser White-throats, the Garden Warbler, the Hedge and Reed Warblers, and the Blackcap—all these may usually be heard or seen during this next fortnight or so, though one or two of them cannot always be counted on until quite the end of the month or even a little later. The Blackcap, whose rather short though exquisite song has earned for him the title of "Mock Nightingale," is a most welcome addition to our list of singing birds, and although by no means uncommon, not nearly so well known as he should be.

The end of April or early May is marked also by the arrival of several other migrants, some of which are readily recognised, but others frequently overlooked. The Turtle Dove—a much commoner bird in this country than it used to be—is familiar to all; the Corncrake—of very retiring habits and less common than of yore—is more often heard than seen. And after all these are here there yet remain three or four more species which do not care to brave our climate until May is well advanced. The Spotted Flycatcher, and his rarer relative, the Pied Flycatcher, are two of these; the Marsh Warbler—a bird of rather local habits and often unrecognised—is another."

How to Keep British Finches Successfully in Captivity.

By T. Batsford, Stratford-on-Avon.

Some Practical Hints on the Proper Feeding and Caging of Seed-eating British Birds.

IN giving my experience as a keeper of British birds, I will endeavour to describe the best way to keep them in health and condition, at the same time try to win the 10s. prize, hoping that some beginner may benefit by my effort, although I can claim to be only a novice myself, having only been in the "fancy" about two years.

To begin with, I will tell what made me start this fascinating hobby. A friend of mine brought me a young Hawfinch to rear, one that he had caught in the garden, and, neither of us knowing what it was, I had to seek the advice of a fancier. After his inspection of the bird I was put on the right course of feeding, which necessitated my calling at his house, and what a sight there was there for me; it was worth a ten mile march any day.

From that day I decided to be the possessor of some birds myself, and I think I have had about twelve different species through my hands, although my favourites are the British Finches. Thus I have learned the different ways of some of our feathered friends, for before becoming an exhibitor I think everyone should thoroughly understand them. Be sure and get in touch with some good fancier who, if he can see that you are in earnest, will give you all the help and encouragement that he possibly can, and when you are buying birds get him to do the dealing for you.

When on a course of inspection to your friends' aviaries, just keep your eyes open, and always try to improve on your friends' methods, by so doing you know that you have done your best, and when there is an article in CAGE BIRDS giving advice on the keeping of British birds, whether hardbills or softbills, cut it out for future reference as I have done.

My outdoor aviary stock cages are 13 feet long, 12 inches wide, and 16 inches high, and these I can make into any number of compartments up to six by sliding partitions. At one end there is a catch-trap, one foot square, into which, by lifting a sliding door, I can drive whichever bird I wish to catch. In the side of this trap there is another door against which I place the cage I want my bird to go into, draw out the door, and drive the bird in without having to handle him, thus keeping his feathers intact, which is necessary in a show specimen.

This catch trap I use for their water for bathing, thus saving the mess all over the cages. There is a shutter to each compartment, so that I can make them secure from the cats at night. The front of each part is fitted into a wood frame, thus forming a door which lifts up for cleaning out. I think this makes an ideal cage for moulted Britishers.

In the feeding of my birds I generally get the best seed possible, for I know by experience that it is the cheapest in the end. For the Hawfinch, which is my favourite, I give canary, white sunflower, and breemast, and occasionally hemp, and when green peas are about I give as many as they want. The various small berries I give as they ripen, especially those of the hawthorn. A few mealworms or maggots may also be given.

For the Greenfinch I use canary, rape, and teazel, with sunflower and linseed added occasionally. To the Goldfinches I give canary and teazel with a little niger, linseed, rape, hemp and maw seed, also as much wild seed as I can get, such as dandelion and thistle, and for green food chickweed and groundsel.

For the Siskin I give canary and niger with a little linseed and teazel. Wild seeds I give as for Goldfinch, with a supply of alder seeds when procurable. To the Chaffinch I give canary, rape, linseed, and white sunflower, as well as a few mealworms, gentles and caterpillars. The Bramblefinch I feed just the same.

The Linnets get canary, teazel, and rape, with a little linseed, and, as green food, chickweed and groundsel. The Bullfinch I give canary and teazel, with a little linseed, rape, and sunflower added, and for green food I give dandelion, groundsel, and chickweed. As Bullfinches are fond of berries, I give privet and blackberries, when in season, as many as they will eat, for I think this is one of the best methods of colour feeding the Bullfinch. In conclusion, I would advise the beginner not to try to keep more than he can properly cater for. If the job is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

Helping Disabled Soldiers and Capturing the Canary Trade.

WE are pleased to be able to report that the scheme is gaining ground. The appointed organiser has got to work, and is getting things in order for the committee, who will shortly meet and give it a good send off. We have had several encouraging letters and useful suggestions, from which we pick out the following:—Mr. J. S. Baty suggests that local committees should be formed 'to assist in their districts; another suggestion from a reader at Oldham is to the effect that a company be formed, capital being subscribed in £1 shares, paid up in calls of, say, 2s. each. All these and other suggestions will come before the committee in due course. We hope readers will continue to help us with their suggestions.

We should just like to mention that Mr. Bastock's offer, published last week, of a pair of Norwich at 30s., though made in January before he had cleared his surplus stock, means that the pair will be considerably above the original value.

Mr. Bastock has generously allowed the gift to stand as stated, and we have already received a cash offer of 30s. for the birds. Unless a larger offer is to hand not later than Tuesday morning next, April 25, the birds will be sold to the bidder of the thirty shillings, but they should fetch considerably more than this small sum.

There are many applications for birds coming in from our wounded heroes who have lost limbs or have been injured in the head and are unable to follow regular employment, and we shall be very grateful for further promises of birds, etc. Too many cannot be offered; all will be welcome. We want every bird we can get now, and every young one bred this season that can be spared.

Our scheme is spreading across the water, as will be seen from the letter of a Jersey reader offering birds from the Channel Islands. The letter of M. Rossignol is welcome in a double sense, for our French reader offers personal help as well as giving his own birds. Mr. Bastock's idea has caught on in the poultry world also, as see Mr. Hughes' letter published to-day.

We have received an offer of £1 from a wounded soldier who would like a pair of Norwich, a yellow cock and buff hen, also a double breeder or a pair of Borders; he is willing to pay carriage for same. If any reader can supply these will they please communicate with us, and we will advise our applicant?

Several replies have been received from the secretaries of the London societies who were invited to appoint delegates to serve on the committee of organisation, and when all the societies communicated with have held meetings the replies will doubtless be complete. The committee will then immediately be formed, and our task of organising our supply of Canaries for the benefit of England instead of her enemies will have commenced in earnest.

In our invitation to the secretaries of the London societies to appoint delegates as members of the organising committee we suggested that the committee should meet on Wednesday afternoons. From the replies received, however, we gather that to attend during the afternoon would be inconvenient to business men, and as these are the very ones whose presence would have been most valuable, we have decided to have the meetings in the evening. The first meeting will be held in a room at our offices, 154, Fleet Street, at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday in May.

We hope to hear from all the secretaries of London societies that they will nominate representatives to sit on the committee, and a cordial invitation is extended to provincial societies also to appoint a delegate if possible to represent them. There is strength in numbers, and we want this committee to be thoroughly representative of bird-keepers throughout our country. It should consist of men who have the interests of the Fancy at heart, and who will devote their efforts to the great task which lies before us not only of capturing for England the trade which has hitherto been almost the sole monopoly of the foreign enemy, but of establishing an industry which will put the English Canary in its proper position as the best in the world.

For Soldiers in Tottenham.

SIR,—If you have any wounded men taking up the hobby of bird-keeping in my neighbourhood, I shall be most pleased to assist them.

A. H. THURLEY.

Tottenham.

SIR,—I am quite willing to sell my Canaries, cages, etc., for the benefit of the wounded soldiers. I have one pair nesting and will take £1 for them as they are in the breeding cage. I have also a cock in full song, and a hen ready to pair (father and daughter) I paid 10s. 6d. for the cock, the hen I bred last year, she has had one nest already this year. I will accept any reasonable offer for them, and the cages, cage fronts, and accessories that I have. They are all Crest-bred Norwich birds, I believe, and belonged partly to my son who has gone to be a soldier. I cannot afford to give them, having already given the money I obtained for the ones I sold last year.

(Mrs.) H. WOLFERSTAN.

Plymouth.

To Breeders of Yorkshire Greens: Send Us Your Offers for These.

SIR,—Having read with great interest your scheme to help our wounded soldiers, which I think is a great thing, I will give you a pair of Yorkshire greens, and another pair at the end of the breeding season. I will ask other fanciers over here to help you. Wishing your scheme all success.

Jersey.

J. Le ROSSIGNOL.

What Bids for a Game Bantam?

SIR,—I think the suggestion of Mr. J. Bastock well worth attention. Although I cannot spare any of my birds, I am willing to give a Pile Game Bantam cock, a winner and a good stock bird, for the benefit of the fund, to be sold to the highest bidder (not less than 8s. 6d.), and will dispatch the same upon hearing from you that you have received the money.

W. HUGHES.

How Secretaries Can Help.

SIR,—I think your scheme a very practical idea, and I feel sure people are already grasping it. For instance, I advertised a Roller organ, and it was sold immediately CAGE BIRDS appeared, and I could have sold another on Saturday morning. This goes to prove that fanciers are already engaged on improving and perfecting the song of British-bred Rollers; but this is practically the beginning; we have the end to attain. What is needed at once is secretaries to band the beginners together, give advice, and explain things generally. The breeding season is upon them, and there are lots of ways to help. One I should suggest is to work co-operatively; say, buy our seed in bulk and share out in proportion; but I say again that what is needed is for secretaries to band the fanciers together. If my services are of any value, I am quite at your disposal to look after the breeders of Burnley and surrounding districts. I don't suppose we shall have much opposition, for nobody will require the German products.

JOHN BROXUP.

The Border Fancy Canary.

The Chairman of the Cheltenham C.B.S., tells how to breed "Wee Gems" to win on the show bench.

A PAPER was read before the Cheltenham Cage Bird Society by the chairman, Mr. J. Madagan, on the Border Fancy. In introducing his subject he said he was very pleased to see his favourite Canary making such rapid strides in the South and West of England. For this thanks were mainly due to the Southern Border Fancy Club. He then gave his idea of what a Border should be.

The first thing, he said, is shape and size. What I like is a bird with a nice round back, and well filled in, running in an almost straight line from the rise over the shoulder to the tail, front or chest nicely rounded, not too heavy, tapering away to the vent. I have found correct backs one of the most difficult things to get. A lot of birds are bred hollow in back, or if not hollow very flat, which makes them long-sided.

The head should be small, round, and neat, a nice small beak, eyes dark and bright, set in the middle of the head, neck not too thick, and proportionate to the head and body. Wings should be compact, and carried close to the body, just meeting at the tips.

The tail should be close, nicely packed and rounded, and well filled in at the root. Many birds fail in this, having spreading tails, or else drop them, getting them almost round the perch; legs medium in length with little or no thigh; feet corresponding.

To get the colour you must breed for it by introducing green blood. In my early days

Breeding and Exhibiting the Norwich Plainhead Canary.

By
A. MOORMAN
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In this article the author shows how to select birds for pairing, how to feed the young, and how to prepare them for exhibition. The instructions on hand-washing should enable anyone to overcome the little difficulties incidental to the process.

A SHORT time ago in CAGE BIRDS I told how I became a successful breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Canary, so will now give a few particulars of breeding the exhibition Norwich, which may be of interest to beginners.

The exhibition Norwich requires type, size, substance and colour, and should excel in every one of these points. An ideal show bird should have a good bold round head, with a wide entrance, rising nicely from a short beak, a clear round eye, short thick neck, deep and nicely rounded chest, well filled in down the back, wings short and well carried, and just meeting at the tips, tail short and well packed, legs well set back and not too long, just showing a little thigh. The bird should be well cut away behind, should stand well across the perch, and have a good jaunty carriage. Its feathers should be of a nice soft, silky texture, with good depth of colour.

How to Select the Breeders.

To produce a bird of this description the breeding stock must be of the finest blood and of good pedigree. The cocks should have large bold heads, and as much size and substance as possible, with good depth of colour, as from the cocks you get size and colour. It does not matter if they do carry a bit of feather, as this can be remedied by pairing with a good feathered hen.

The hens should have good heads, should be true to type, and have short, silky feather of medium size. Some breeders prefer a large hen, but I have always had good results from a medium size hen paired to a good large cock, and they generally feed the young better, which goes a long way towards making a show bird. Always try and keep type and quality on the hen side.

Look over your birds before pairing, and find out the weak points in each one, as what is lacking in the one must be over strong in the other. If, for example, one bird is rather small in head the other must have extra good head properties. Good head properties are one of the principal points and hardest to keep in the Norwich. Never pair two birds together with the same faults.

When pairing, pair a year-old cock to an unfledged or a year-old hen; the young from these will be larger and stronger than from two unfledged birds. Pair a 'ticked' or marked or variegated to a clear. If you have to pair two clears together, be sure there is plenty of green blood running in their veins, or the progeny will be poor in colour.

The Value of Green Food.

It is a very important item always to have plenty of green blood in your stock, as a Norwich is no good on the show bench unless it has plenty of colour, no matter how good in type it may be. The green you require for this purpose is a good bronze green, not the ordinary green bird known as Liverpool Green; these latter are no good as colour producers.

If your stock is inclined to be on the small side, pair two buffs together. The birds required for double buffing are those of medium size, of good type, with nice close-fitting feather of good rich colour, and carrying as little frosting as possible. Young bred in this way will be of good frame and bone, and the double buffing also helps to shorten the wings and tail, and provides the good broad heads and short thick necks so much admired in a Norwich.

Be sure the birds you choose for double buffing have a certain amount of green blood in their veins, or here again you will lose colour. The one fault in double buffing is that all the young will be buffs; I should not advise anyone to overdo it; it should be resorted to only when it is wished to increase

in the Fancy I made the mistake of pairing clears, and consequently lost colour, but upon introducing a Jonque green cock and cinnamon hen, I quickly improved my stock, and can claim to-day to have some of the best-coloured Borders that were out last year.

In selecting breeding pairs don't discard all that are not show birds. I can give you proof of what I mean—the yellow hen I have bred my best birds from for the last two years would not get looked at on the show bench; but paired to my old winning buff the result is a good percentage of winners.

On the other hand, I paired up two show birds, my best buff cock and best buff hen, which I called Cheltenham Lady—which, by the way, was well up in the cards at Swansea show, but was disqualified as being a cock—

the size in the stock, or they have got a bit thin in the neck. Neither should I advise anyone to introduce the Crestbred into his stock to increase size, as birds bred from the Crestbred will carry a tremendous lot of surplus feather with bony heads, and it will take a long time to breed it out again.

A good time to pair your birds is about the last week in March or first week in April, if the weather is at all suitable. Give them plenty of grit and old mortar and cuttlefish bone to help form the shells of their eggs, put in nest pans, and give some building material for them to use. Also give them a little egg food till the eggs are laid.

Take the eggs away as laid until the third, then set the hen the same evening, well dusting the nest with Keating's insect powder. The young will then hatch out all at the same time and will stand a better chance of all getting reared.

If the cock does not interfere with the hen while sitting leave them together, then he will help feed the young. Many nests are saved by the cocks feeding when the hens have refused to do so. If he does worry the hen at all, remove him when setting her, and do not return him till the young are a fortnight old, then he will help feed them.

About the thirteenth day give a little yolk of egg, as if the hen has been sitting close the young will be due about this time. After the third day, add a little biscuit to the yolk of egg, also the white. Give a little sound hemp with the usual canary seed, and a little watercress for green food, increasing as the young get older. Keep an eye on the young, and if any die, remove at once, as they soon become offensive.

When the young are about a fortnight old give a clean nest, well dusting it with insect powder, and when they are beginning to get well feathered see that the hen does not pluck them, as about this time she will want to go to nest again. If she does, remove the young to a nursery cage, and she can feed them through the wires.

At about four weeks old they will begin to peck about for themselves, then give a little egg food, and as soon as you find they clear it all up remove them into a flight and give a little crushed hemp, gradually getting them on to hard seed. Continue to give a little egg food until the moult, and ring all young birds when putting them in the flight and enter their numbers in your pedigree book for future reference.

Keep a look out about this time, for some of them may go a bit thick; if so, give a little milk sop, and this, if taken in time, will ward off inflammation.

When they are from eight to ten weeks old they will commence to shed their feathers, so give a little colour food, making it weak at first and gradually increasing to the full strength required. A good and cheap substitute for egg and biscuit is Spratt's Canary and Cage Bird food; it saves a lot of trouble and expense. When mixing this add boiling water to make a crumbly paste; add a quantity of sweet pepper, a pinch of salt, and some sugar; also add a little linseed meal. You will find they will eat this readily, but it is well to take away the seed boxes for the first part of the day, then you will be sure they all eat some of the colour food. Give the bath regularly, as cold water is a fine conditioner.

Towards the end of the moult, when only the head is left to finish, gradually reduce the strength of colour food, so as to get a good level colour in them, and about the middle of the moult add a few grains of sulphate of iron to the drinking water; this acts as a tonic, and helps to fix the colour.

(To be continued.)

thinking I should get a stormer or two, but the result was 12 youngsters with not one worth looking at.

In selecting a cock for breeding, be it buff or yellow, use a bird with as good a head as possible, for I find you breed a bigger percentage of good-headed birds from a good headed cock, even if it is a trifle long or a little coarse, but let your hens be short as possible, not forgetting quality of feather.

In concluding, Mr. Madagan said "There is one thing I feel very proud of, and that is, having brought the S.B.F.C. Challenge Cup to Cheltenham, and it is my earnest hope, that I shall not be the only Cheltenham fancier to win it, and also that other members of our society will be as successful in whatever kind they may be showing in the near future."

The Best Seed-eating British Bird for a Novice

By F. ARCHER (Huddersfield).—

A Well-known Exhibitor Plumps for the Greenfinch.

IN my opinion the best British seed-eating bird for a novice is the Greenfinch. It can be bought for a few coppers, is easily kept, will eat almost anything, and is quite easy to tame. The Greenfinch is very easy to get into condition, and once he is in that condition he generally, with the use of the bath, keeps up his beautiful appearance.

The Greenfinch is also a very handsome bird, and when you have moulted one you will see a vast improvement in your specimen which, may be, you purchased for a few coppers, say, six or seven months previously. I have moulted them out, and have won prizes with them at our various exhibitions, and I think the Greenfinch will surely please the novice, both from a financial point of view, and for the purpose of gaining experience in bird-keeping.

How to Select a Good Bird.

Purchase a large one, one with as bright a yellow on the wings as it is possible to get.

There are two kinds of Greenfinches, the buff and a yellow, and I have known real good buffs beat the yellows. I myself prefer the yellow, and for exhibition purposes it is well to colour feed it. If I had a buff and wished to exhibit the same, I should certainly show it unfed, for in colour feeding the buff Greenfinch you are liable to get the bird uneven in colour; in other words, blotchy. The yellow Greenfinch takes the colour food very well, and the wing bars are far clearer than in the buff.

Condition is a great point. Once you have

moulted the Greenfinch do not forget the bath. If our fanciers would use the bath a little oftener, there would be no need to keep asking how to get the birds in high condition. Condition is simply quality in feather, and the silky appearance (or sheen) as many call it. This all comes about by the use of the bath, and a wee bit of sulphate of iron in the drinking water, say, twice a week, helps greatly to the bird's appearance. I have found out that sulphate of iron is one of the most useful things in any bird room, and I have many times experienced its value. It is very cheap, and can be bought in penny packets; the reason that it is cheap may be one reason why it is not more fully taken advantage of.

Its Value for Hybrid Breeding.

Some may think it is not much use bothering with the Greenfinch, as at the exhibitions it has mostly to take a back seat in mixed classes. I say the Greenfinch is one of our best British birds, and, if properly kept, can be moulted into a champion. As a Mule breeder the Greenfinch is often used with success, and at our exhibitions we see that some of the best Mules exhibited have been produced by a cross with this bird that can be bought for a few coppers. Then, if this be so, which it is, I claim that the Greenfinch is the best bird for the novice to persevere with.

I also think when the bird is in perfect high condition it is one of the smartest British birds one could wish to see at any exhibition. All that is required in its keeping are a good roomy cage, a good mixed seed, special attention to the bath, not forgetting the sulphate of iron. In season, give green food as near as Nature will supply, and all will go well. The Greenfinch is not much of a songster, but as the breeding season comes in you can see him trying to do his little bit with his wings down, and constantly calling.

The Greenfinch then is well worthy of a trial by the novice, and though he may get the bird for a few coppers, he may, if he moults the same properly, be able to sell it for pounds if he wishes.

The Breeding Season

A Lecture given by Mr. J. W. METCALFE, Liverpool, before the members of the Walton, Everton and District C.B.S., and communicated by Mr. A. G. HUNT, hon. sec.

THE lecture given by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe on the breeding of Canaries was greatly appreciated by all present, and was of a most interesting and instructive nature, for although the subject is a well-worn one, it is always possible that one may receive hints likely to prove useful, and this is especially so in the case of novices. The lecturer laid particular stress upon the following points, and introduced suggestions, based on personal experience, which were quite new to at least some of the hearers.

It was pointed out as of the utmost importance to have the birds in tip-top condition, all accessories ready, cages clean, and sand trays and cage doors working easily, and with a little disturbance to the birds as possible.

Don't Hurry.

The hens should be ready for nesting before an attempt at pairing is thought of, and should have a liberal supply of cuttlefish and a pinch of niger seed about twice a week. It is quite easy to see when the hens are ready, as they begin to call to the cocks, and may be seen carrying a stray feather or any piece of stray material.

It is a mistake to begin pairing too early, especially where the birds are kept in a cold room, as it is quite possible that although they may make a good start, they may, after the second or third egg, throw the game up, to the disgust of their owner.

When it is decided which birds are to be paired, the point arises as to whether they shall be put together right away, or whether the cock is to be kept from the hen by means of a wire slide in a double breeder, or by placing the cock in a show cage, and ranging in front of the hen, so that they can feed each other through the wires.

The latter method is not to be recommended, as there is a risk of the cock catching a cold from being in the open wire show placing the cock in a show cage and hanging there may be.

Calm Fellows Storm.

It is better to risk putting the bird direct together, and although they may fight for a day or two, they soon settle down, and begin operations in right good earnest. Before putting together, see that their claws are trimmed; this is most important. Also insert the nest pan with the felt lining, and give a small quantity of building material for them to make a start with, allowing a little more each day as the work of nest making progresses.

It may be well to mention here that in applying insect powder to the nest it is always best to place this between the felt lining and the pan, as if it comes into direct contact with the hen's body while sitting

it is often the cause of irritation of the skin and vent, which will be found to be quite inflamed in severe cases, and may cause the hen to be restless, or even to discard the nest altogether.

Let Well Alone.

After the birds start nesting, and appear quite settled, the best thing is to let them go their own way without interference. During this time the diet should be good plain canary seed, with a little condition mixture two or three times a week, with egg food on the intermediate days, and a spray of greenfood according to requirements.

After an interval of twelve to fourteen days from time of pairing up the hen may be expected to lay her first egg. Trouble may here present itself in the shape of egg binding, which we are all sure to encounter some time. In this case the hen is found "bunched up," sometimes on the nest, but more often on the bottom of the cage, and evidently in extreme pain.

The best thing in such a case is to get a clean nest pan, and place a felt lining inside it, placing the hen in this, and covering it with a light cloth or handkerchief. Next place this nest pan with the bird in it over a jug of hot water, allowing the steam to penetrate through the holes of the nest pan, and so give relief to the suffering bird.

Novices should be cautioned about removing with their fingers the eggs as they are laid, for this invariably results in breakages. It is far better to use a spoon.

While the hen is sitting the cock can be left with her if agreeable, or otherwise be removed out of sight. If it is intended to run one cock with two hens, allow the cock to remain with the first hen for two or three days after starting to sit, in order to give the hen a good start.

The young should appear on the thirteenth day, but if not, do not disturb the nest until the fifteenth or sixteenth day, as young have been known to hatch even later than that.

How to Test the Eggs.

Naturally one is anxious to know if the eggs are full or not, so they may be examined after about the tenth day of sitting. Full eggs will appear quite dull, the shell having lost its gloss; this is a sure sign of full eggs.

On the thirteenth or fourteenth day, if the eggs do not hatch out, they can be tested by placing in warm water. If young are alive the eggs will move slightly, but if quite still the young are probably dead in shell. The reason for the young being dead in the shell is believed to be on account of the germ being too weak to come to maturity.

The diet for the hens while sitting should consist of plain canary with a little weak eggfood once or twice a week, just to keep them in touch with it, and also a limited supply of greenfood sufficient to keep the system clear. (To be continued.)

Correspondence.

Keep on Keeping Canaries.

SIR,—Apropos a recent paragraph going round in the lay Press concerning the "Keep-no-Pets" crusade, it may be useful to point out how misguided and even unpatriotic are the efforts of these anti-waste fanatics, so far as they concern the hobby of keeping and breeding pet Canaries, and a few other singing pets.

As far as the actual saving of money or foodstuffs is concerned, the average Canary consumes in the aggregate a moderate-sized teaspoonful of seeds or foods of other descriptions daily, none of which makes any appreciable effect on foods consumed by man, which are rarely, if ever, used, except as occasional tit-bits or for very young stock.

It should be common knowledge that for a great number of years Canary keeping has been one of the most popular and profitable pastimes among the German masses, and the business of breeding and training of the Roller Canary and piping Bullfinch for export trade with this and other countries has assumed very large proportions.

Of Canaries alone, the chief branch of the trade, not less than 1,000 trained male singers were sent to this country weekly during the season each year, which lasted from October to February or March, and when the cheaper class of birds and hens were included it is doubtful if our import of these birds has been far short of 50,000 annually for many years past.

Now, of late years, the breeding and training of these birds has been taken up and encouraged by a section of British fanciers, with the result that already we have the foundation well laid for producing the material to supply the home market with British bred and trained birds, and thereby capturing what has for long been a most lucrative German monopoly.

It only remains to bring British fanciers to a keen realisation of the fact that now, whilst the German trade is in abeyance, there is an unparalleled opportunity to step in and supply the home demand, and at the same time enjoy a very attractive and interesting hobby and help to keep at home the thousands of golden coins which hitherto have been going yearly to line the pockets of our greatest enemies.

Therefore, to give up the hobby of Canary keeping at this time is not only unwise, but positively unpatriotic, as leaving the business intact for them to resume as soon as the war is over is practically playing into the Germans' hands, besides throwing away a unique chance to capture a German trade, such as may never occur again.

And there are none so poor, none so busy, scarcely any so young, in the rank and file of the British public as to be quite unable to do a bit in this direction.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Colour in the Norwich Plainhead.

SIR,—Before dealing with Mr. Allsopp's letter I must ask him not to suggest that I advised green buff should be mated to green buff. Apparently, as my last letter was written 12 weeks ago he has forgotten, or is under the impression your readers will have forgotten, my exact words. [Mr. Allsopp's letter was written in immediate reply to Mr. Cole, but has been held over for want of space.—Editor.] What I said was green to green, and it does not require a vivid imagination to know that when you are trying to obtain colour one of the pair should be a yellow. When he states that green blood plus yellow blood accomplishes more than green blood plus a bit more green blood, he is merely stating the obvious. I should have thought such a statement was unworthy of a self-styled "old campaigner." Is it an admission that green blood is a colour-producer?

I should also like to know where I advised anyone to "fill their rooms with variegated and self greens." What I said was that even the mating of green mark to green marked would sometimes produce clears, and if not then the green marking must be reduced by clear blood. Although he asserts that I advised the former, he admits that I stated the latter. Is not the assertion disproved by the admission?

Mr. Allsopp describes this reduction of green by clear as a "retrograde and ridiculous movement." I should like to know why? Why, too, does he like even less than 20 per cent. green blood in his birds for double yellowing to enable him to produce his "unbeatable colour"? Where also does he get this low percentage of green except by breaking down a green by clear? This is surely an admission that green blood is the fountain for colour. Thank you, Mr. All-

sopp, this confirms my experience which I gave to the readers of CAGE BIRDS.

Now, let us see what he has brought out of his stocking. Double yellowing! He would have us believe he does so freely. That it is, in fact, the whole essence of colour production. I should like to know more about it. He tells us he double yellows with an "occasional double buffing to fill in the hollows and round off the bumps." Is not double yellowing therefore "retrograde and ridiculous"? Certainly, if my statement was, his is more so. Breeding yellow to buff is not so likely to produce hollows and bumps. He says also the "double yellowing under the happiest circumstances is paralysing for a while." My word, what advice! Thankee, my friend; I don't want paralysing even for five minutes.

Will he tell us more about this unflighted yellow v.h.c. in a class of 24 with nothing to beat it for colour in the whole section? Was this youngster the exception from others he has bred by double yellowing? Were the others even medium class Norwich? I should also like to know what percentage of double yellow bred buff cocks and hens he mentions. If not, whether it is in consequence of a retrograde and ridiculous movement which has paralysed his stock.

Mr. Allsopp is nothing unless he is original, and I am afraid he has accepted the advice of the wag to "shoot at the moon, perchance he may hit something as the arrow falls." The arrow has brought to his feet a v.h.c. Who knows whether, if he had adopted the rational method, he might not have brought down first and special? Of course, I may be wrong, but unless he can put me right I must still adopt what he calls my "extravagant wastage of green blood." It is cheap extravagance, too.

FRANK COLE.

Novices at the Grand National British Bird Show.

SIR,—As I have had many inquiries, I should be glad if you will allow me to say a novice for the purposes of the above show will mean one who has not won 1st prize in British classes, in open competition at an all-England show. The meaning of "guaranteeing a class" would be: The guarantors would pay the difference, if any, between the prize-money given, viz. 20s. per class, and the entry fees received, nine entries to make full prize money. So a guarantor would lose very little, if any.

The following gentlemen have kindly promised to guarantee: Messrs. Chick, three classes; Mr. Gomersal, three; Mr. Lloyd James, three; Mr. Parlett, three; and Mr. Alf. Wellings, two. Now British exhibitors rally round, and see if we cannot get every class guaranteed. Next week I will send in a list of specials that are promised.

J. W. METCALFE.

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The Origin of Nest Building.

SIR,—I notice that in the correspondence on the Song of the Canary, which has been going on in your columns, the question has crept in of how birds learnt to build nests. An extract, therefore, from an article in "The Teacher's World" entitled Bird Homes, may be of interest. It is as follows:—

"The origin of nest-building is too complicated a subject to discuss here. But it is well to call to mind the reptilian ancestry of birds, and the fact that reptiles place their eggs among such material and in such a position that the sun's heat will hatch them. There we have the crude origin of nest-building, no doubt; and to this day there are foreign birds which place their eggs inside a warm mound and then leave them.

"An inherited instinct guides the bird in this, the most important time of its life. Only this instinct and the skill of its own frail beak stand between it and a host of enemies, not the least of which is the weather. A Rook which chooses a faulty branch, a Tit which favours a nest-hole facing south-west, are both victims of an unsound instinct, and will most likely perish. Such cases are rare; but the fact that the bird population in any district does not alter a great deal shows how numerous are the deaths from ordinary perils. Should we include man among these? Unfortunately, yes; but the evidence points to the conclusion that the bird's instinct is pitted, not against the intelligence of man, but against the hunting craft of cats, rats, mice, stoats, weasels, snakes, squirrels, foxes, Jays, Hawks, Jackdaws, Crows, and others. Again and again one notices that small birds prefer the neighbourhood of man, in nesting time, to the risks of the wood."

INTERESTED.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Rooks in London City.

SIR,—The presence of the Rooks in the Temple Gardens, noted in *CAGE BIRDS* of April 15, has been reported in nearly every newspaper in our country, and very many of them have said that the present is the first recorded instance. As the matter has attracted so much attention I have thought that you might like to publish a note sent by a resident in the Temple to the "Manchester Guardian." It is as follows:—

"In a footnote of Master Worsley's book, edited by Mr. Inghen, K.C., he writes: 'Forster (in his life of Goldsmith) says that among Goldsmith's happiest hours were those that he passed at his window looking over into the Temple Gardens. Nor had the benchers thinned the trees in those days, for they were of that race of benchers, loved by Charles Lamb, who refused to pass in their treasurer's account 'twenty shillings to the gardener for stuff to poison the Sparrows.' So there he sat, with the noisy life of Fleet Street, making country music for himself out of the noise of the old Temple rookery.' It is said that Rooks were introduced into the Temple gardens by Sir Edward Northey (treasurer of Middle Temple, 1701) from Woodcote Green, Epsom, in the reign of Queen Anne."

MANCURIAN.

[Whatever may have been said in other papers, our note said, "This is the first time for many years that they have been noted within the Temple boundaries." As a matter of fact, we believe that there was always a Temple rookery up till about 1840. In Goldsmith's time Rooks nested in the elms, which gave their name to Elm Court, Temple. Three further pairs of Rooks have now joined the original couple, and there are four nests in course of construction.—Editor, *CAGE BIRDS*.]

Society Formed for East Anglia.

SIR,—As the outcome of the correspondence in *CAGE BIRDS*, coupled with a little strenuous work in the canvassing line, I am pleased to say an East Anglian Norwich Plainhead Club has now been formed.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of Norwich fanciers, held April 13, after careful consideration of the principles and expenses of a specialist club such as that proposed, decided almost unanimously to support the venture. There is no doubt that something is necessary to be done to bring East Anglia into line with the other parts of the country, and by forming this club we are in a way guaranteeing the success of the open shows in the counties concerned.

The headquarters of the club will be in Norwich, at all events for the first year, and the executive will be elected from all parts of East Anglia. The year is passing on quickly, and fanciers interested, and the secretaries of clubs likely to apply for patronage, would do well to get into touch with Mr. R. Tomlinson, 17, Amphil Street, Norwich, who is appointed hon. sec. I hope that this is the beginning of a new era in the fancy in the part of England which once held pride of place, and dropped into a position of comparative insignificance a few years ago. Thanking you for the assistance you gave by publishing the correspondence.

J. J. SMITH.

The Song of the Canary.

The Views of One Who Doesn't Like It.
SIR,—The interesting discussions going on in your columns may do much to get fanciers on to the keeping of genuine song birds, for no one with a sense of musical appreciation could class the Canary among these. They are to me merely shrill mechanical warblers about on a level with the toy mechanical warbler which can be obtained in any bird shop for twopence. Fanciers I have met, who indulge in Canary growing, are interested only in the financial results.

In fact, I deprecate and deplore the introduction of the Canary, as its commercial possibilities have killed any prospect of developing musical appreciation among the Fancy, just as general commercialism has killed art and music in this country.

In future, I would have the Canary classed as the bird of commerce. He would indeed be a dull yokel who would have the temerity to class the Canary with say the Nightingale, Blackcap or Song Thrush. I keep all three, and the Blackcap because of incessant song is my favourite. My Blackcap has been trained under a Nightingale and it is truly remarkable how faithful he is to the 'Gale's

notes. All who have heard him without seeing him pronounce his song to be that of a very good 'Gale, and although kept in a cold room off the kitchen, he sings summer and winter, except when moulting. The song combats between him and the 'Gale are very interesting, and although the 'Gale tries to drown him with volume he hardly ever succeeds.

He is exceedingly hardy and steady, and refuses to cease singing, no matter how you handle the cage. Mr. Hoxton, from whom I got my Blackcap, and who has a unique method of training his Blackcaps by Nightingales, assured me that some of his Blackcaps excel any Nightingale, and from what I have heard in his birdroom, I agree.

My Song Thrush also is a master performer, and has picked up a great deal of the Blackcap and Nightingale notes. All sing independent of any movement or noise I make around the room. These birds, to my mind, constitute the very soul of British song birds, and it is very trying when some commercial fancier says: "Why don't you keep Canaries?" Oh, dear; oh dear!

F. CARSON.

SIR,—Many will be amused to read the comical and diverting letter in your last issue from our old friend Mr. J. Craig. Evidently advancing age mellow and softens some of us in many ways, and I have noticed the invitation he gives to me to criticise his remarks on the origin of birds and of their songs, but really I can see no useful purpose served in doing anything of the kind—one theory being quite as good as another. As a matter of fact, it would be necessary to take more than the usual grain of salt with either. It would be far better to look for facts rather than opinions; moreover, I have in mind the advice of that quaint old writer John Dryden respecting criticism. He wrote: "Of all the cants which are canted in this canting world, though the cant of hypocrites may be the worst, the cant of criticism is the most tormenting." I should, however, like to repeat that this correspondence has wandered away from the question asked by the Rev. H. A. Soames relating to the songs of our domestic Canaries. In the language of a famous departed Statesman: What I have said, I have said. Thus the subject, so far as I feel concerned, is finished.

Cuckoos are mad, mysterious shirkers and parasites; still, there is, I think, a deal of method in their madness, flying like Hawks to the terror of certain small birds, who no doubt regard the bird as an enemy. But, as before stated, I do not know much about the Cuckoo from actual experience. I have, of course, read a lot of their habits by various writers of repute, from Job to Dr. Bowdler Sharpe, and what I do not know from book knowledge, so far as our present knowledge concerning them goes, is not worth knowing. In this connection, there are some charming observations in the Rev. Gilbert White's "Natural History of Selborne."

W. NAPPER.

A Society Wanted for Salisbury.

SIR,—I would like to see a little correspondence in *CAGE BIRDS* about the time for pairing up Canaries. I have been breeding for over 20 years, and I always pair up in the middle of February. My birds are in an outhouse in a back garden close by the railway, with trains passing every ten minutes. At the present time I have 19 young Yorkshires on the sticks, some five weeks old, and hens sitting on second nests. Lots of times I have had young birds in February and have reared every one in an outhouse. I keep my birds in high condition all the year round, always do well every year, and finish breeding before the very hot weather comes. I would like to see a cage bird society started in Salisbury; there are plenty of fanciers, only they want waking up. Anyone interested in forming a cage bird society for Salisbury should kindly send name and address to Mr. Croydon, 110, Castle Street, so that a meeting could be arranged.

E. WILLIAMS.

Greenfinches for Novices.

SIR,—I consider the Greenfinch is by far the best British seed-eating bird for the novice, as it is very easy to keep. The best stock mixture for a Greenfinch is: Canary seed 2 parts, rape 1 part, and teazle 1 part, sunflower half a part. Linseed and hemp should be added occasionally. Privet berries, mountain ash, and the fruit of the hawthorn are also relished, and help to intensify the bird's plumage. Above all, seeding ground-sel is especially valuable, and while this may be offered to the bird he will eat little else. The cage for a Greenfinch should be 20in. by 9in., and about 10in. high. It should be of the box pattern, that is, with only the front wired; all-wired cages are not to be recommended for British birds. It is a matter of great importance to give him plenty of water to bath in.

W. BOLAM.

Club Reports.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Meeting, 142, High-st., April 6, Mr. Charlton, chair. Members present booked their hens. Judges elected: Mr. R. Holmes, Edinburgh; Bord. Mr. McAdam, Lasswade; Brit. and Mule, Mr. Dewar, Edinburgh. Letter read from Mr. Farmer, but it was decided that we have nothing to do with same.—A. Bell, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER F.C.C.

Meeting, April 5, Miller's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle. Mr. W. Smith chair. It had been decided at last meeting to devote this evening to questions, etc., appertaining to the Fancy, but owing to the poor turn out of members this decision was cancelled. Also decided to cancel the Maymeeting.—C. Farrer, Hon. Sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

General meeting, April 6, Llwynellyn Hotel, Porth. Mr. T. James presided over an excellent gathering. Secs. reported that they had succeeded in getting Councillor Wm. Evans as president, and Dr. W. Davies and Mr. J. Morgans as vice-presidents; also several others have promised. The Secs. were instructed to write several gentlemen re judging young bird shows, June 8 and July 27. First quarter's contributions now due.—H. C. Legg, Asst. Sec.

PENY-GRAIG C.B.S.

General meeting, April 6, Butcher's Arms, Mr. E. Hughes presided over a good attendance. Show business was gone through, and judges were nominated; names will be published as soon as acceptances are to hand. Mr. Padfield was elected as vice-chairman. Decided to have a class for Rollers. Other societies kindly note our F.F. show has been fixed for first Saturday in July. Members please be present at next meeting, April 20, at 7 sharp, to allow the night workmen sufficient time.—T. L. Evans, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH MOOR C.B.S.

Meeting, April 8, Mr. W. Creswell chair, with a good attendance. Date fixed for young bird show, July 15, Mr. E. Atkinson (Stanley) judge, if open. Date for annual show, Dec. 23. Judges, Mr. H. Seely (Choppington) and Mr. Morrison (Newcastle) if open. Schedule of 24 classes drawn up for young bird show; £2 promised will be added to entrance fees. Decided to hold table show for British next meeting, May 6. Two cash specials for most points and runner-up. Linnets, Goldf. or Bullf., Greenf., Redpoll, A.O.V. Judge, Mr. J. Bainbridge (Craghead).—G. Bates, Sec.

WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) ASSN.

Meeting Station Hotel, Ap. 12. Mr. J. Johnston presided over a good attendance. Mr. Crawhall, Newcastle, was elected to judge N.F. show, and Mr. Dixon, Bedlington, and Mr. Dixon, Winton, the annual show Nov. 4. New members elected: Rev. C. R. Appleton, Mr. C. Farrer. Members please note to attend next meeting. N.F. show schedule drawn up. One of our members, Mr. Cloud, has suffered a sad loss in the death of his wife, and members sent a vote of sympathy in his bereavement. New members invited. I think we have the strongest society in the north, 105 members.—G. Greenwell, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting, Palmer Hall, attendance not being quite so large as usual. Members are earnestly requested to attend all meetings, as it is the only way to keep things going. Six names were down to read papers, but only three were present, and Sec. is hoping for the other three, so they can compete for silver medal for the best. Decided to engage judge on terms he had quoted for annual show, and no doubt if some more members are called up in their groups the remainder will do their best to carry on for the good of the fancy and society. Decided to hold F.F. show, July 12. Mr. Yates kindly promised to judge. Classes as last year. New members elected: Messrs. White and A. Atkinson.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Meeting, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, April 12. Letter was read from the Editor of *CAGE BIRDS* asking for representative to be appointed to attend meeting re the Canary trade, but it was impossible on account of the time of day the meetings are proposed to be held, and we hope that the Editor will be able to alter the time. The next item referred to Cage Bird League, and this was postponed till next meeting. Letter read from Bromley fanciers in reference to a joint members' show, and the Secretary is to attend their meeting to discuss matters. A proposal was made by Mr. Lock to apply for the patronage of S.B.F.S. under certain conditions. Then came the lecture by H. Norman on the breeding of high-class stock, which was most instructive to all and does not want any comments. Questions, which were rather heavy, were answered in the lecturer's lucid manner, and the only thing that stopped the meeting was time.—W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec.

EAST ANGLIAN NORWICH P.C.

A meeting was held at the Festival House, Norwich, Ap. 13, to consider the question of forming a specialist Plainhead Club for East Anglia. Printed notices had been sent out by Mr. J. J. Smith, and resulted in a splendid attendance of leading fanciers in the city. Mr. W. W. Freestone very ably carried out the duties of chairman. He pointed out clearly that something was necessary to be done to revive the waning interest in the fancy in this part of the country, and advised the meeting to carefully consider the facts to be placed before them by the succeeding speakers. Mr. J. J. Smith, in a very lucid way, explained the scheme he had in mind. He pointed out how in other parts of the country specialist clubs had proved an inestimable boon to the societies they had patronised, and had aroused interest and competition of a healthy character. In fact, he had such an excellent case, and made his points so well, that it was apparent what the result of the meeting would be. Mr. R. Tomlinson discussed the scheme from the financial point of view, demonstrating that at a small expense the possible returns to competing members were considerable, and that the societies receiving the patronage of the club would greatly benefit. The discussion was continued by Messrs. Payne, Vines, Dunham, Mitchell, Shearing, etc. Various points raised were replied to by Mr. Smith. The following resolution was carried without dissent:—"That this meeting is in favour of forming a Specialist N. Plainhead Club, embracing the Eastern counties, viz., Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, and Lincolnshire." Mr. J. J. Smith was elected chairman of the club, and Mr. R. Tomlinson accepted the position of hon. sec. The meeting adjourned for one month, and the sec. announced that in the meantime he would use every endeavour to get in touch with fanciers in the area proposed to be covered by the club.—R. Tomlinson, hon. sec., 17, Amphil Street, Norwich.

ACCRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Crown Hotel, Ap. 6. Good attendance. Date of open show decided, Oct. 13 and 14. F.F. show, June 24, also picnic arranged for members and wives June 4. Full particulars from Sec. or Treas.—A. Noble, Sec.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, Mar. 30, Mr. Eckersley chair. Several members reported they had paired up. Resolved that a N.F. show be held 1st July. An interesting discussion on members' methods of breeding was started by Mr. J. D. Leigh, Messrs. Knowles, Eckersley, and others taking part, and while no two methods were exactly alike, each individual was quite content with the percentage of young reared by his method. Altogether an instructive evening finished far too soon.—H. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

WELSH NORTHERN COUNTIES.

Meeting Cartmell's Hotel, Ap. 12, Mr. Geo. Hughes (Vice-Pres.) chair, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Arundale. It was reported that the Hippodrome, Llandudno, would not be available for next show as it was to undergo structural alterations, rendering it unfit for show purposes. Decided to inspect other premises in Llandudno, including the Town Hall, and to apply for the use of the latter on Nov. 1, Nov. 2, and to have a two days' show; cage birds on the second day if it was found that the hall was not large enough to accommodate all sections on the same day. Resolved that half of the net profits be handed over to the Red Cross Society. Three new members elected, including Mr. Ward and Mr. Downing, who were placed on the Committee. Sec. reported that the finances of the Association were now on a satisfactory footing. Draft for Year Book and members' cards being ready, it was decided to have them both printed at once.—G. E. Cragg.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

First meeting of the newly-elected council, April 15. The new President, Mr. W. B. Atkinson, thanked the delegates for the honourable position in which they had placed him, and hoped to uphold the traditions of his predecessors. He told of an incident in his career at the time of the Boer War, when he was out in South Africa, of reading in "Cage Birds" about the Yorkshire Union and cage bird breeding. He determined when he got home to start Canary breeding, but little thought that he would one day be returned President of the the Council. Committee to revise the Union rules. Elected: Messrs. H. H. Towers, F. Hammond, P. Mason, D. W. Kabery, R. Garnett, H. J. Chittenden, G. R. Rusworth, M. Broadley, A. Gledhill, F. P. Terry, J. G. Anderson, and D. Horsfield. The members' fees for the coming year were put down at 8d. A recommendation was made to the committee that some scheme be formulated in the new rules to provide a trophy. Result of balloting for judges: City of Bradford, H. W. Walsh; Bradford West, F. Self; Tong, H. W. Batty; Manningham, W. Mundill; Huddersfield, J. W. Metcalfe; Laisterdyke, P. Mason; Windhill, E. Clegg; Gt. Horton, R. Garnett; Bradford East, H. J. Chittenden; Halifax, A. Radley; Shipley, T. Bennett; Skelmanthorpe, W. H. Shackleton.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Annual general meeting Mar. 18; Mr. A. Holden presided over a good attendance. Amongst those present was Mr. Houghton, Gloucester, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads, who was given a hearty welcome. The balance-sheet showed an income of £83 9s. 3d., expenditure £67 3s. 6d., balance £16 5s. 9d. Decided not to get balance-sheets printed, but any member to be allowed to look over the books if he desires to do so. Election of officials for 1916: Pres., Ald. Gillies, J.P.; vice-pres., re-elected, with the addition of Mr. F. F. Hawkins and Messrs. Heaps Bros.; chairman, Mr. A. Holden; vice-chair, Rev. C. R. Appleton; sec. and treas., W. Curry; committee, Messrs. J. Mackenzie, J. Maddison, H. Wellsbury, J. Davidson, J. W. Lawson, R. Tindle, F. W. Laidlow, J. Liddle, W. Mather, J. Pearson, E. B. Hooper, J. Moor, J. McGuire, J. W. Reed, R. Smith, J. Rowan, J. Cromarty, S. Lindsay. Decided that the sec. be given an honorarium of £3 for his services. Rules were passed as the previous year. Show date fixed Dec. 8 and 9. Societies please note that these dates are of long standing in connection with the society. Decided to hold next meeting May 13 with a table show of British. Mr. J. Maddison to be asked to judge. Classes: Linnets, Goldf. or Bullf., Greenf., A.O.V., Mules or Hyh. Rev. C. R. Appleton has promised to give 2s. 6d. for most points. A discussion arose on whether we should add a Roller Canary section to the society. Decided if we got the support of these fanciers to add same. Members elected: Mr. Conit hard, Mr. J. Wright. A hearty welcome to any fancier who would like to join the "Palace of the North." Entrance fee, 1s. Subs., 2s. 6d. For further particulars apply to sec., W. Curry, 6, Roxburgh-place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Shows.

PARTICK C.B.C.

British show, Ap. 7, Forresters Hall. Goldf. Hylop. 1 and sp.; Fraser, 2 and sp.; Clark, 3 and sp.; Linnets: Priest, 1, sp.; Fleming, 2 and 3. Lesser Redpoll: Hylop. 1; Henning, 2; Priest, 3. Mealy Redpoll or Twite: Priest, 1. Greenf.: Henning, 1, 3; Priest, 2. A.O. Finch: Hylop. 1 and sp.; Priest, 2 and 3. Bunting: Hylop. 1; Priest, 2 and 3. Hen: Hylop. 1; Henning, 2, 3.—P. Clark, Sec.

MACCLESFIELD C.B.S.

British bird show, Daybrook School, Ap. 6. A good muster of members present. Mr. H. Steele judged, and gave general satisfaction; the members afterwards discussed the different merits of the birds. Class 1: 1, Kay; 2, Mollard; 3, he, Lee; vhe, Jackson; e, Broadhurst. Class 2: 1, 2, W. Kay. Class 4: 1, Collis; 2, Broadhurst. Class 5: 1, Collis; 2, Kay; 3, Lee; vhe, Holt; he, e, Broadhurst. Class 6: 1, 3, Lee; 2, Mollard.—W. Moon, Sec.

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Apr. 22, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 7. N.E. show; new members. Subs. A hearty invitation to all fanciers within seven miles radius. C. F. Tapson.

Burnley O.S.—Apr. 25, Star Inn, 7.30. Selection of judge, N.P. Show. H. Eastwood.

Blantyre and Bothwell C.B.S.—Apr. 23, J. B. Struthers' Hall, 7.30. Having included Bothwell and also changed the night from Saturday to Friday, we will be pleased to receive new members' names. —A. MacMillan.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Apr. 24, abandoned.—F. J. Martin.

Chester C.B.S.—Apr. 25, Boot Inn, 8. Subs. and shares due. Members kindly attend or send subs. and shares, that things can be put in order.—A. Hibbert.

Grimby O.S.—Apr. 27, Slatter's Room, 8. Washing exhibition by champion exhibitor, Mr. Harding. —D. C. Thornton.

Green C.A.—Apr. 27, Oldham's Hall, 8. Lecture, "Allments of Young Birds," by Mr. W. R. Knowles. Will members of the Liverpool B.H.A. kindly attend. Other fanciers are cordially invited.—T. R. Jones.

Guisley Veadon C.B.S.—Apr. 23, The Cross, Gulseley, 9. Ramble to Washburn Valley, Bradford. Fanciers and friends welcome.—W. Rose.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Apr. 29, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7. Fixing up of date, etc., young bird show. Subs. due. New members invited.—F. J. McGregor.

Maesteg C.B.S.—Apr. 24, Bird-in-Hand Hotel, 7.30. General business; contributions; alteration of rules, etc. Invitation to new members.—O. Cozens.

Macclesfield C.B.A.—May 4, Daybrook School, 7.45. Lecture on "The Treatment of Young Birds," by Mr. H. Hall.—W. Moon.

Warrington C.B.S.—Apr. 27, Blue Bell Salo Rooms, 7.30.—H. Warburton.

Newcastle East End C.B.S.—Apr. 26, Blue Bell Inn, Shields Road, Newcastle, 7.30. Appointment. Secretary, etc.—J. G. Hutchinson.

National British Bird and M.C.—Apr. 27, Meeting, Headquarters, 8. Annual ramble.—B. Stephens.

North-west Glasgow C.B.C.—Apr. 25, 44 Napier's Hall Street, 7.45. Classification for F.F. Show; election of judges for F.F. and annual shows.—P. Hous-ton.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—Apr. 26, Room back of Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Schedule Nest Show; subs. due, etc.—A. W. Newton.

Pontypool C.B.S.—Apr. 22, Headquarters, 7. Address on bird matters and general business. Spread on May 6, society's anniversary. Friends invited. All should give names to Sec.—H. H. Vaughan.

Partick C.C.C.—May 5, Foresters' Hall, 8.30. Important business for F.F. Show; all please attend this meeting.—P. Clark.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—Apr. 25, Trinity House, Shaw Heath, 8. Show room; classification; printing, etc.—W. Stafford.

Swansea C.B.A.—Apr. 23, Table Show. Yellow-bammer, cocks, H.M. and F.M.; ditto hens; A.O.V. rook British; ditto hens. Business in connection with F.F. Show.—J. H. Ford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Apr. 22, Station Street Cafe, 7. Question night; 13 questions to be answered by members. Note.—Having had notice from the manager that we must conclude at 9, it is arranged to commence at 7 to the minute. J. Peacock.

West Stanley Patriotic F.F. and C.B.S.—Apr. 23, Drill Central Club, 6.30. Business important.—R. Hutchinson.

Queries Answered

- (1)—All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and conclude with either the correct name or a pseudonym.
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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Mrs. B. T., Miss E. V., R. C. W.—Replied to by post.

INSECTS, ETC. (J. E. H.).—(1) I'm afraid you misunderstood my remark that the insects were due to carelessness. It is quite possible to be most scrupulous in keeping the sand tray clean, and also the food and water vessels and bath, and yet fail in that particular detail which is the main point in keeping red mites at bay. It is essential to exercise constant vigilance over the ends of all perches, joints of doors, and any likely places, however small and hidden, which may form possible harbours for the pest, and frequently touch these places with some insecticide. Without this attention the roost cleanly kept cage may become a refuge for mites. (2) You ought to have said what the last treatment I advised was, as I cannot recall these details. Anyway, you cannot go far wrong if you keep the bird in a comfortable temperature, and give every second day for a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days add to the water 20 drops of a mixture made by dissolving half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry,

and then adding a teaspoonful of glycerine. Stop the other treatment whilst giving this.

SQUEAKING NOISE (W. P. C.).—See that the bird is not exposed to heated air or fumes from the gas when lit, and that it is free from cold draughts. It is always best to hang the cage below the level of the gas-burner if possible. Then every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days add to the water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipocacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre.

MATING ROLLER COCK (Liverpool).—(1) It is advisable to mate a Roller cock with a Yorkie, hen only when you wish to breed larger and better looking young than pure Rollers, and do not mind some deterioration in quality of song. The young would, of course, be crossbreds. (2) In Roller contests both quality and variety of song is taken into consideration and given its proper value, though quality is the most important item. The letters you give signify, as follows: H.R., hollow roll; H.B., hollow bell; bass, bass; sch., snatcher or schockel; F., flutes; W.R., water roll; W.T., whistling tour; W.G., water glock; B.T., bell tour; R.R., bass roll; and G.E., general effect. These are the names of the tours, except the last one, which explains itself. A perfect tour is valued at a certain number of points, and the figures given after the initials are the number of points the bird gains for each tour it sings.

THE REASON WHY (Tom Wade).—It is not possible to say without close personal knowledge of the case why the hen deserted the eggs after seven days, except that the broodiness had evidently left her. You do not say whether the cock was with her or not. If so, try removing him when she commences to sit next time, and leave her to hatch out and rear the young by herself, and vice versa. She will doubtless settle down better with the next brood. The deserted eggs are quite useless now.

GREY LICE (Anxious).—It should not have been at all a difficult matter to prevent the grey lice spreading all through your stock. Be very careful not to use appliances on cages indiscriminately, but keep each set strictly limited to its use on one cage. As you have so many birds, your best plan

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Batty's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Roden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Pouter," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

is to offer all a bath daily for a time, in each pint of water in which you have dissolved a small teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash, and twice a week paint over the ends of all perches, joints of doors, and corners of cages with a solution of an ounce of camphor in half a pint of methylated spirit. This can be done whilst the cages are occupied. It will spoil the varnish, if any, on cage fronts, but that is unavoidable. Dust all nests freely with Keating's, and burn at once as soon as done with, and burn all loose nesting-material that remains in any cage after the nest is built. There is not the slightest necessity to destroy all the birds.

STARTING THE HOBBY (X. C. Mayes).—(1) It is quite possible to breed with one pair, or even two or more, of Canaries when one is at business during the day. Lots of breeders are similarly placed. (2) With proper and judicious management the hobby can be made "to pay." (3) An attic, especially if not extremely susceptible to weather changes, can be made into a very suitable birdroom. Thousands of high-class Canaries are bred in such places. You should get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d., post free, as it will tell you much about the possibilities of the hobby and prevent you making many mistakes.

ROLLER TROUBLES (W. T. P.).—(1) I'm afraid this bird will never be any more good. The swelling is doubtless a tumorous growth, which might be excised by a veterinary if the bird is worth it, which I doubt, but I would not advise any amateurish interference. You might try touching it with a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine twice a week for a month. To correct the looseness keep cage and perches and all food and water vessels scrupulously clean, and in addition to the usual seed diet give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, maw and crushed arrowroot biscuit, dry, every second day, and on the alternate days add to the water four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of opium, and dilute sulphuric acid. When the droppings become normal stop this, and give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. (2) The hen evidently refused to feed the young, and as you seem to have had the cock with her try taking him away when she commences to sit the next brood, and leave her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. As the season will be more appropriate it is quite likely that the next brood will be more of a success. To be prepared for any emergency, however, you would do well to provide yourself with a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you for 7d., post free.

REFUSING TO SIT (Novice, Oldham).—One cannot reason with a hen which refuses to sit after completing her clutch of eggs, and it is not always possible to account for the idiosyncrasy. The only way out of the difficulty is to give the eggs to another hen or hens that may be about commencing to sit. It is just possible the eggs may be kept good for ten days or so until the next hen is ready to sit. Keep them in a small box, buried in bran, and keep it in a cool dry place, and give the hen a half turn every morning and evening. It is quite likely the hen may herself behave better with the next clutch.

Miss E. B.—Replied to by post.

OVERGROWN MANDIBLE (H. A. H.).—Get a small pair of nail or embroidery scissors, sharp, and catch the bird and carefully nip off the overgrown portion of the mandible, reducing it to its proper length, but be careful not to go too near the "quick." If you look carefully at the mandible you will see a thin pink streak running a little below the edge of the mandible all round. This indicates how far the "quick" extends. Be careful not to cut quite as low as this line, or you will make the bird bleed. If you should accidentally get a little too near break the meat with a

match stick dipped in Friar's Balsam. Keep a morsel of cuttlefish stuck in the wires, or a cube of lump sugar for the bird to peck at, which will help to prevent the beak again becoming overgrown.

BREEDING QUERIES (Novice, A. H. H.).—(1) The type of breeding cage you mention is so much out-of-date that it was purposely unmentioned in the handbook you have. It has many objectionable points, of which the one you have already experienced is not the least. Your best course when you saw the hen beginning to dabble about with both nesting holes was to have put the slide in over one of them and thus made her limit her attention to one nest at a time. Arrange it now so that she can only utilise one nesting-hole, and re-mate this birds at any time you like, and let matters follow their own course as much as possible. Of course, if you choose to get a modern type of breeding cage and fittings, as illustrated in the book you have, so much the better, and you would doubtless find it far more satisfactory. Give the birds two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion daily now. (2) Early morning feeding is most beneficial when there are young to be fed, but it is not essential to adhere to any definite time. If you are "up with the lark," give the first feed of freshly-made food as soon as the birds are well on the move, or, say, somewhere about six a.m. If later than this, leave a very little fresh food in the cage last thing at night for the birds to go on with after daybreak.

A QUESTION OF AGE (Rollers, D. A. J.).—(1) One can at most only hazard a guess at the age of a bird of the breeding of which one has no definite knowledge. As the birds appear to be young, if the feet and legs are quite smooth and the claws short and needle-pointed, they were probably hatched last spring or early summer, and are now in their first year, and the coming season will be their first breeding season. (2) Such hens would make very serviceable ones for breeding Mules when conspecifics are the only object, and are certainly well worth trying. But if you want a good-sized Mule of good appearance, a Norwich or Yorkshire hen would be more desirable.

CAUSE OF DEATH (B. L. H.).—Nothing but a post-mortem could reveal the real cause of death in such a case as this. I should imagine it was either due to egg-laying with a fifth egg, or to acute pneumonia, for which the weather might well be responsible. This, however, is merely an opinion. I do not think there is the slightest reason to suppose that she died through fretting for her mate.

VENTILATING SHED (Border Fancier).—Sorry, but I cannot give you any very definite advice as to the best way of efficiently ventilating your bird-shed without a rough sketch or diagram to work on which should show the position of the door and windows, and also the existing apertures for ventilating purposes. In all probability what you now need is an inlet for fresh air near or in the floor, the latter if the shed is raised from the ground. If built on ground level the best position for this inlet is probably in the centre of the front. With the coming of summer it should be possible to have a portion of the window in front to open, and the space covered with a frame filled with small mesh netting to guard against the escape of any bird that may get loose from the cages. If you will send me a rough sketch as suggested, I will do my best to help you, or otherwise you might get all the hints you need from "Aviaries, Bird-rooms and Cages," which our Manager would send you for 2s. 3d., post free.

EGGS DISAPPEARING (Puzzled One).—Although not common, it is by no means rare for eggs to disappear after a hen has commenced to sit. The cause may be quite an innocent one when discovered. They may have been accidentally dragged out of the nest and smashed on the floor, when little trace may be left unless looked specially for; or the hen may have added a little more material to the nest, and thus buried them; or one or both of the birds may have taken a fancy to eggs for breakfast. Your best course will be to take away the cock when the hen begins to sit next time, and then if it happens again, save the eggs of the next clutch and put them under some other hen to be hatched and reared. There was no necessity to separate the birds.

RUFFLED AND WHEEZY (R. W. Dennis).—The bird is suffering from bronchial trouble, which may be due to the recent weather conditions. Cages of the box type would be quite the best for your birds. See that this one is kept in a fairly warm, but not overheated place, where the temperature is fairly equable, and the air pure and fresh, but void of cold draughts or the fumes of burning lights. In addition to the staple seed diet give, every second day, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days add to the drinking water four drops each of oxymel of squills, ipocacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre. Continue this treatment for two or three weeks as may seem necessary.

KEEPING SEED (Spanish).—(1) When stored in a perfectly dry, cool place, canary seed will keep in perfect condition for a long time, say, two years at least, which may be quite long enough for your purpose, provided, of course, that it is properly harvested and in good condition when it is stored. If the place is subject to any great variations of temperature you would need to watch that air-tight tin did not "sweat." (2) Maw and niger under the same conditions would keep in good condition for the same length of time. Of course, this does not imply that in each case the seed would not keep good much longer.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNETS MOPY (Linnet Lover).—I gather from your letters that your Linnets are suffering from liver trouble caused by injudicious feeding and want of exercise. Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a pea in two tablespoonfuls of water and add to it 3 drops of syrup of clubmarr. Give him this for one day only, and then repeat three days later. Offer a spoonful of soaked seeds daily until better, and also give him a young dandelion leaf gathered in the open, and as soon as you are able to collect the seed pods see that he has a liberal supply. When kept in small cages and fed generously these birds should have an aperient occasionally, particularly during the winter months when green food is scarce. I do not think you would be able to teach a Goldfinch Mule to sing the Linnet note only.

MULE ILL.—(M. Swift).—You have evidently been feeding your bird wrongly or he would not be in the condition he is. Your best treatment is to give him an aperient (if you have not already done so). Dissolve a teaspoonful of effervescent citrate of soda in three tablespoonfuls of water, and let

him have three doses, giving it him every other day. Feed him on stale bread soaked in hot milk, and a spoonful of soaked seeds daily, gradually getting him back to ordinary diet with plenty of green food. Continue to occasionally bathe the crop places with a half-spoonful of boric acid powder dissolved in a teaspoonful of warm water. Make the powder into a paste first with a few drops of water before adding the quantity. If you see no improvement in a week's time you had better have the bird destroyed.

BREEDING FROM HEN MULES (Bird Lover).—A hen Mule paired in the way you suggest has been known to breed, but you must not rely upon this way of breeding. There are far more failures than successes. Your Linnet paired to a Canary hen would be better. (2) The price you paid was reasonable. (3) I fancy the birds you describe would be the common Hedge Sparrow. A characteristic habit of these is hunting along the bottom of the hedgerow for food. The song is rather shrill.

FEEDING A HAWK (K. I. Sayer).—In a state of nature Hawks live upon mice, small birds, voles, and large insects, mostly beetles, and you cannot do better than follow this way of feeding as much as possible. Let your neighbours know you want mice and they may occasionally bring you one. Sparrows are probably the only small birds you would get in your district. These should have the large wing feathers pulled out, and then given to the Hawk as fresh as possible. You will have to make up any deficiency of natural food with butcher's scraps. It is essential for health that these birds should occasionally have a mouse or bird to eat while it is still warm.

STOCK MIXTURE FOR AVIARY (Aviaries).—A good stock mixture for your Fines would be the following: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 1 part. Make up another mixture of equal parts niger, maw, hemp, gold of pleasure, dandelion, and lettuce, and give a little every other day, and supply daily a small handful of sunflower seed. This will be for the Goldies, Bullies, and Greenfinches. Notice if the Goldies get their share, as they are the most likely to require a variety. (2) You could keep two pairs of birds comfortably in the largest of your aviaries, and the smallest would do for a pair, or three single birds. Supply all of them pretty liberally now with green food and bunches of wild seeds as they come into season.

LINNET NOT SINGING (E. Goodwin).—After reading your letter, the first thing that occurs to me is the question of the sex of your bird. Are you certain that it is a cock? A healthy bird should be in song now, and you appear to be feeding and otherwise treating him well. You might offer him a

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dandelion leaf daily and give the seedling heads as soon as they are ready, and if you can get some extra good hemp seed, lightly crack a few grains and let him have them every day until he commences to break into song, when supply every other day, and gradually diminish it, as it is rather too forcing for summer use. A little germinated seed is a nice change for them, and assists to bring them along.

BREEDING REDPOLL-CANARY MULES (A. Novice, A. L. B.).—You appear to be treating your bird correctly, excepting that you make no mention of green food; a little given now would be beneficial. When the hen begins to get "fussy," flying from perch to perch in an excited manner, you can give her a nest pan and some building materials, such as moss and cowhair. She will then probably build and lay, when the eggs should be removed each morning and a dummy one substituted. Return them when you see she intends to sit, and on the thirteenth day give a little egg food to rear the young ones with. If the Redpoll is at all troublesome to her while she is sitting, or breaks any of the eggs, he must be shut off by himself; she will rear the young without his assistance. If you are interested in Mule breeding, you should get our book, "The Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," 1s. 2d. post free. It will give you no end of information about feeding and general management of muling pairs and Hybrids.

PAIRING UP (Just Commencing).—You do not tell me if you have your birds all together; if you have, I expect the hens have already paired with the cock Canary. With your next nest you can run the two hens with the Linnets, keeping each pair in a separate breeding cage. If your hen Linnet has nested before, it seems almost like wasting her to run her with a Canary. A Goldfinch or Siskin would make a much better partner. Good young ones bred from her with either of these cocks would be valuable. Give your cock Canary a little mixed seed three times a week, and a spoonful of chemical food in his drinking water, using boiled water or it will not mix. If you get another hen Canary you could run her with the Redpoll.

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- June 10-12.—Liverpool Grand National British Bird Show.—(J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
- Oct. 20-21.—Liverpool O.S. (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
- Oct. 27-28.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
- Nov. 1-2.—Cheltenham C.B.S. (A. L. Treasure, 13, Kotunda Terrace.)
- Nov. 4-6.—Leicester Hand in Hand (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)
- Nov. 11.—Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
- Nov. 17-18.—Halifax O.S.—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
- Nov. 24-25.—West Bromwich C.B.S. (W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes St.)
- Nov. 29-30.—Southampton C.B.S.—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.
- Dec. 6-7.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Bobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

- Dec. 1-2.—Newtownards C.B.S.—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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All matter intended for publication must be written or typed on one side of paper only, and must reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday if insertion in the next issue is desired.

Twitterings.

A fine specimen of the Great Grey Shrike has been picked up dead in the Teviothead district.

Private J. Duggan, of Cardiff, D. Company, 2nd Welch Regt., is now in G. Block, A Ward, 4th London General Hospital, Grove Lane School, Denmark Hill, London, writes Mr. F. Thomas, Sec., Cardiff C.B.S. He arrived from France on April 21, and I am sure he would be pleased to meet any fancier as he is in a strange town among strangers.

We regret to hear that Mr. R. L. Crisp, the esteemed president of the London C.B.A., is on the sick list. His numerous friends will join with us in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery from his illness.

Mr. E. P. Gilbert, sec. of Norwich Crested Canary Association, whose address is 69, Barn Road, Norwich, writes that his society is about to arrange open classes for its annual show, and that particulars will be advertised in due course.

We have received the syllabus of the Liverpool B.B.A. for 1916. Among the items to come are: May 11, a lecture on colour-feeding, by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe; N.F. shows, June 3 and July 15; August 10, Methods of Moulting British Birds, by Mr. C. Houlton; Oct. 12, Preparing birds for exhibition, by Mr. A. E. Huyton; and many other interesting subjects. Twenty-nine classes are provided at the N.F. shows, and the full classification is set forth in the syllabus. The sec. is Mr. T. R. Jones, 25, Emerald Street, Liverpool.

Will Any Reader Oblige?

Many years ago a booklet entitled "Profitable Canary Breeding as Practised in Germany" was written by the late Mr. A. Rettich. We are anxious to borrow or purchase a copy of this, and if any of our readers has it in his possession we should be greatly obliged if he would loan or sell it to us. We need scarcely say that if it is sent to us on loan the utmost care will be taken of it, and it will be returned safely to the kindly lender.

A Greenfinch's Fine Record.

I beg to thank you for the honour you have conferred upon me in portraying my Greenfinch on the front page of your valuable journal CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Fairhurst, Manchester. I also desire to thank your artist, Mr. Norman, for the clever sketch he has made. The bird has been very successful on the show bench; in fourteen open championships he has taken eight firsts, four seconds, one third, one vhc. The Greenfinch is my favourite bird, and, although many experts I know are opposed to it, I believe in them being colour fed, of course judiciously.

OBITUARY.

MR. F. LUDBROOK (Bradford).

It is with regret, writes Mr. S. Midgley, Hon. Sec., Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., that I have to inform you of the very sudden death of Mr. F. Ludbrook, one of the oldest and most highly respected fanciers in the Bradford district. Death has been very busy amongst our prominent fanciers of late, but none will be more missed than the late Fred Ludbrook, whose cheery word and advice was esteemed by all he came in contact with. I am sure that I am voicing the sentiments of all fanciers in saying that our deepest sympathy goes out to the widow and family in their hour of sorrow. He was laid to rest at the Undercliffe Cemetery on April 20, and amongst the fanciers who attended the funeral were the President and Vice-President of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., Mr. W. B. Atkinson and Mr. H. J. Chittenden.

Mr. W. Helliwell, Sec. of Bradford O.S., also sends a sympathetic letter, in which he points out that the deceased fancier was one of those who, some thirty years ago, founded the City of Bradford O.S. By the death of Mr. Ludbrook another link between past and present is broken.

I regret to have to inform you, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, Hon. Sec. Ilkerton C.B.S., Mr. M. Marriott, our treasurer, has suffered the loss of a daughter, aged 28. She has had a long and painful illness, and passed away on April 20. I am sure that the sympathy of fanciers and friends will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Marriott and family in their sad bereavement.

The "Temple-Rooks" in Town.

As a footnote to an interesting page of pictures of the Rooks in the Temple, "The Sketch" of April 19 makes the following amusing announcement:—

"The Hon. Cawdor and Mrs. Temple-Rook returned to town last week after a prolonged absence at their country seat near Crowborough. They have left their former residence in the neighbourhood of Gray's Inn for a flat in Fountain Court, Temple, where our photographs were taken. Since their arrival they have been much occupied in furnishing the new abode, which they decided to carry out in a combination of the Georgian and Futuristic styles. Mr. Cawdor Temple-Rook is an enthusiastic connoisseur of old furniture, and loves to ramble round the purlieus of Tottenham Court Road. He invariably himself carries home the numerous treasures he picks up. Mrs. Temple-Rook, being more interested in the future, prefers the modern style, especially for the nursery. In view of Zeppelin raids and the present state of affairs generally, Mr. Temple-Rook has wisely taken out an "all-in" policy against various risks, including aircraft, submarines, German snipers, and lawyer-politicians."

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers from framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Dates of 1916 Bird Shows.

Further shows for which dates have been fixed are: Clapham C.B.A., Oct. 11-12; City of Birmingham C.B.S., Dec. 6, 7. Secretaries should make a note of these and other dates as they are published, so that clashing may be avoided as far as possible.

Southern Border F.C. Patronage.

The Southern Border Fancy Club will again give its patronage to societies who will give a fair classification for Borders during the next show season, writes Mr. G. Burton, hon. sec., 126, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E. Secretaries should make early application, as patronage is limited to six shows.

An Open Show this Year

for Clapham C.B.A.

Mr. T. J. Hose, hon. sec., writes that the show of the Clapham C.B.A., fixed for Oct. 11 and 12, at St. Anne's Hall, Clapham, will be open to all. Mr. J. Robson will judge Canaries, and Mr. J. Frostick the British and Foreign.

A TIMELY HINT.

Owing to the shortage of paper it is not certain that we may be able to publish a second edition of "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL" for 1916. See the advt. on page 225, and send for your copy at once, or you may be disappointed.

Breeding and Exhibiting the Norwich Plainhead Canary.

By A. MOORMAN, Carisbrooke (Continued from page 215.)

As soon as they have finished moulting, pick out the most promising ones and cage separately, and run them into a show cage now and again so as to get them used to being handled.

If you have been fortunate enough to breed a bird that comes up to the standard of show points, try your luck on the show bench, but be sure you stage it in a faultless condition, as, no matter how good your bird may be, if it is at all dirty, or shown in a dirty cage, it will not take the judge's eye. If your bird is dirty you will have to hand-wash it, but with a little nerve and confidence you will soon get over any difficulty attaching to this.

Handwashing Made Simple.

The articles you require for washing are three large basins, a soft hair shaving brush, a sponge, plenty of clean muslin cloths, a piece of soap (white curd or glycerine and cucumber is very good), a good drying cage, or a nice clean show cage, a bright clear fire and plenty of hot water, rain water if possible, as this gets the dirt out better.

Fill up the first basin with hot water, and make a nice soapy lather; then fill the other two with hot water, trying your elbow in it to make sure it is not too hot. Add a little vinegar to the third basin for the final rinsing, as this helps to get the soap out of the feathers.

Everything being ready, catch your bird, take it in the left hand and dip its body in the water of the first basin, but not the head. After it has soaked a little while, take it out, hold the tail on the side of the basin, and wash it, using the brush the right way of the feathers. Do the wings in the same way, and then wash down the back.

This done, turn it over on its back and hold the head between the thumb and forefinger; wash from the throat down the chest and under the wings; turn it over to its former position, and wash the head and neck, taking care not to let any more soap than you can help go into its eyes, and wash well round the nostrils.

Having now got all the dirt out, rinse out as much of the soap as possible in the first basin, and then remove to the second basin, rinse well with the sponge, and finish off in the third one. Use plenty of water for rinsing to be sure you get all the soap out, for if you leave any trace in the feathers, especially round the neck, your bird will be spoiled and your labour in vain.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

BLACKBURN.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Empress Hotel, Bolton Road, Ap. 24. 34 entered, and there was some very good singing: 1, 2, 5, Pickering; 3, Knowles; 4, Jones; 6, Greenhalgh; 7, Page. Judges, W. H. Topping, Jones and Pickering. Next contest for members, May 13.—J. Hayhurst, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horseshoe, April 22; 38 competed 4min. time singing: 1, Beard, 2, Butler; 3, Blackbeard; 4, Piper. Open sing, April 23; 50 birds, for 3min. time sing: 1, T. Jones; 2, E. Clayton; 3, B. Nelson; 4, shared between W. Watkiss and W. Nelson. (Open sing, Bird, Waterloo, Ap. 24; 18 entered for 4min. time sing 1, J. Williams; 2, Cartwright; 3, Beard; 4, E. Wainwright. Open sing, April 24; 46 competed for 4min. time: 1, B. Nelson; 2, T. Jones; 3, Piper; 4, Williams.—J. Beard, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, Ap. 15. 61 birds, 4min. time: 1, E. Nelson, 150; Williams, 106; Wainwright, 88. Ap. 16, 34 entered in a 3min. sing: 1, B. Nelson, 97; Crampton, 84; Williams, 82. Ap. 22, 64 birds entered for eight prizes and four specials: 1, Crampton; 2, Watkiss; 3, Wainwright; 4, Brindley; 5, Plows; 6, 7, shared by Collinson and Scotson; 8, B. Nelson. Specials won by G. Moor and J. Cooper. April 23, 50 birds: 1, Watson, 147; 2, Crampton, 108; 3, Wainwright, 103. In five years there have been entered in contests 13,416 birds. Can any Linnet club beat this? W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY.

Linnet sing, Dove Inn, Good Friday, under a moderate company. Sixteen entered for 4min. time sing: 1, Hardman, 3min. 44 sec. 2, Dooley, 3.19; Norman, 3.7; Davis, 3.2. April 23, 18 entered for 4min. time sing. Shepherd timer and Wareing chalker, under a good company. 1, Jones, 3min. 50 sec.; 2, Hardman, 3.24; 3, Dooley, 3.2; 4, Norman, 3.17. Easter Monday, club sing, with a record entry, about £5 in money to be sang for, and a special of 2s. 6d. for the lowest singer or nearest 5 sec. We had a bumping house 4min. time sing: 1, Hardman, 4min. 18 sec.; 2, Troops, 4.9; 3, Davis, 3.56; 4, J. Norburn, 3.29; 5, Jones, 3.35. W. Walton and J. Walton win special.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, Ap. 23; 19 birds faced the three judges, and some grand singing was heard. 1, 2, A. Binns; 3, H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. C. Tower, C. Ward, W. Lipman. Special contest same day. Mr. F. Allen, of Leeds, presented three prizes, and members asked him to judge. 1, 2, A. Binns; 3, H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. F. Allen and E. Towes. Ap. 24, 28 birds sang: 1, 2, A. Binns; 3, H. Wigfield; 4, B. Smith. Judges, Messrs. C. Towes, T. Sumners, and S. Butterfield. We had a special contest with some of the birds that did not sing. A gentleman added a special prize and Mr. F. Allen did the same, and judged 20 of the best birds in Leeds. 1, 2, shared T. Dobson and H. Wigfield; 3, A. Binns. Judges F. Allen, C. Towes, and T. Sumners.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Grand contest, Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane, Ap. 25. 21 birds sang. Judges, A. Lorriemman, N. Solomon. 1, Hayes; 2, 4, J. Childehead; 3, Reeder. Ap. 24, 30 birds. Judges, A. Lorriemman, C. Lorriemman, A. Kendall, 1, Desloire; 2, 4, Lorriemman; 3, Walker; 5, Parkinson; 6, Reeder.—F. Turner, Sec. Novice sing, Talbot Hotel, Ap. 23, 16 birds: 1, Old Batch; 2, Smith; 3, Wood. Open contest, April 30.—J. Wood, Sec.

With the sponge mop as much water out of the feathers as you can, then take a warm cloth and gently wipe it the way the feathers lie as dry as you can, especially under the wings and round the vent. Then roll it in one of the muslin cloths, which should be nice and warm, and in rolling be careful the feathers lie the right way, and place it before the fire, leaving it rolled in the cloth for about ten minutes.

Take it out of the cloth and put it into the drying cage or show cage, and place before the fire again, but not too close or it will dry too quickly. If you wash your birds at night leave them in the warm room until next morning; this will prevent them from taking cold. With a little practise you will soon overcome the difficulty of washing birds for show. Always wash the birds three days previous to a show.

When your birds return from the show fill their drinkers with milk which has been previously boiled, adding a little whisky, and also give a little egg food, as this is a good thing for them after a long journey.

A young beginner in breeding the Norwich Plainhead should get birds of the finest blood, bred from a good winning strain, keep a pedigree book, and enter the stock he has purchased. The ring numbers of all the young bred each year should also be recorded, as then he can always refer back year after year when pairing, and see how they are bred. In this way after a few years of experience he will get together a pedigree strain that can be relied on to produce some good exhibition Norwich.

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Hens for Mule Breeding and Their Treatment.

By VERNON R. HODGETTS (Cradley).

Showing how to produce the proper kind of hen Canary, how to prepare them for breeding, and how to feed them both in and out of the breeding season.

IN breeding Mules persons have several motives, one of which is to breed an exhibition bird. Some who are less ambitious simply wish to breed a few singing pets, and at the same time to earn a little financial repayment. I know I was bursting with pride when I sold my first mules, though they were just ordinary singing Greenfinch mules, and the experiences of that first season have been helpful to me ever since. I am convinced that the majority of novice mule breeders at first breed mules for singing pets, and for this purpose I strongly advocate the use of common Roller hens.

Procuring Hens.

If cold-room bred, they are hardy, cheap, and among the most prolific of breeders, and these are three important points for novices at the game. At the same time the singing is made more subdued, for, under the influence of the superior singing qualities inherited from the Roller hen the young are less liable to reproduce the Finch's harsh notes.

Of course, nature will assert itself, and, do what we may, some mules will always introduce some harsh notes into their repertoire. But, whatever hens are chosen, be sure that they are young, untried ones. By choosing birds with legs free from large scales, and with short nails on the toes, a novice may feel certain that he has young hens.

For Breeding Light Mules.

Reverting again to the Roller hen, this bird is generally inbred to a far greater extent than most breeds, and by obtaining a clear yellow Roller hen of good shape, style, and feather, a novice stands a good chance of breeding a mule or two with light feathers. Of course, these mules will be too small for exhibition specimens, but while breeding a few singing pets he may very easily produce a mule showing distinctly that the mother bird has the tendency to throw light mules to a greater or lesser extent.

If during the first season he obtains such a hen, next season, if he so desires, he can proceed to the higher ambition of establishing a light muling strain to produce exhibition mules instead of ordinary singing mules. To obtain this strain the novice should procure the largest clear yellow Norwich cock which he can afford. Here let me digress to say that, if a shilling stands between your obtaining an indifferent specimen and a good one, sport the extra shilling, and the greater interest added to your hobby will cause you to unconsciously devote increased care to your pets. This is a psychological fact that cannot be denied.

Pair this cock to the Roller hen and the youngsters will be ideal for muling purposes, as the lack of size in the mother bird will be recompensed by the larger size of the father, while the lumpiness of the Norwich cock will be counteracted by the slim build of the Roller hen. This is a great consideration when breeding with such a naturally lumpy bird as a Greenfinch.

Test the young hens with a Finch, and if the light strain has improved, pair the young hens back to their father. Do not pair brother to sister, as this is inbreeding too closely, and causes deterioration in size and vitality—two serious defects.

The Finch Must be a Good One.

To produce exhibition mules the Finch must be carefully chosen. The Goldie, for instance, must be large, possess a full face and neck with rich square-cut blaze, and be broad in the chest. To crown all he must stand up boldly on the perch at an angle of 45 degrees. This posture applies to the Linnet, Greenfinch, etc. No matter what Finch is chosen, it must be large, well proportioned and richly coloured, and devoid of all tendency to crouch, or this tendency will be transmitted to the young to their detriment.

With hens bred as described, and good Finches chosen, the breeder can look forward to a successful season.

For a Canary hen to breed with a Finch is contrary to the laws of nature. To succeed in the breeding of mules we must therefore try to overcome this difficulty, and everything depends upon the vigour, condition, and friendliness of the birds. As springtime approaches the maternal instinct urges the mother-bird to go to nest. This instinct must be stimulated by having the hen in absolutely hard condition. She will pair with a cock of her own species even if ailing a little,

but unless quite healthy her condition never gets so forward as to allow her to accept the advances of a Finch.

To obtain this condition I proceed as follows. Throughout the autumn I feed my hens on a little sprinkling of rape, together with the usual plain canary seed. As winter approaches, I increase the rape until I have a mixture of two parts canary seed to one of rape. As rape contains energy-producing properties it keeps the birds warm in the cold season.

If we have a sudden spell of very sharp weather, I give about half-a-dozen hemp seeds per hen each morning. This seed also has great energy-producing properties and stimulates the birds to greater activity, and, incidentally, they keep themselves warm by vigorous exercise. As this seed stimulates birds in a similar manner to which brandy and wines stimulate human beings, it must never be given too freely, or the object in view will be defeated, and probably liver derangements will ensue. Still I am con-

vinced that just a little is very beneficial during cold snaps.

As the breeding season draws nearer, I make a mixture as follows: Two parts niger, one part linseed, half part maw, half part gold of pleasure, and a quarter part lettuce. I give this once a week during January, and then on every alternate day during February and until the hens go to nest, when I discontinue its use. Half a teaspoonful per hen is quite sufficient.

My reason for having so much niger is that it is good for preventing egg-binding, and being of an oily nature, it allows the Canary to lay in a store of latent energy, which asserts its beneficial influence during the changeable treacherous weather of early spring. The linseed acts in a similar way, if to a lesser extent, while the lettuce, which I do not often find mentioned in tit-bits for Canaries, is one of the most valuable of seeds. It is a wonderful conditioner for all small seed-eaters, its cleansing effect upon the bowels being superb, while it helps to modify the very stimulating effect of the maw and gold of pleasure.

Don't Forget the Green Food.

Greenfood fills the same place in the birds' dietary as vegetables do in ours; therefore, I consider that it should be given with discretion all the year round. The difficulty is the lack of greenfood in the winter, and this is how I overcome the trouble. Whenever possible, I supply a little ripe apple, boiled carrot or parsnip, and best of all, a boiled pea stuck on the end of the perch. Boiled cauliflower and broccoli are also immensely enjoyed.

(To be continued.)

The Breeding of Norwich Plainheads, Crests and Crestbreds.

By A. E. JEFFRIES (Richmond, Yorks.).

(Continued from page 81.)

FOR a change, I give boiled rape in the place of crushed hemp, and if the weather is very cold a pinch of maw seed as well. By this feeding I find my birds keep in good condition all through the show season. I also give a piece of sweet apple or boiled carrot once or twice a week when green food is not obtainable.

I have very little trouble when pairing up, providing my stock is in breeding condition. This is easily seen, as the cocks will be in full vigorous song, and the hens will seem very restless, continually flying from perch to perch, giving a merry "chip-chip," and flapping their wings.

Should any of my stock be backward, I give a pinch of mixed seed every two days, and twice a week a little egg-food, also a sprig of watercress or a young dandelion leaf or two, and I find they soon come into breeding condition.

Now the next thing is putting them up. I put the hen in one compartment, and the cock in the other, and draw the wire slide so that they can see each other. The cock will soon make the hen's acquaintance, and try to feed her through the wire slide.

When they start this, I find it is quite safe to let them together. Should you be limited to room, you can put the cock in a show cage and hang him on the breeding-cage, so that he can see his mate, it will answer the same purpose.

Necessary Preliminaries.

One thing must not be overlooked, that is to trim all over-grown beaks and nails, but don't cut the nails too close; also trim all long feathers round the vents of cocks and hens, especially in the Crests and Crestbreds. I also trim all crests off during the breeding season.

Two or three days after I have put them together, I supply them with nest-pan lining, moss, and cow-hair, and I find they soon commence their duties. I also give each pair a piece of cuttlefish bone. As soon as I see the hens building in earnest, I give a pinch of inga and maw seed in the evenings; this I find prevents egg-binding. I also keep a supply of grit in the cages. I have only lost one hen in fifteen years from egg-binding.

All going well, from a week of pairing up the hen will lay her first egg. She may seem sleepy and puffed out a day or two before her first egg, but leave well alone.

I take each egg away till she has laid three, replacing those taken out by a dummy egg till the evening of the day when the third egg is laid. Then I take out the nest-pan, rearrange her nest, and make it comfortable, if necessary. I dust it out well with Keating's Powder and replace her own eggs. The young then all hatch out together, or about the same time.

All going well, you may expect young on the thirteenth evening of incubation, but on the twelfth day I immerse the eggs in warm water for a few minutes, and I am seldom troubled with young dying in shell. I also consider it a good thing to offer the hens a bath two or three times during incubation,

with a pinch of salt in it, especially in the hot weather; it refreshes them a good deal.

I do not take the cocks away unless I am running them with two hens, as I find some hens will sit better and rear the young better, with the cock's assistance.

On the thirteenth day I supply the parents with a little yolk of egg, just passed through a sieve, and continue this for two days. On the third day I give white and yolk together mixed with Spratts' Cage Bird Food, and cod liver oil food, equal parts, and a pinch of maw seed or scalded rape, whichever the old birds feed best on. I give crushed hemp when the young are a week old, and continue this feeding till the young leave the parents. I also give green food once a day, young dandelion at the beginning of the season, and then lettuce, but only the young leaves.

I find it is best to keep on the same green food, as changing it often causes diarrhoea. Should you notice a nest of young with diarrhoea, give half a teaspoonful of ground arrowroot mixed with egg-food; it will soon put them right.

The Care of the Young.

I take the young from the parents when they are a month old, but for a week after they leave the parents I give, in addition to plain canary seed, a saucer of lightly-crushed canary, hemp, and rape seed. I also give them a little egg-food, with a little boiled rape mixed in with it, and I put Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking-water.

I continue this feeding till the young can crack seed for themselves, and then I bring them on to a plain diet of canary food, but still give egg-food twice a week. I keep the cage floors well supplied with gritty sand.

If I see any of them puffed out at all, I at once put them by themselves, and give bread scalded with milk, with a pinch of sugar and maw sprinkled over it. In the water I put Epsom salts, as much as will cover a sixpence, and in a day or two this treatment will put them right.

I commend the colour feeding of the youngster at about eight weeks old, and the adult birds at the end of the breeding season. I give the colour food twice a week at first, and when I see a few feathers about the cage bottoms I give it every day.

I find it best to keep the birds together in the flight cages, but not overcrowded, excepting those I think likely to make show birds, and these I put in couples when colour feeding.

I continue giving the food a little stronger each day till at full strength, which is three tablespoonfuls of colour food to one of egg and crumbs. Nearing the end of the moult I bring it down to one and a half tablespoonfuls to each egg in order to keep them an even colour throughout, as I find that if the colour food is continued at full strength the heads and necks sometimes get more colour than other parts of the body.

I cover all eages with muslin to keep off the strong rays of the sun, and I take the seed boxes off all day, replacing them again before dusk, and towards the end I give a

"Bessie," the Meyer's Parrot:

Twenty Years and Still Running.

The facts recorded in the following notes have been kindly furnished by the Rev. G. H. Raynor, the owner of the charming Meyer's Parrot figured on our front page this week.

THE representative of this species (*Pseoccephalus meyeri*), which we figure on our front page to-day, is the property of the Rev. G. H. Raynor, of Hazleleigh, and came into his possession in 1899 by purchase from Mr. Fulljames, who was then dispersing his well-known collection of foreign birds. She was the survivor of a pair which in 1897 gained first prize for Mr. Fulljames at the Palace.

The Second Time on Earth.

After changing her home to Hazleleigh, where she has now lived in a fireless room for seventeen years, she rested on her laurels for no less than ten years. She then travelled once more to Sydenham to put in an appearance at the Jubilee show of the London and Provincial O.S., where, although a widow, she once more gained premier honours. Since then until (and including) February 1914, she appeared regularly at the Palace and London C.B.A. shows, winning first prize on all but two occasions, on each of which she had to own defeat from a magnificent specimen of one of the most peculiar and interesting of all Parrots—the Hawk-headed.

"Bessie" has seldom been exhibited at shows outside London, but in 1911 she went as far as Edinburgh to compete at the Scottish National. There she was placed third in a small class, her conquerors being representatives of ordinary and comparatively common species, a Leadbeater's Cockatoo and a Blue-fronted Amazon. But it was hardly a case of "vae victis"! for when these two same birds travelled south to a great London show shortly afterwards, they were out of the running.

The genus *Pseoccephalus* is included in the African Pioninae, which are termed typical Parrots, and some ten species congeneric with Meyer's have from time to time appeared on the show bench in England, the commonest being the well-known but very charming Senegal. Although but rarely imported into England, Meyer's is perhaps the most widely distributed and commonest of African Parrots, extending from Abyssinia through Eastern Africa to the Transvaal, and thence across the Continent to Demaraland.

"Bessie" has never been coddled and has always been in the pink of health, as has been the case with the other three species of this genus kept by Mr. Raynor (Aubrey Levaillant's, and the Senegal) who is strongly of the opinion that nothing is more detrimental to the welfare of such birds than close, stuffy atmosphere. He holds the opinion that they should be put out of doors whenever the weather is reasonable, and should have a good variety of plain food, canary, sunflower, hemp, maize, and millet in the spray. Loose white millet they do not seem to care for, but a little good mix Parrot food, much reprobated by some experts, is very acceptable and beneficial every day, and then. Draughts are fatal, but plenty of fresh water to drink and bathe in is an absolute sine qua non.

Like most Parrots, Meyer's much appreciates an occasional lump of sugar, also a piece of wood, whether green or sore, to gnaw on, and last, but not least, what all Parrots like, namely a supply, when they are in season (May to November) of the green seed-head of the common pot marigold (*Calendula officinalis*) which will grow like a weed in the garden.

tablespoonful of crushed linseed mixed in with the colour food; this puts a nice shine on the plumage.

Twice a week I give sulphate of iron in drinking water, a piece about the size of a pea, and boiled carrot twice a week to tighten them up. The baths I hang on three times a week; the great secret of successful muling is to keep the birds thoroughly clean, and all old fanciers will know.

A Few Hints in Conclusion.

To prevent egg binding I use inga or maw seed.

To strengthen birds up I give three tablespoonfuls of best port wine in the egg.

To destroy red mite I use two ozs. of sulphur dissolved in half a pint of methyl spirits.

I have cured birds with stiff back clapping them well with Zam Buk and flat perches.

I never part with a good show bird. I let it give him a season's rest, feed him up, and then mate him to a young bird. I have two cocks six years old, and last year I never had a clear egg from the hens I mated to them.

CANARIES FOR THE WOUNDED AND GERMAN TRADE FOR BRITISHERS.

Valuable suggestions from our Readers. Wide-spread support for the schemes.

WE are gratified to notice that our scheme is spreading rapidly. It has been noticed in the Press in Edinburgh, Bristol, South Wales, Bishop Auckland, Dorset, Newcastle, Blackpool, etc.; one paper has a column of praise for it. We hope that young birds chirping for the funds will soon be heard in these and many other places, for a suggestion has been made that fanciers should set apart one pair for the benefit of the fund, the young from that pair being ear-marked for our wounded heroes.

Some very valuable suggestions, which we have pleasure in publishing as received, come from the Cheltenham C.B.S. through the hon. sec., Mr. A. S. Treasure. When the first meeting of the organising committee is held, on May 3, these and all others received from our kindly correspondents who are taking such interest in our double scheme will have full consideration.

Local Advisors.

In an article on our scheme the "Yorkshire Observer" says:—"In our own country the city of Norwich has established a reputation all over the world for its Canaries. There are there some 3,000 breeders, mostly working men, who devote all their leisure to the business, and their turnover is estimated at about £20,000 a year. Canary-breeding is carried on one a more extensive scale in Bradford and other West Riding towns than most people imagine, and if conducted on the best lines it is one of the most profitable hobbies. The principal customers for German Canaries have been England and the United States, and this trade may be captured if the fanciers go to work in the right way."

Correspondents from one end of England to the other offer help in their districts, so that any who require assistance may go to them and avoid disaster. Will others please copy, and write us and put their name on our list of local advisors.

Mr. Bastock's Birds Find a New Home.

We have received many offers for Mr. Bastock's birds, the highest being a very generous offer by Mr. Ryder, of Plymouth, who offers £2 10s., and also very generously gives £1 to the funds. In conveying these generous offers Mr. Ryder suggests a shilling fund. We need scarcely say that we welcome this suggestion. All the shillings received will be duly acknowledged in our columns, whether sent separately or through a secretary of a cage-bird society. Applications from our wounded heroes still continue to come in, and we are anxious to fill these wants, so send along offers of birds and help the soldiers who have fought so bravely for the country.

Offers Wanted for These.

Several applicants have been disappointed in not getting Mr. Bastock's birds, but there are still some good birds which we should like to turn into cash, notably Mr. Rossignol's green Yorkshires, which were offered last week; Mrs. Wolferstan's pair of Crestbreds, for which she asks £1; a cock in full song, which cost 10s. 6d., and a young hen, besides cages, cage fronts, and fittings. Anything received above this price will be for the benefit of the fund. Then we have a Pile Game Bantam priced at 8s. 6d.; he is a winner and a good stock bird; so now Pile Game Bantam breeders, send along your offers for this bird.

Another Local Subscription List Opened.

A subscription list has been opened by the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A. to assist our fund—other societies please copy. We are daily expecting a supply of collecting cards from our printers, and shall be pleased to send one to any reader who will help us in the good work.

Relatives to Come In.

It has been suggested that the scheme be extended to relatives of soldiers fallen in the war. This is a grand idea, and we hope to be able to give effect to the suggestion. Our committee of organisation meets on May 3 and every suggestion made will have its consideration.

Keep the Organiser Busy.

Send along suggestions, talk it over with friends and let us have your practical views. A reader from Sussex thinks that some of our readers may know the German methods of "farming" Canaries, as he calls the proceeding. If so, we should be glad if they would pass on their knowledge. We are open to further any methods that make for greater efficiency.

In reply to our letter to the secretaries of the London Cage Bird Societies we have received nominations of delegates as follows. Many societies, of course, have not held a monthly meeting since our invitation was sent out, and we are still, therefore, awaiting some replies. The first meeting of the organising committee will be held at our offices, 154, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, May 3, at 8, and if there are any London societies which have not by that time held a meeting we hope that the respective honorary secretaries will themselves represent their societies pro tem, and attend the meeting, so that the first meeting of the committee will be fully a representative one. Our invitation of last week to provincial societies to send a delegate still holds good, of course.

Clapham C.B.A.—Mr. W. H. Vale.
London Cage Bird Association.—Mr. John Robson.

St. Quintin Park F. and F. Society.—Mr. H. Goldsmith.

British Roller Canary Club.—Mr. Gutierrez.
Crystal Palace District and Penge C.B.S.—Mr. Last.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden has also very kindly consented to attend our meetings whenever he is in town, and we are in communication with other well-known people in the cage-bird world whose attendance we hope to secure, in order to ensure the success of our scheme for the benefit of those who have so bravely fought on the side of humanity against Kultur.

We print a selection of letters received, and, as will be seen, all are anxious to do all possible to help.

Our subscription list to date is:—
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(per Day and Roberts, secs.)... 0 10 0

A Suggestion that Should Mean a Lot.

Sir,—Don't you think a Shilling Fund would be a good thing? I think there are thousands of fanciers who would give their shillings to such a cause. If the secretaries of clubs would accept 1s. from each member who chose to support the scheme it would then go right ahead. If you start such a fund I shall be pleased to forward you mine, or hand it to our secretary.

W. S. RYDER.

Plymouth. Cheltenham C.B.S. Gives Suggestions and Promises Help.

Sir,—A discussion was held on "Helping disabled soldiers and capturing the German export trade in Canaries" the principal suggestions were:—

That two schemes are necessary—one to assist disabled soldiers in Canary breeding, and one for organising the sale and export of surplus birds bred by the soldiers and the Fancy generally.

That it is too late this season to do much in setting up wounded soldiers with breeding stock, but that things should be organised for next season.

Secretaries of Societies Please Note.

That all disabled soldiers who have taken up the Fancy be honorary members of local societies, the members of which will give them all the assistance and advice possible, providing they on their part do their best, and that classes for birds bred by these soldiers be given at local and open shows.

That all societies subscribe, either from their funds or a whip round, towards a fund for purchasing birds and accessories.

That each county forms a district, with a depot to help the soldiers locally. All applications for breeding pairs, etc., to be made through the depot selected; that no birds given to soldiers for breeding purposes be disposed of without the consent of the secretary of the depot; and that birds be given locally as much as possible.

That help should be given to soldiers returned from the front, who disposed of their stock on joining the Army, and who wish to take up the Fancy again.

That necessary steps be taken to prevent the importation of German birds into this country either directly or indirectly, and so help the sale of British productions.

That when the scheme is in working order secretaries of societies and depot managers write to their respective M.P.s on the subject.

Several members promised matched pairs, after this season, if they can be given locally.
A. S. TREASURE, hon. sec.

A Generous Offer.

Sir,—At the end of the season I will give one pair of Crests, matched for Crest breeding, to the value of £2, and also one pair of properly matched Plainheads, value 30s., to £2, carriage paid, to whatever applicant you may suggest. I am also prepared to help in any way I possibly can any disabled soldiers who may be living anywhere near my district. I might also state the birds I offer are from the best strains in the country. Wishing your scheme every success.

ALBERT E. JEFFRIES.

Richmond, Yorks

Whole-hearted Support from Leicester.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., on April 18, a discussion took place re the scheme put forward in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, with regard to the helping of our wounded soldiers and the capturing of the German trade, and we, as one of the oldest and strongest societies of the Midlands, are quite willing to give it our whole-hearted support, and think that every society should be approached, with a view to making it a success. The following resolution was passed:—"That this society subscribe the sum of ten shillings to the scheme opened in CAGE BIRDS for our wounded heroes, and

that should the said scheme prove a success, further support would be forthcoming, and every help would be given from us for the welfare of the scheme." Carried unanimously. We enclose P.O. value 10s., and shall be glad to do anything in our power as secretaries to make it a success, and wish you the best of luck.

DAY AND ROBERTS,
per C. B. DAY.

Practical Help from Stoke-on-Trent.

Sir,—As referred to by Mr. Ousman, your scheme for providing incapacitated soldiers with the means of substantially augmenting their meagre allowance was thoroughly discussed at the meeting of the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A. on April 3.

The consensus of opinion was decidedly in favour of the successful issue of the scheme, and in order to promote its prosperity it was decided to open a subscription list, the result of which I will forward so soon as I have heard from all our members.

The advent of the scheme should be heralded light heartedly, for it provides an opportunity for every fancier who has not yet subscribed to contribute towards a practical and permanent memento of our men who have done their bit.

J. CLOVER.

Correspondence.

Guaranteeing Classes.

Sir,—I would certainly take it for granted that if I guaranteed at any show I would guarantee to pay full prize-money offered regardless of the number of entries. Anyway this will be so in the classes I guarantee at Liverpool, as there is very little satisfaction on either side in the half prize money clause.

R. D. PARLETT.

The Germ in a New-laid Egg.

Sir,—In your issue of April 8, in "Queries Answered," Mr. Norman says that the fertile part of a new laid egg is not visible. I claim that it is just as visible in the egg of a Canary as it is in the common fowl, though I grant it is much more minute. I have pointed out to fanciers the part in question, and as no other fancier took the matter up, I have taken the liberty to do so.

GEO. PARKER.

An Open Young Bird Show for Wales.

Sir,—At the last general meeting, April 20, of the Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S., it was unanimously decided to run an open young bird show in conjunction with our second show on July 27. I think this is the first young bird open show that any society in Wales has ventured to run, and we have decided to engage a specialist judge so as to give exhibitors satisfaction. We have engaged the Concert Hall of the Llwynelwyn Hotel, Porth, a room absolutely free from draught, and with a splendid light and plenty of head room. Should any exhibitors be disposed to guarantee classes or offer special prizes I should be pleased to hear from them. Several specials have already been promised, and the society will not leave a single stone unturned to make this show a great success. I should be pleased if exhibitors would express their opinions through your columns, or make suggestions so as to give my society a chance to discuss them.

H. C. LEGG, Asist. Sec.

The Darvel Blackbird at it Again

A Straightforward Offer from its Owner.

Sir,—I have no doubt you will be interested to learn that my Blackbird hen mated to the Songthrush cock as last year has again gone to nest. I noticed her first seeking for building material on April 6, but as the weather was backward and I had little time she did not get a plentiful supply till a week later, when I gave her moss and fine dried grass in abundance. She then set about building in earnest, and soon had her nest plastered and lined inside nicely. She laid her first egg on Friday last, 21st (5 days later than last year) and has laid each day since, having 4 eggs now. I don't intend troubling her now for 14 days. If any of your readers has any doubt regarding this interesting pair of British Birds I will be glad to let them see her sitting. She is not a bit timid. I would be glad if Mr. Robson or any representative he may appoint could come down about the 14th day from now and watch the shells being thrown from the nest and so convince himself and the whole Fancy of the genuineness of the cross. I regret to say that all of the last three young are hens to all appearance; I have never seen one of them try to sing. I will be glad to report on further progress, if any, later.

T. H. ANDERSON.

Darvel.

Mischief in an Outdoor Aviary.

Sir,—I have been running an out-door aviary for two years for the amusement of my patrons. It consists of Canaries, cocks and hens, two cock Linnets, two cock Redpolls, one cock Chaffinch, and one Greenfinch. Last year I had also one hen Bullfinch and one cock Goldfinch, but the latter two birds died last year at the end of the season. I had quite a lot of nests of young Canaries, but was only successful in rearing two, which turned out to be two very fine cock birds. The remainder seemed either to be pecked and killed in the nests, or they would disappear in three or four days from time of hatching. On Sunday last I had a nest of one Canary and one egg unhatched. I looked at them on Monday, and it was still the same. On Tuesday I looked, but the young bird and egg had both gone, and no trace of bird or egg could be found. This was a repetition of last year's experience. Could any of your readers suggest the cause?

J. DANSBY.

Greenfinches for Novice Bird-keepers.

Sir,—I consider the best British seedeater for a novice is the Greenfinch, because he is so easily steadied and will thrive on almost any mixture. I find the seed the Greenfinch likes best is hemp, but of course that is very fattening by itself, so I use 2 parts hemp, 1 part teazle, 1 part niger, 1 part rape as a stock mixture, and as occasional tit-bit I give a supply of sunflower seeds and dandelion heads, also bits of watercress, groundsel, etc., which they are very fond of.

A Norwich show size is very suitable for the keeping of a Greenfinch; there is plenty of room, and they are much better than the wire cage, especially when the birds are fresh caught, as they naturally fly about a lot when unaccustomed to cage life, and they are not so likely to injure themselves in a box cage as in an all-wire one.

I may say I have a very nice Greenfinch cock which I caught nearly two years ago. He had flown against the telephone wires and broken the tip of his right wing, which came right off. He has grown very tame, and will feed from the hand, and when I get home at night he jumps up and down his cage and utters a nice little note until I have a word with him, then he is all right. I intend trying to breed with him this year with a clear yellow Norwich hen, to which I shall pair him.

F. C. HOWARD.

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Dalton-in-Furness C.B.A.—April 29, C.M. Rooms, 7.30. Fanciers welcome. Admission of new members.—T. Hale.

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Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.—April 30, 80, Graham's Road, 7.30. Important business.—W. Clarkson.

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Port and Rhonda Valleys C.B.S.—May 1, Idwyn-eyn Hotel, 7. Show business for F.F. shows and other important business.—A. H. C. Legg.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—May 1, Pledge Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Very important.—Roy Kell.

Reading C.B.S.—May 3, Palmer Hall, 8.—O. C. Smith.

Rotherham C.B.S.—April 29, Mail Coach, 7. Fixing date for N.F. show.—W. Wilshaw.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—May 2, Waring's Dining Rooms, 8. Election of judge for F.F. show.—G. Lord.

Southampton C.B.S.—May 3, Waterloo Hotel, Brit. and Foreign table show. Staged at 7.—W. L. Page.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—May 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Fix date, classification, and judges of N.F. show.—J. Glover.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—May 2, Liberal Club, 8. Important.—W. Everett.

Sheffield C.B.A.—May 4, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. H. Waters, of Wombwell, "The Norwich Canary."—A. Hobson.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

OVER-EATING (Eclair).—(1) Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only for a few weeks, and in addition give separately a small pinch of mixed seed once a week, and on one other day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Give a liberal supply of green salad daily, especially dandelion, flower heads of groundsel and chickweed, in the order named. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and in the following week give instead four drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the dosage of the first two in the same order. Let him have a good-sized cage for exercise, and keep the floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. (2) The cock sitting on the nest with the hen would not account for the death of the young. In fact, it would be rather an advantage than otherwise in the early part of the season, provided the young were properly attended to. The parents, one or both, were probably very negligent in the performance of their duties, and the youngster probably slowly starved to death. Should he repeat the performance when mated this year try removing him when the hen begins to sit, leaving her to hatch out and rear the young by herself. (3) This query is rather vague. If you mean how long

CANARY QUERISTS

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in each year will the birds continue to breed, I may say most pairs would, if allowed to do so, continue nesting more or less earnestly until stopped by the moult. If you mean to what age will they breed, then, as long as they remain in good, sound, vigorous health and retain a good amount of activity, but in the majority of cases their powers will begin to diminish after about the fourth year.

AILING LIZARD (Downhearted).—The symptoms are simply those of extreme nervousness which gives rise to fits of hysteria or mild epilepsy. Medicinal treatment is not of much use in such cases. The best course is to treat the bird always in a quiet and methodical manner, and avoid handling it at all, going about its cage cleaning operations, feeding, etc., in a cool manner, frequently speaking or "tweeting" to it, trying to gain its confidence and making it know that it has nothing to fear, and always leaving some little special dainty for it when you do anything at its cage, so that it will gradually come to associate your presence with some little treat and forget to behave in such an alarming manner. Once you have gained its confidence it may become quite exceptionally tame. You would do no harm by adding to the water every second day for a week six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the following week give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day. The bird may breed successfully, but unless of some exceptional merit it is not wise to allow them to do so, and thereby perpetuate the temperament.

COVERED WITH SCURF (H.S.).—Unless the birds were of some especial value or typical excellence the best course to adopt would be to mercifully destroy them, thoroughly overhaul the cages, with a view to exterminating red mites, if troublesome, as seems not unlikely, disinfect, and repaint or distemper them, and start afresh with a healthier and more satisfactory class of birds. If you prefer treating them still, thoroughly cleanse and overhaul cages as frequently advised in these columns for getting rid of insects, transferring the birds to a clean temporary cage meanwhile, which must be treated in the same thorough manner afterwards. Whilst in this cage give a bath daily in which you have dissolved sufficient permanganate of potash crystals to give the water a faint pink colour—only a very little will be needed. Every second day for a fortnight, in addition to the staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and finally sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water twelve drops of fluid magnesia. At the end of the fortnight stop the drugs for a week, then resume and give again for another fortnight. Give a little freshly gathered green food in variety daily.

TICKING NOISE (Six Years' Reader, F.M.).—You have probably failed to relieve the bird because you have not sufficiently removed the exciting causes of the condition. Leave it in the room with a comfortable temperature, but see that it is in as equable a position as possible, not exposed to direct cold draughts, nor near or over the lines of lights in the evenings. Then, in addition to its staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together. At the end of a fortnight stop the above mixture in the water and give instead twelve drops of glycerine and a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea every second day until the feathers have quite ceased dropping, continuing the remainder of the treatment as before until the moult is stopped.

WILL SHE BREED? (J. E. F.).—There is nothing whatever to worry about. The hen is only taking a little time to think over the matter, and will set to work in earnest one of these days. Have patience. You may give the pair three crisp young leaves of dandelion daily, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and gold of pleasure every second day, and sprinkle a little maw over the egg food.

CAGES FOR YORKSHIRES (E. E. F.).—With a long, upstanding bird in which a bold, upright carriage is essential like the Yorkshire, plenty of head room in the cages is a valuable adjunct to the proper training of the bird, tending to prevent squatting and crouching on the perch. But the full height of 18 inches is not absolutely indispensable, although always advisable when it can be given. Fifteen is rather low, but you might manage with it by placing the top perches at a little lower level than is usual, and training the birds well in show cages before showing them. For the rest, get a copy of "Yorkshire Canaries," which our manager will send you post free for is. 2d.

F.E.M., C.L., Mrs. F.G., and A.L.E.—Replied to by post.

NO EGGS (Bird Lover).—The hen was not quite in such good breeding condition as you thought. The best thing you can do now is to let matters take their own course, and wait patiently for a while. In addition to the ordinary diet give every second day for a week or two a small teaspoonful of egg food well sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, linseed, teazle, and broken groats. Give also three or four crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. Leave the birds together, and do not interfere with them more than is absolutely unavoidable, and trust to the above treatment to set matters right.

ROLLERS IN AVIARY (C. O.).—You do not give any detail that enables me to tell whether there is really anything wrong with the birds or not, beyond the cocks not singing. It is quite possible for a cock to be in the best of health and yet not sing, though any self-respecting young Roller cock in breeding condition should now be in good song. I suppose you are sure about the sex? Possibly the "Annual," which is now ready, will help you out of the difficulty, failing which you may treat the birds for two or three weeks, the same as advised to "Bird Lover" in this issue, and see if that speeds them up any. But the best course would, doubtless, be to get two sturdy young cocks which you know are in good vigorous song, and thus do the best thing to prevent a possible disappointment for the best part of the season.

PLAYING ABOUT (Hope).—The hen was not quite so forward as you thought, and requires a little time to make a start. All you need is a little patience, and things will doubtless come right. Leave the birds together and treat them the same as advised to "Bird Lover" in this issue, and see they have three or four crisp young leaves of dandelion daily, and all will come right in the course of a week or two.

CLAWS FALLING OFF (Paddy).—Instead of the claws falling off they have probably been hooked around a wire or the perch and been wrenched out by the bird struggling to free itself. The birds are evidently old ones, and judging from your description the claws—i.e., the toe-nails—are considerably overgrown and curved round into hook-like shapes. If this is so, catch the birds and wash the feet quite clean in warm water, then dry and hold up the foot with one claw at a time projecting between the tips of the thumb and forefinger in front of a strong light. You will then notice a thin pink streak running part of the way down the centre of the horny part of the nail. This is the vein, and shows how far the "quick" extends beyond the toe. Have ready a small pair of sharp nail or embroidery scissors, and carefully nip off the claw just a little beyond the extremity of the pink streak. Trim each claw in this way that is overgrown, allowing only one at a time to be exposed to guard against accidents. The claws that have been torn out may be reproduced, but being old birds it will probably be a long time before much is seen of them.

SLOW PROGRESS (R. Easton).—The fact of this being the hen's third year would not necessarily account for her being slow to get away with nesting arrangements. If she was otherwise in good, vigorous health. The trouble is that she was not quite in condition when you mated her, and will take a little time to get away with real business. Treat as advised to "Bird Lover" in this issue for a fortnight, or less, if the clutch is laid in less than that time, and let things take their own course. They will doubtless right themselves soon. Whether the cock going out of song has anything to do with it depends upon the cause of his silence. Should he commence to drop feathers your only course to prevent disappointment during the best part of the season is to replace him at once by one in good condition, and otherwise suited as a mate for the hen.

IS IT USUAL? (Novice, M. A. S.).—It is not usual for a hen to suffer from egg-binding with a

third egg when the first two of the clutch have been laid without trouble, but at the same time it is by no means rare for such a thing to occur. A hen may, in fact, become egg bound with any egg in a clutch from first to last. The probability is that in your case, as you say the eggs were large for the size of the hen, that the third was somewhat abnormal in size and thus created this trouble which you discovered only when too late to assist.

MAKING A STRAIN (W. G.).—You cannot very well make up a new strain out of a single pair of birds without a rather considerable amount of in-breeding. It would be far better and more satisfactory in the future to work three pairs, and then you could follow the chart without any further difficulty. In the chart you send I take it 1 is the original hen; 2 the original cock; 3 the young hen bred from 1 and 2. If this is correct you will proceed now as follows. This season you will mate the original cock 2 with the young hen 3, and you may also mate him consecutively with the original hen 1 to increase the stock to go on working on the same lines next season. Next year mate the young cocks from hen 3, represented by 4 in diagram, to hen 1, and again the next season to a hen from this mating, 6 on chart. The hens from No. 3, represented by 5, to the cock No. 2, and in the next year also with a cock from the mating, shown by 8. The hens from No. 4 mate with cocks from No. 5, and vice versa, the progeny from which will reach the stage of No. 7, and so on to the end of your chart, being careful to note the different coloured lines connecting the figures denoting the stages of progress which indicate the sex you will use from any particular figure group in going on to the next stage. As it stands the chart shows five years breeding, by which time it will be most advisable to introduce some fresh blood by a distantly related bird from the same strains as the original 1 and 2. Unfortunately space is now far too precious to allow me to continue the details to the end of your chart, but after studying the above with your chart you will doubtless see quite clearly how to go on. If you encounter any particular difficulty with individual birds and will send along the chart of its breeding with the sex of the different stages marked I will do my best to clear up the difficulty for you.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNET ROUGH IN PLUMAGE (F. A. V.).—I am inclined to think your bird is troubled with insects. You had better carefully examine him, and see if you can find any. If you hold him in the hand for a minute you will probably see some running on it; if not, blow up the feathers on the body and under the wings. To clear them you must either hand wash him or dust repeatedly with insect powder, working it well into the plumage, and wrapping him in a cloth for ten minutes or so, leaving the head free. Put a dessert spoonful of strong quassia solution in the bath, which give frequently. You do not say how you are feeding him, but stop heating seeds, and supply him liberally with green food, such as chickweed, young leaves of dandelion, shepherd's purse, etc. Give a little soft food if he will eat it. Have your little Nutshell booklet on the Linnet? If not, you should procure it. (2) As regards the birds muling this year, it is all according to the condition he is in. If it is only insects that are troubling him, there is no reason why he should not be fit, as soon as you get rid of them.

WEAK ON LEGS (S. W. Yardley).—I fear there is something wrong in the treatment of your bird, but your information is so meagre that you do not even hint at this. Anyway, give him an aperient

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Boulton's great work, "Cage Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3/4); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

first; as much salts as will cover a threepenny piece dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water, to which add three drops of syrup of rhubarb; repeat two days later. Catch the bird, and immerse the legs and thighs in warm water, well soak them, dry on a soft cloth, and paint daily with Old St. Jacob's oil. Give green food and a little soft food if he will eat it; if not, soak some rape and teazle, and offer a spoonful daily.

SAMPLE OF RAPE (Reading).—Your sample of rape seed is very good of the kind. The ordinary summer rape one cannot procure now, and English rape is larger, darker in colour, and stronger in flavour, consequently birds do not eat it quite so readily. This sample is quite a good one, and not particularly pungent to the taste. If your birds do not eat it as you would like them to, I would advise you to soak it, and offer a spoonful daily, or not so frequently if you are using green food.

LICE ON LINNET (Ches.).—These pests are a terrible nuisance when they once get established on birds. As you have only the one I think your best plan, if you can manage it, is to hand-wash him in soap and warm water, dry carefully before the fire, and return to a thoroughly clean cage. Another method is to feed him well so as to get him in good condition; let him bathe frequently and put a couple of spoonful of strong quassia solution in the bath water; also catch the bird about every third day and lightly paint the inside of the large wing feathers with oil of lavender. Get the cheapest kind, costing about sixpence for the half ounce. In addition to his present seed give a spoonful of cracked hemp about three days a week, also a little maw seed, and a few grains of cracked sunflower seeds daily. If he will not eat these chop up a few kernels and mix with his seed. Do not keep him in a warm room, the cooler you keep him the less rapidly the insects increase.

IS IT A MULE? (A. M. Jones).—It is very unfortunate that the mother of your bird died, as her identity would of course decide that of the young bird. You do not tell me if she was pro-

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ured from a fancier who would know if she was a genuine Mule, or simply a dark Canary. There are many people who think that no bird can be a Canary unless it is clear yellow or buff. In your description of your bird you fail to mention one very important point, that is, the shape of the beak. Does it resemble the Canary's? In most cases a Mule's beak is more like the British bird father than the Canary mother. I am inclined to think the mother of your bird was simply a dark Canary, because Linnets Mules show their Linnet parentage in the colour, particularly on the back; whereas your description is in every way just what a dark Canary would be. Perhaps some fancier in your district could identify it for you.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING PARROT (H. E. A.).—It is a Blue-fronted Amazon, and has been wrongly fed. Cease giving tea, coffee, or milk sops at once, also table scraps, or any animal food. The main dietary should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, piece of biscuit, plain cake, or stale crusts, with cuttlebone, grit, and water continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for the bird to exercise its manubles upon. As extras, unseasoned and ungreased boiled potato and other vegetables may be given, also raw carrot, turnip, etc. Castor oil or other oil may always be given by smearing it along the edges of the mandibles from a terner, when it will be sucked in. Put one teaspoonful of Bimford's magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days well colour the water with chemical food. If the bird appears at all weak give a little cod liver oil emulsion daily by spreading it thinly on biscuit, bread, or plain cake, which ever the bird takes most freely. Also give a little honey and borax daily by smearing same along the edges of its mandible with a feather. Report progress in about a month.

SWOLLEN FOOT, ETC. (W. B.).—As it is a new acquisition it will not be easy to treat the foot, which must be bathed with hot water; use a long-handled mop camel-hair brush, partly dry it, and then paint with neat whiskey. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour the water with chemical food. Give it daily a little cod liver oil emulsion, either by smearing it along the edges of its mandibles and tongue, or spread thinly on biscuit, plain cake, or bread, whichever is most convenient; in exactly the same manner give honey and borax daily. The C.L.O.E. can be given in the morning, and the latter in the afternoon. If

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1, 11); Arthur's "Gadgets and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bud-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of cages, Bud-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Academics," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "If a bill." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

not too far gone, the bird should gradually recover health and strength. Report progress in two or three weeks, but if it becomes worse write again at once with full details. If you have the bird on approval, it would be better to return it at once to the vendor.

DEPOSITING EGGS ON FLOOR (R. A. B.).—It is most disappointing, yet I fear the only improvement you can hope for is the amended behaviour of the hens. As they are caged separately it would appear that they were emulating each other in this respect, otherwise it appears strange for both hens to take the same unnatural course. You appear to have fitted your cages up satisfactorily, and I can only ask you one or two suggestive questions. Have nice access to the hawks? Are the openings of the hawks towards the light? Are the hawks in a screened portion of the cage? The only definite remedy I can suggest is to get someone to change hens with you, especially if you can make an exchange with someone having an outdoor aviary.

BUDGERIGAR SHIVERING (G. Townsend).—It is never safe, even in hot weather, to keep birds of any kind in an open window. There is always a current of air between window and door or fireplace, and draught is fatal, sooner or later, even to such hardy birds as Budgerigars. While they must not be kept in a stagnant corner of the room away from light and air, their cage must not stand in the way of direct currents of air between window and other outlets of the room. We ourselves easily get chilled in very hot weather in consequence of sitting in a draught, often for the sake of the breeze, and birds must be kept out of draught. Put a few grains of Epsom salts in the drinking water once a week for a month, and on other days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Now that you can get it free from frost supply as much seedling and flowering grass as they will eat.

CAGES FOR BUDGERIGARS (Six Years' Reader, F.M.).—(1) Yes, the Budgerigars should breed in the C.P. cage, the partitions should be removed, and some kind of screen fitted over the dome to make it fairly private, and squares of opaque glass can be laid over the flat tops of the end sections. Fix up a hush in each end section, and on the dome, near the top in each case—then you must simply wait for them to settle down. The only thing you can do to hasten matters is to give them daily fresh supplies of tufts of flowering and seeding grass. (2) I do not think you need fear any harmful results from the enamel, but any time the cage needs re-pointing, use Brunswick black for the wires, and French grey enamel for the other parts. (3) A box type cage is better than the C.P. type, but only fifteen inches high leaves no space for exercise when a couple of hushes are fixed up.

BUDGERIGARS IN A CAGE (A. G. H.).—It is quite correct that unless you have more nests than pairs of birds either in cage or aviary, there is certain to be quarrelling for a particular nest sooner or later, too often continuous squabbling nullifies all chance of breeding results, and therefore it is obvious that your cage is not large enough to provide accommodation for two breeding pairs. The minimum for two pairs should be 36in. long, 18in. deep, by 20 to 24in. high. In your present cage you could

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WHAT BIRD? (C. R., Constant Reader).—It is a Roseate Cockatoo; some individuals talk well, others only a little, and many not at all. Still if yours is a reasonably young bird it may talk in due course. It is no use attempting training till the bird is fairly tame and steady, and thoroughly accustomed to you. Keep it in the midst of your home life, yet not where it will get frequently scared by rushy movements, and whenever it is quiet and restful talk to it and teach it by the constant repetition method, as well as at other times casual words; it should also pick up many words which it hears uttered in its vicinity, as well as mimic various sounds and calls.

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R. B. Nelson.—Inflammation of the bowels.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. G. H.—The so-called "Crystal Palace Aviary" is really nothing else but a large cage. Its floor area is only about six-and-a-half square feet, and half-a-dozen British Finches would be quite enough to keep in such a space. You might keep this number of such British birds as appeal to you, having regard, of course, to the fact that they would have access to the same stock food, and that some birds would take too much for their good of one particular kind of seed which would be necessary for the well-being of another species. If you decide upon British birds, our Mr. Norman will be pleased to advise you as to their keeping, but it would be much more satisfactory to have any number up to a dozen of the smaller foreign seed-eating birds. Many beautiful foreign birds require nothing in the way of seed but canary seed, white millet, and spray millet, and would all thrive alike on such a dietary, combined, of course, with the other necessities in the way of green food, etc. If you partition off the centre portion for Budgerigars as you suggest, you would have only a small cage at each end, and two Finches at the most could be kept in either of these.

Bird-keeping as a Livelihood (Interested).—A full list of books which would help you in bird-keeping was published on page 212 of last week's issue. There is no doubt whatever that bird-keeping can be made to show a profit, but to obtain a livelihood by its practice is rather a tall order. As you say you have no knowledge whatever of birds or bird-keeping, we fear that you would have to put in some years of practice before your profits would be sufficient to afford you a living. It is one thing to make a hobby pay for itself and a little bit over, but quite another thing to make a living out of it.

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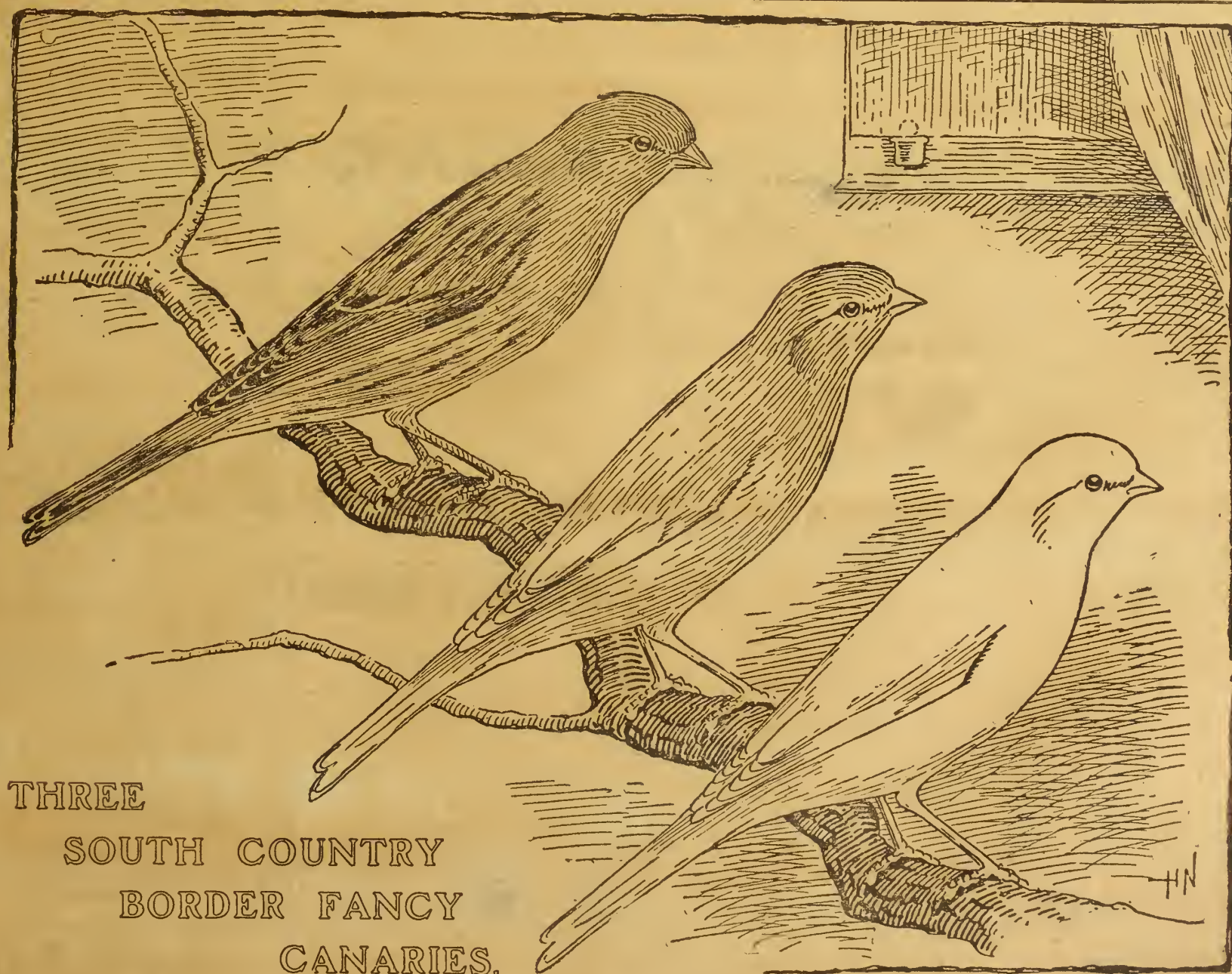
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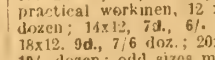
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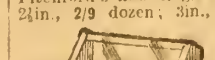
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England.

- June 10-12.—**Liverpool Grand National British Bird Show.** (J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd.)
- Oct. 20-21.—**Liverpool O.S.** (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
- Oct. 27-28.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.** (J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
- Nov. 1-2.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
- Nov. 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand** (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)
- Nov. 11.—**Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.** (A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
- Nov. 17-18.—**Malifax O.S.** (J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Buntingford Rd.) C.A.E., H.W.B.
- Nov. 24-25.—**West Bromwich C.B.S.** (Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
- Nov. 29-30.—**Southampton C.B.S.** (W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.
- Dec. 6-7.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** (A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Scotland.

- Nov. 10-11.—**Glasgow C.B.A.** (W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.) C.C., W.S., G.H., R.H., H.J., J.G.

Ireland.

- Dec. 1-2.—**Newtownards C.B.S.** (Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges Terms for insertion on application.

- FRED ARCHER**, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Budefield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.
- J. C. BARNES**, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
- JHOS. BENNETT**, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.
- J. W. BRUCE**, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
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- Geo. GARDNER**, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
- G. HOBBS**, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
- J. HOLROYD**, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
- J. R. HOUGHTON**, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
- A. HOUSE**, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
- J. W. METCALFE**, Yorkshire Aviarie, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
- W. MUNDELL**, 6, Carlisle Place, Marnham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
- H. NORMAN**, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
- J. PATTERSON**, Chirside, Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
- J. H. PAYNE**, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
- E. SILK**, The Aviarie, Emmsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
- JAMES STANGER**, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
- HENRY TAMS**, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
- J. TICKELL**, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, "Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
- W. VARDY**, The Aviarie, Bucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
- J. WILCOCK**, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
- G. WILSON**, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit. For. Specialist, Brit. Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
- W. YOUNG**, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

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All matter intended for publication must be written or typed on one side of paper only, and must reach us not later than the first post on Tuesday if insertion in the next issue is desired.

Twitterings.

Mr. W. A. Harwood, hon. sec. East Ham F.S., writes that meetings of the society will in future be held at the new headquarters, Liberal Club, opposite the Town Hall.

Kindly correct report in last Saturday's CAGE BIRDS sent you by Mr. Hitchings re date of meeting of Swansea C.B.A., writes Mr. J. H. Ford, Sec. The meeting is on May 6, not May 30.

A general meeting of the Crested Canary Club will be held at the York Hotel, 2, York Street, Piccadilly, W., May 11, at 8 sharp. I trust all members will kindly make an effort to attend, writes Mr. T. Heath, hon. sec. and treas.

Sacriston's first great open show will be held on Oct. 7, writes Mr. Wm. Dodd, sec. Sacriston P.P., R., and C.B.S. Two first-class halls have been secured and four leading judges have been engaged. Mr. Thos. Dixon will judge cage birds.

Mr. Rudd, of Norwich, writes that he has purchased the entire stock of Mr. Ebbage, the well-known Norwich Canary exhibitor, among the birds being many that have been successful on the show bench or which are descended from notable prize winners.

By a printer's error the hatching table in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1916 allows two days too long. Eggs set on the dates in the Calendar are due to hatch two days earlier than stated in the hatching table. We thank the correspondents who have written pointing out the error.

We have received the 1916 Book of Rules of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society. Besides the rules of the society, it contains the fixtures for the season, lectures, shows, etc., the names of the winners of the various challenge cups and trophies, details of prize money under the sliding scale, and a list of members' names and addresses. The hon. sec. is Mr. H. L. Huggins, 130, Myddleton Road, Bowes Park, London, N.

The opening article in the April issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, is "My Sunbirds," by the Hon. Mrs. Bourke. Mr. Wesley Page gives some notes on the British and Foreign birds at Holborn Hall Show. Mr. Theo. Stewart writes about his Bare-eyed Thrush, and Mr. F. Dawson-Smith chats pleasantly about his tame Herring Gull "Ari." Other articles are "The Endurance of Birds," by Mr. Wesley T. Page; "Some Colony Birds," etc.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. VOUTT, Newcastle.

I regret, writes Mr. W. Curry, to have to record the death of one of our most esteemed members, Mr. W. Voutt, of the Northern British. Mule and F.B.C., who passed away on April 18 after a serious illness, extending over four months. He was interred in Saint Andrew's Cemetery on April 20. Our Chairman, Mr. Pettersson, represented our Club, and if more of us had known we would have made an effort to attend to pay our last respects to our departed brother. The fancy will be all the poorer by his death, and I am sure all the fanciers around here who knew him will extend their sympathy to his widow on the sad loss she has been called upon to bear.

MR. F. SPARKE.

London fanciers will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. F. Sparke, who for over 30 years has been intimately connected with the fancy, writes Mr. F. Knight, Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S. He was well known as a breeder of first-class Norwich Canaries. He was Hon. Treas. of this Society for a considerable time, and was highly esteemed by all who were acquainted with him. Messrs. Dann, Hyde, Fisk and Mound attended the burial at Finchley Cemetery on April 25. A wreath was taken by them on behalf of the Society, which loses a good friend and fancier. R.I.P.

Membership cards have been sent out for the Glasgow and Dis. Derby O.A. Anyone caring to join should communicate with the Sec., Jas. Stewart, Jun., 21, Ormonde Park, Milnreud. The radius is 7 miles, Paisley and Clydebank included.

The Cardiff C.B.S. Annual Open Show will be held on Nov. 17, 18 and 20, writes Mr. E. Thomas, Sec., and will be run in aid of one of the war charities. I have received a number of post-cards from our comrades who are prisoners of war in Germany, thanking us for the parcels we sent them.

The numerous friends of Mr. John S. Clarke will be glad to hear that his son Harold, whose intimate knowledge of the birds of Epping Forest has proved of such great value to the many parties of "ramblers," for whom he has acted as guide, is now having a good time in Australia after a time of quite another sort at Gallipoli. Young Harold Clarke was badly wounded at Quinn's Post, Gallipoli, and his wounds led to a lot of septic trouble. Then "the lacerated arteries came untied and hemorrhage nearly took him off," says Mr. Clarke in a letter to us, "but thank God he won through, and to-day, bar a weak arm, is as well as ever. He was with the 16th Battn. A.I.F., and he is one of the very few left."

An Open Show for Hanley.

Mr. C. Beckett, hon. sec., writes that the show of the Hanley and Dist. C.B.S., fixed for Nov. 9, at the Angel Hotel, will be open to the United Kingdom. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford, will judge. The Society intends holding a N.F. show in June and in July.

What an Expert Thinks

of Cage Birds Annual.

I consider your CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1916 a perfect guide to the Fancy, writes Mr. W. Connelly, Glasgow.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Spare Books for Wounded Soldiers.

Sergt. R. Orton, R.A.M.C., now in the 6th General Hospital, British Expeditionary Force, in writing for some coloured plates, which we have forwarded to him, says: "If any readers of CAGE BIRDS have any books which they can spare, and would be good enough to send them, we should be very thankful."

"Circumstances Permitting."

Will you be good enough to announce, writes Mr. Arthur J. Watcham, Hon. Sec., L.C.B.A., that the joint show of the London C.B.A., National B.B. and M.C., and the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, will be held, circumstances permitting, at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, on Dec. 8, 9, and 11 next.

Judges at Glasgow C.B.A. Show.

Mr. W. Hutchison, Sec., writes that at the show of the Glasgow C.B.A., on Nov. 10, 11, the judges will be as follows: Crests, C. Campbell, Glasgow; Norwich, W. Simpson, Aldrie; Borders, G. Hyslop, Stirling; Yorks, R. Heggie, Stepps; British and Foreign, H. Jameson, Glasgow; and J. Gentleman, Avonbridge.

A Wren's Nest in Khaki.

A correspondent to the "Westminster Gazette" writes that an officer at the front says in a letter: "In my hut I have rigged up a line to hang my towels, etc., on, and since the weather has been warmer I have discarded my khaki sweater, and it hangs upon the line. I always sleep in all weathers with my windows open, and one morning I awoke to find a little wren chirping away on the line, and watched it make several journeys. Each time it brought back a stick almost as big as its tiny self, and placed it in a fold in the sweater. Now, after about a fortnight, it has made a beautiful nest. It doesn't a bit mind us going in and out, and is quite tame. All the Generals, who frequently come here, come in with the O.C. now to see how the wren is getting on."

The Breeding Season

A Lecture given by Mr. J. W. METCALFE, Liverpool, before the members of the Walton, Everton and District C.B.S., and communicated by Mr. A. G. HUNT, hon. sec.
(Concluded from page 216.)

NEXT come the vexed questions of sweating hens and bad feeders, after young are hatched. Sweating is generally caused by the hens failing to keep the nest clean. A good dose of salts or greenfood should help in such cases. Bad feeders, if not of much value, are best dispensed with, but where they are valuable birds their eggs or young should be transferred to other hens to rear. The first food for the newly-hatched young should be bread and milk (not sloppy), and plenty of green food and crushed hemp seed for the hen to feed with. Very rich egg food is not recommended for young birds, as it is often the cause of trouble.

When young are about three weeks old they may be removed from the parents and placed in a nursery cage. They may then receive a little weak eggfood, together with greenfood, and cracked canary seed in the hopper. The parents will also give them a certain amount through the wires.

An Alternative to Ringing.

This is the best time to put rings on if it is intended to do so, and although it may cause swelling of the foot for a time, they will soon go down. As an alternative to ringing, nicks can be cut in one of the outer flight feathers to correspond with notes which the fancier wishes to keep respecting the bird's pedigree.

The parent birds will be getting ready now for the second nest, and frequently show signs of this before the first nest of young are ready to leave. In this case place the pan containing the young on the floor of cage, introduce a fresh one for the second nest, and provide a constant and plentiful supply of nesting material.

When eggs or young are in the nest always glance in the cages when visiting the birds to see if any eggs or young have been pushed out on to the floor. In the case of eggs, before putting them back in the nest see that they are not cracked. In case of a slight crack, cover same with a small piece of adhesive paper, and it will be quite safe. In case of young found on floor, place them in the palm of the hand and breathe on them. If not too far gone, they will soon revive. When the young birds are about six weeks old they can be removed to the flight cage for moulting, which usually starts about August.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest Club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, April 29, 33 competed for four minutes' time sing and some very good singing was heard: 1, Scotson; 2, E. Clayton; 3, Blackshear. Open Linnet sing, April 30, 34 faced the timers, 5 minutes' time singing: 1, T. Jones; 2, Scotson; 3, Blackshear.—J. Beard, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club, members' contest, April 29, 20 members staged birds for time: 1, Donnelly, 166; 2, Murphy, 123; 3, Bates, 38; 4, Hilton, 34. Quality: 1, Page; 2, Jones; 3, Rigby; 4, Poole. Judges, Jones, Rigby; timers, J. Murphy, G. Murphy; minute, W. Cowburn. Open contest, May 13, at Dog and Partridge, Lamberhead Green, Pimberton, Wigan. R. Disley, Sec.

BARNESLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, April 25, open sing: 1, Hardman, 3min. 3sec.; 2, 3, Jones, 3.28, 3.26. For four minutes' time sing: Shepherd timer, Collins chalker. April 30, same timer and chalker, four minutes' time sing: 1, Pistawick, 3.59; 2, Jones, 3.29; 3, Dooley, 3.28; 4, J. Norburn, 3.17; Waireing, 3.6; Hardman, 3.4. The winning bird was only bought last week of a Castleford member, and it has broken record in four minutes' time sing.—J. Hardman, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, April 30, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, 56 entered in a four minutes' sing and some very good time was done: 1, J. Williams, 130; 2, Nelson, 123; 3, G. Moore, 108. May 1, 32 birds entered in a three minutes' sing: 1, 3, B. Nelson, 104, 85; 2, Wainwright, 97. Intending members for next big sing must join four clear weeks before Whitsuntide. During the first half year 2,554 birds have entered in contests, and prizes to the value of £38 given.—W. Dobson.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, April 30, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, 22 sang, and some grand singing was heard.—Mr. F. Allen, Hull added a special for best bird: 1, Wigfield; 2, Wharam; 3, Plummer; 4, Plowes, from Kippax. Judges, T. Sumner, J. Hutchinson, S. Butterfield.—Hon. Sec., W. Lipman.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, April 25th, 24 sang: 1, 4, Stead; 2, Ineson; 3, Hayes; 5, Richardson. Judges, Jennings, Crane, and Grant. April 29, 25 sang: 1, 2, T. Ineson; 3, 4, Stead; 5, Wharam. Judges, Hayes, Crane, and Naylor. April 30, 29 sang: 1, Buttery; 2, 3, shared, Stead and Ineson; 4, Stead; 5, Wood. Judges, Harcastle, Naylor and Butler.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, April 21st, 18 birds sang: 1, Buttery; 2, Sissons; 3, J. Chippindale; 4, shared by Jim Chippindale and Dearlove. Judges, Hayes and Butler. April 22, 31 sang: 1, T. Ineson; 2, Wigfield; 3, Howarth; 4, Stanney; 5, J. Chippindale. Judges, Jennings, Naylor, Crane. April 23, 32 sang: 1, Buttery; 2, 3, T. Ineson; 4, Sissons; 5, Stanney. Judges, Harcastle, Naylor and Crane. April 24, 26 sang: 1, Jim Chippindale; 2, T. Ineson; 3, Buttery; 4, S. Johnson; 5, Hayes. Judges, Harcastle, Naylor, Butler.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

A New Cage Bird Society
for Leadgate.

We hear that a new society has been formed as above, and is to be called the Leadgate C.B.C. The hon. sec. is Mr. Geo. Forster, East Castle, Annfield Plain.

Greens Going Strong.

Mr. F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Waverley, Liverpool, writes that he has again taken over the secretaryship of the Green Canary Association. Societies desiring patronage should apply accordingly (see club report).

Dates of 1916 Bird Shows.

Further shows for which dates have been fixed are: Cardiff C.B.S., Nov. 17, 18, 20; Provincial Roller C.C., Dec. 1, 2; Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S., Oct. 7; Horticultural Hall, Dec. 8, 9, 11; Glasgow C.B.A., Nov. 10, 11. Secretaries should make a note of these and other dates as they are published, so that clashing may be avoided as far as possible.

Thanks.

We have to thank many readers for their kindness in supplying our need expressed last week for a copy of "Profitable Canary Breeding." The first copy, all the way from Edinburgh, reached us on Saturday morning, the date of our issue. We are especially gratified by the kind expressions which in all cases have accompanied the offers of the book. Mr. Hughes, who sent the first copy as above, says in his letter: "I am very pleased to have this opportunity of showing in a small way my appreciation of CAGE BIRDS, over whose contents I have spent many happy hours, and from which I have received much instruction."

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SEEDS OF COMMERCE AS USED FOR CAGE BIRDS.

Their Sources of Origin, and Feeding Values.

In this instructive article, which was given as a lecture to the members of the Walton and Everton C.B.S., the author, Mr. A. G. Hunt, of the Sterling Seed Co., Liverpool, tells in easily understood terms all about the seeds generally used by bird-keepers, and gives valuable advice as to their combination in mixture.

WHEN looking for a suitable subject to interest bird fanciers it was only natural I should decide upon something connected with seeds as being in keeping with the whole of my experience, for, apart from my profession as a seed merchant, it may interest you to know I was brought up in the very heart of the Fen country—Lincolnshire—which is admitted to be the most important seed growing district in England.

I can call to mind the times when I have seen growing crops of many of the seeds used by bird fanciers, including canary, rape, hemp, maw, linseed, teazle, etc., so am quite familiar with these in their green state.

The Eight Seeds that Matter.

It is, of course, impossible in the course of a short lecture to touch upon all the seeds given to birds, and I have therefore made a selection comprising eight of the principal varieties best known to fanciers. These are: Canary, rape, hemp, niger, maw, linseed, millet, teazle, arranged as near as possible in their order of importance.

I do not doubt for one moment that fanciers will agree that these eight seeds represent those most generally in use, and those which have become more or less indispensable, but I often wonder what the average fancier would say if he were suddenly asked the question, "Why do bird-keepers use these seeds?"

Some would probably say because they are the proper seeds to use, while others might answer because there are no others to take their place. Others, again, might answer in different ways, but very few, I venture to say, would drop upon the correct explanation, which is embodied in the title of this lecture, and is simply because they are seeds of commerce. They are commercial commodities, which appear regularly upon the market, and which, in normal times, being easily procurable, have, in course of time, been adapted to the use of cage birds.

This, I think, more than anything else, is responsible for the fact that these seeds are now accepted and used by fanciers who rarely, if ever, pause to consider the why and the wherefore of their origin or introduction.

Some of these seeds are as important from a commercial point of view as the very wheat from which we make our bread; in fact, some of them provide a very important addition to the diet of the peoples in the countries where they are produced.

and also provide heat. They are therefore fat formers and heat givers.

Carbo-hydrates, starch and other matter of a rather dry nature, which generate heat and energy, but do not as a rule form any great amount of flesh or fat. They are therefore principally heat givers.

Mineral matter comprises the various kinds of mineral salts extracted by plants from the soil, including lime, soda, potash, phosphates, magnesia, etc., and which go to form bone and blood. They are also very valuable, almost indispensable, in aiding the digestion, as they help to dissolve the other ingredients, and by so doing render them fit for assimilation. These, then, are the constituent parts of seeds, and we will now pass on to the first one on our list.

About Canary Seed.

CANARY SEED (*Phalaris canariensis*) can best be described as a cereal grass of an annual nature which, when growing very much resembles wheat or rye, except that the ears are not quite so long, being more round or egg shaped.

It is a native grass of the Canary Islands, from which the name canary seed is derived, and not, as is so often thought, from its use as food for Canaries.

It is grown extensively in the south of Europe, especially in France, and in some districts of Germany and Austria. Large crops are also grown in the Canary Islands and the Island of Madeira, also in Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, and South America, principally in California, and the district of the River Plate, also in Spain and Portugal.

It is sold under many different names, which are, more or less, trade terms relating more directly to the quality of the seed, and not intended to convey any idea of the sources of origin or the country in which the seed was produced.

We have it offered as "Spanish," "Turkish," "Egyptian," "Plate," etc., but it is quite possible the actual sample offered has never seen either of these places.

So much can be done now with machinery that in the process of screening two or even three entirely different samples can be obtained from the same bulk. Needless to say, samples from different sources vary considerably, but this is due to the direct influence of environment, conditions of soil, and climate.

Generally speaking, the fanciers of to-day have a craze for very large seed, but I ques-

BIRD SEEDS AT A GLANCE.

	Water:	Albumen.	Oils and Fats.	Carbo-Hydrates.	Minerals.
Canary Seed ..	18 1/2	13 1/2	5	52	1 1/2
Rape Seed ..	11 1/2	19 1/2	40	10	4
Hemp Seed ..	12	16	32	16	4 1/2
Maw Seed ..	15	17 1/2	40	12	6
Niger Seed ..	8 1/2	17 1/2	35	15	2
Linseed ..	10	14	52	10	6
Millet ..	10	15	5	62	3
Canary 2 parts, Rape 1 part ..	13	18	16 1/2	37	3
Hemp, Niger, Maw, Linseed, equal parts ..	11 1/2	16	—	14	6
Rape, Hemp, Maw, Niger, Linseed, equal parts ..	12	17	39	12	5

I am not going to attempt to tell you what you should do with these seeds, as most fanciers have their own ideas, and hardly any two treat their birds exactly alike. My intention here is to give you a few particulars as to where these seeds come from, and for what reason they find their place upon the market, and consequently come to be included in the diet of our feathered pets. I shall also try to illustrate to you the feeding values of these seeds, as related one to the other.

Constituents, and their Properties.

First of all, however, in order to understand the illustrations, it is necessary to find out what bird seeds are composed of. According to the analyst, we find that all products of the soil contain a percentage of water, or moisture, which, although of no value as nutriment, is useful in aiding digestion, and acts as a means of conveyance for the other ingredients.

Next we have albuminoids. These are the flesh-formers, and represent nitrogenous matter, which also goes to repair the wear and tear of certain tissues and provides energy.

Oils and fats act principally upon the lungs, being consumed in the process of respiration,

tion if there is any great advantage in this. Large specimens of almost anything often prove to be hollow or have a very thick husk or skin, and so from the point of view of their feeding quality are no more valuable than a good medium sample.

It is only necessary to see that the seed is clean and free from impurities, plump in appearance, bright looking, and sweet to the taste, and providing it fulfils these conditions any fancier may accept it with the assurance that it will meet his requirements. Of course, to procure a good sample you must pay a fair price, as good seed cannot be bought at the price of rubbish.

Regarding the uses for which canary seed is grown other than for feeding birds, I find that in some of the countries where it is grown it forms a considerable addition to the diet of the natives, being mixed with wheat flour for making bread. This is especially so in the Canary Islands and in Egypt, also in Austria and Germany, as was proved during the early part of the present war, when it was stated that all the canary seed in those countries had been commandeered in order to increase the supply of flour for making bread.

(To be continued.)

Difficulties of the Breeding Season, and How to Overcome Them.

A paper read before the members of the Walkley C.B.S. by the Secretary, Mr. C. Tomlinson.

THE first on the list is that of cocks not pairing with the hen provided for them.

In this case I hang the cock bird in a show cage on to the breeder (single) for a day or two, and this generally puts matters right. Of course if double breeders are used the partition answers the purpose.

To overcome the propensities of hens for nesting on the bottom of the cage is somewhat difficult, but I put the nest pan where the hen is attempting to build, let her lay her eggs in it, and then gradually raise it until in proper position.

Squatting hens, i.e. hens nesting and not laying. Unfledged hens are prone to this. It may be classed under two heads—internal derangement or out of condition. Hens of this kind will in some cases rear a nest of young if eggs are placed under them.

Hens not sitting. This also is often caused by internal derangement. Your hens may all have been fed in the same way during the winter, but some get more forward than others, and it is these that do the silly trick. The only remedy in these cases is to put the eggs under other hens and put the cock back as often they are ready to lay in two or three days. The second nest often corrects this.

Eggs failing to hatch may be due to various causes; weakness of the embryo, chill to the eggs through the hen coming off too often, etc. The eggs should hatch 14 days after sitting, but do not despair if the first round do not hatch to time. I have had some go two days over.

Non-feeding hens. This difficulty takes a bit of solving. You may use a "Filup" feeder, or what you like, but young birds without the aid of a hen take some rearing. I have been in my bird-room at all times after daylight hand-feeding. Try your hens with a variety of foods, and put a good pinch of sulphate of soda in the water. This has the effect of removing the broodiness, but I have come to the conclusion if they won't feed nothing will make them.

Hens sweating young in my opinion is due solely to nervousness. As a preventive I cover all my cages with a piece of cardboard 12 inches square. Young making no progress is often caused by hens giving them too much canary seed, which sets up inflammation. If I find that to be the case I soak the seed and add to the soft food a good pinch of Subnitrate of Bismuth. It is sometimes caused by the pen not having sufficient moisture to break through the quill. If this is so I gently spray them with aired water, but if the hen will bathe it answers the same purpose. Hens plucking young in nursery cages can be obviated by a small piece of cardboard about an inch high in front of the nursery cage.

Young birds going light. This is a serious trouble with fanciers. It may be through diarrhoea or inflammation. I have only been troubled one season, but the two ailments were not in evidence. A pathologist at the University examined one of my birds and said it was a form of consumption and recommended that liquid malt be added to the soft food, one teaspoonful to an egg and biscuit, and in the drinking-water 12 drops of syrup of hypophosphites. Too many baths are also likely to upset young birds.

Birds not moulting. This trouble is often caused by a too stimulating diet prior to moulting, chills, etc. I give my birds a grain or two of cochineal in the water, and this generally gives them a start. It is also good for a bird stuck in the moult. The most successful moulting season I had I fed my birds with as much green wheat as they would eat.

Hens for Mule Breeding and Their Treatment.

By VERNON R. HODGETTS (Cradley).

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BEST of all, however, I think, is dandelion, which has wonderful medicinal properties, acting chiefly on the liver. I keep a supply of this during winter and early spring by putting roots in boxes in December. If placed in the house, down in the cellar, long succulent leaves are drawn up. To see my hen Canaries, and two older hands (a house-moulded Greenfinch and Goldfinch) knowingly come to take their share from my fingers, is a sight too dainty to describe.

I also give my hens a great amount of that early flowering plant, the coltsfoot. I believe it is a wonderful medicinal plant. Rape seedlings also help out the above-mentioned plants until groundsel and other greenfoods appear. Groundsel, I notice, is too purging for Canaries, so I do not give much of it to them, but use chickweed instead.

I know many fanciers say give no greenfood at all during the incubation period, but I am convinced that a little is beneficial. If during incubation the hen has no greenfood, and only dried plain seed, she becomes constipated. Then when incubation is over, and she is supplied to the point of surfeit with greenfood, mixed seeds, egg-food, etc., the violent change sets up diarrhoea and feverishness, and then the fancier wonders why he has sweating hens and bad feeders.

Speaking of egg-food reminds me that I give as little as possible of this commodity. The Canary is a seed eating bird, and I try to treat it as such. About March I give a little egg and breadcrumbs to develop in the Canary a liking for it, so that she will feed it to the young when hatched.

To Push on the Laggards.

Treated as described, she will be fit to pair with any Finch when April arrives. Should the hen be ready before the Finch or vice versa, give the backward bird a spot or two of tincture of steel in the drinking-water on three alternate days, and on the intervening days give a laxative such as syrup of buckthorn to prevent constipation. This will cause the laggard to bound into tip-top condition.

I suppose more disappointments are caused through ill-timed mating than through all other causes. It is quite as important to put the birds together when ready as it is to keep them apart until ready. We all know that Canaries will lay eggs whether a cock bird be introduced or not. But, if the cock bird is not introduced some days before the hen lays, the eggs will be infertile. This is because the egg is developed to such an extent in the ovary of the hen that the spermatozoa from the male bird has no effect upon the living cells of the female ovum.

If the novice follows the advice given below

he will not make the mistake of premature or belated matings. Sit quietly in front of the cage, and if the hen bounds from perch to perch with a restless flapping of the wings, calling frequently, and picking up nesting material or feathers, no time is to be lost, so mate at once by withdrawing the partition.

As I have not previously mentioned this fact, I may say that for novices the best plan is to use a double breeding cage with hen on one side of the partition and Finch on the other. In this way they become very friendly if allowed to see each other all through the winter, and will be feeding each other by the end of February. I have proved to my own sorrow the difficulties of trying to breed in an ordinary one-compartment cage.

The Finches are ready for mating when on full song, and when the Goldie is "swaggering" and showing a clear or almost clear beak, or the Linnet a beak of slate-blue colour. When paired up give the Finch mixture to the Canary and Finch, until the hen goes to nest, then give her plain canary only. Shut the Finch off by himself, or he is almost certain to cause trouble.

When the Young Birds Arrive.

The period of incubation is fourteen days. On the evening of the thirteenth day give a little egg-food, yolk and breadcrumbs, say about a quarter of a spoonful. If this has gone by the next morning, put another quarter of a teaspoonful there again. Supply only when needed, and never make the mistake of surfeiting the hen with numerous tempting dishes after her comparatively short rations. After the third day give the Finch mixture again, with soaked or scalded rape, and a little chickweed, which I consider the mildest laxative among greenfoods.

In about sixteen days the young will leave the nest, and if the hen plucks them, put them on the other side of the partition, and if the cock feeds them the course of treatment is quite obvious. If he ill-treats them, re-introduce him to the hen and she will continue to feed them until they are old enough to look after themselves, even while she is going to nest again.

When about twenty-eight days old cage the young off separately, and gradually wean them on to hard seed. If the advice here laid down is followed, the fancier will soon have a nice stock of youngsters caged off when next he tries this absorbing hobby. As this article deals chiefly with the treatment of hens, I cannot enter into the question of colour-feeding the young mules for exhibition, except to say that I prefer an outdoor flight and natural wild seeds to enhance the colour rather than a small cage and artificial colouring pigments.

CANARIES FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND GERMAN TRADE FOR BRITISHERS.

The Committee Gets to Work.—The Schemes Going Strong.

BY the time this issue is in the hands of our readers a Committee appointed by the Cage Bird Societies of London, and those of our provincial societies who are able to send delegates, will have met at our offices, 154, Fleet Street, London.

This Committee will have two separate and distinct functions. The first and more immediate one will be to assist those fanciers who gave up their hobby in order to fight for their country, and who have been by their injuries incapacitated from ever again earning a living as in times before the war.

The second object is to so organise the Canary industry of our own country that never again will it be possible for our enemies the Germans to export a quarter of a million Canaries annually, as they have been doing for the past twenty years.

The 250,000 birds which have come out of Germany annually have represented the surplus stock of her breeders, just as the dumped goods of recent years have represented surplus manufacture, and there is no reason whatever why British breeders should not supply more birds, and better birds, to satisfy the demands of our own home and Colonial trade.

We have a large number of applications from soldier fanciers who have served their country and have suffered in her defence. In aid of these we have the offers which have been already published, and it will be the first duty of the Committee to deal with the cases now in hand. That there will be many more admits of no doubt, and we hope that the good example set by those CAGE BIRDS readers who have been the first to come forward will be widely followed.

Amongst the letters we have selected for publication is one from Mr. Best, who offers a very fine and generous suggestion, of which, no doubt, we shall take full advantage.

How the Committee Is Being Strengthened.

Since our last issue we have received nominations as follows for the Committee, and we are sure that our schemes will benefit by the advice and experience of these gentlemen who have been elected by their respective societies.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Mr. Jeffreys.
Leyton C.B.A.—Mr. W. T. East.
East Ham C.B.S.—Mr. H. J. Kybert.

We are sure that readers all over the country will be pleased to learn that Mr. R. L. Crisp, the President of the London Cage Bird Association, and Mr. Geo. Crabb, the President of the London and Provincial Ornithological Association, have also agreed to serve on the Committee. If permanent good does not result to the Canary-breeding industry of Great Britain, it will not be because the proper people did not have the job in hand.

Offers Coming In.

We have received offers for birds mentioned last week, but are still open to receive more; we want all we can get for our wounded heroes. We should like to draw special attention to the letter from Mrs. Wolferstan; separate prices are quoted, and we shall be pleased to receive offers for all or either.

Besides Mrs. Wolferstan's birds and appliances, other bargains were offered last week, among them being Mr. Rossignol's green Yorkshires and the Pile Game Bantam offered by Mr. Hughes. We shall be glad to turn this lot into coin of the realm.

A Green Roller Hen Offered.

We also invite offers for the bird generously presented by Mr. Stephens, or if it would be useful to any wounded soldier having a suitable mate for same application should be made to us.

Local Advisor Idea Being Taken Up.

We have received a letter from Mr. J. Bastock in which he very kindly places his name on the list of local advisors. We shall be very glad to have others volunteer for this good work.

Discharge Papers Wanted.

We should be glad if all those who have applied for birds or cages under our scheme would send their discharge papers to the secretary of the CAGE BIRDS' Fund, at the offices, 154, Fleet Street, London, in order to enable us to hurry up matters; we make enquiries officially, but like to have papers as well. We are expecting many more applicants, and hoping for the continued support of our generous readers.

Disabled soldiers who send applications should in every case send some proof of their statements. We have obviously to be careful in according help, and it may save time if each case is substantiated at the time of asking for assistance.

Another Valuable Hint from Leeds.

SIR,—You are aware from my previous letter that our committee promises to do all in their power to help your scheme, and to give birds at the end of the season. Well, I was thinking that if, by the aid of your valuable paper, we could get offers of Rollers from unconnected breeders up here in the North they could be sent to the exhibition at Leeds in November, and sold for the benefit of your fund. Of course, I don't know how this strikes you, but myself I think it would be "It." I would willingly attend to any birds sent, and the fact of your putting it in CAGE BIRDS would certainly make it a success. I am confident that our members would do anything to forward your scheme, and I expect to get a good assortment of Rollers for your scheme from the Leeds members.

H. BEST (Sec.).

Leeds Roller C.C.

First Pair to Change Hands.

SIR,—Pleased to hear you have got a fair price for birds, which I have dispatched to-night (Friday), and I hope they will do well. Wishing your scheme every success. Please put me on the list of local advisors.

J. BASTOCK.

Moseley, Birmingham.

For Lovers of Green Rollers.

SIR,—Your scheme for the wounded soldiers is a just one, and bird fanciers cannot do too much for it. I am willing to send one 1914 Green Roller hen, carriage paid, to any applicant you may name. I may say that the hen is a good strain, being bred from contest stock.

Swinton.

Birds, Cages, and Accessories.

SIR,—I have enough cage fronts, etc., to begin a small aviary, including flight cage, two breeding cages, nest boxes, china feeders, baths, grinding mill, etc., and a large flight front with sides and top which we had on the mantelpiece. I will part with the lot for £1, but they should make a lot more for the fund.

The young Crest-bred hen I offered has had one nest of three eggs; she is a good sitter, and is ready to nest again. I will part with her for your fund for 3s. 6d., but I know she is worth more.

The pair I want £1 for have a nest due to hatch next Thursday, May 4, and there is also the cock Crest-bred, for which I will accept 10s. 6d., the surplus in all cases to go to the fund.

(Mrs.) F. H. WOLFERSTAN.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

Where is CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE? What is it doing? Why doesn't it step forward on this "wounded soldier as a Canary breeder" idea? These are questions that have assailed me several times in the last month, and I hasten to say that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is ready to do its little bit towards the war, and is now calling on its members to rally round the flag, and associate itself with the new movement.

We are all of us ready and willing to do what we can for others. Especially is this the case with cage bird fanciers. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has for its main object the forming of a bond of good-fellowship between bird-keepers all over the world. It wishes to spread information on the keeping of our pets in health and happiness. It claims the privilege of defending our hobby against those who have plenty to say against keeping birds, but who know very little about the right and the wrong of it.

During the last two years cases have arisen which have been dealt with by the League, with satisfactory results to the cage bird Fancy. The public have not heard much about them, nevertheless the League has been silently but effectively working, and, like a special constable, on the alert for wrongdoers, it has acted as a watch dog ready to give warning to the Fancy at any sign of danger.

Will all those birdkeepers who are not members assist by joining. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d., and badges are issued to members free of charge. Leaflets explaining the aims and objects of the League will be forwarded with pleasure on receipt of address at the offices of the League, 154, Fleet Street, London.

Some attempt will be made to link up the work of the League with that of the proposed new association for reorganising the Canary Fancy.

Correspondence.

Early Canaries.

SIR,—Referring to early Canaries, I have a nest that were hatched on February 8; this beats Mr. Robinson's February 14. The same hen has now another nest three weeks old. This is my first year at Canary breeding, and I don't think such a bad start.

M. HUGILL.

How to Catch Hawfinches.

SIR,—Would you kindly oblige a very old subscriber to CAGE BIRDS by asking for information on the following subject? Would any bird expert kindly favour with advice as to the best method of catching Hawfinches; also as to best way of using birdlime? I have frequently tried birdlime, but scarcely ever met with success. Any information would greatly oblige.

R. V. W.

The Germ in a New-laid Egg.

SIR, I fear Mr. G. Parker has misunderstood my remarks about the fertility of a new-laid egg. I wrote: "You cannot tell if a new-laid egg is fertile," but I made no mention of the germ not being visible, as he suggests. The germ may exist in an egg, and yet it may not prove a fertile one. For various reasons it may fail to develop, and until it has been incubated it is impossible to say if a live chick is likely to result from it.

My object in writing as I did was to prevent novices being too hasty in interfering with clutches of eggs just commencing incubation.

H. NORMAN.

Guaranteeing Classes at Liverpool British Bird Shows.

SIR,—I am sure that intending exhibitors will welcome Mr. Parlett's letter stating that the classes which he has guaranteed at Liverpool show will receive full prize money, and the very fact that this will be so will doubtless mean that the entry will be such that he will not be called upon to fulfil his guarantee.

It would be well, however, if those who have guaranteed other classes would state if in their cases the same state of affairs will prevail. There is no doubt that if exhibitors generally know that full money is to be won the entry will be sufficiently large to pay the full prize money without calling on the guarantors.

EXHIBITOR.

Out of the Wet.

SIR,—I am enclosing a cutting from the "People's Journal," which I am sure will interest your readers.

"A Nairn gentleman had a somewhat unique experience the other day. He was accustomed to hang his umbrella on the back of an outer door, which in the daytime was generally left open. Leaving the other day on special business, and the day looking showery like, he went for the umbrella. Noticing straw about the 'gamp,' he shouted to his 'better-half' as to whether she had been packing straw in the umbrella. Investigation showed that a Robin had built its nest within the umbrella, and was quietly sitting on four eggs. Needless to say, the nest was not interfered with."

J. R. FRASER.

"Cuckoo-Cuckoo."

SIR,—Mr. Craig is personal, and has ceased to be polite. He says that I have changed my opinion as to the origin of birds. Perhaps he refers to about twenty years ago when the controversy between Dr. Butler and the late Dr. Greene on the breeding of hybrid birds, etc., was at white heat. I then let fall the remark that everyone took it for granted that Redpolls, for instance, had always been Redpolls, and that hybrids did not exist in Nature at all. I was called upon to explain such a daring statement by Dr. Butler, in his usual courteous manner, whereupon I quoted that departed eminent ornithologist "Seebohm" in his work on British birds, wherein he suggests that all our feathered friends might have descended from one common ancestral species, or perhaps from several ancestral bird reptiles. This is my only other allusion to the origin of birds. We can, therefore, forthwith dismiss this part of the subject. One of my reputable writers on birds says that a whole volume could easily be written on Cuckoos, and I am in agreement. Only yesterday I stood in the shadow of a large tree at Iver, Bucks, and watched and mocked a Cuckoo which had perched on the topmost branch. He evidently was there for a particular purpose, for there is a Chaffinch's nest in that ivy-covered tree or the next. I noticed the distress of the little birds during his stay of many minutes, and when he triumphantly flew away on the other side of the tall hedge I was unable to see the female Cuckoo; neither did I hear her distinct and peevish call, still I believe she was there and dropped an egg. I am too heavy and too old to

climb trees as of yore, but a boy friend of mine, very fond of bird nesting, has promised to find the nest by next week-end, and to see if my surmise is a correct one.

About fifty years ago, when I was a school-boy at Exeter, I obtained a baby Cuckoo from Nadder Water, near that city, and, in my boyish ignorance of birds, tried to rear it in company with a baby Sparrow Hawk. After a few days the kind-hearted old lady next door interfered, and clouted me for my cruelty, and took away my Cuckoo. I, however, stuck to my Hawk, and reared him. For some years, with one wing clipped, he was a great pet, and kept away the small birds in the kitchen garden. My brief experience of the Cuckoo as a cage bird is that he is greedy, and very filthy, only fit to exist over the hills and dales in a state of natural liberty. This reminds me that I was perhaps a little too severe on the Cuckoo in my last letter. I have spent forty years of my long life in commercial horticulture, and I ought to have remembered that the Cuckoo is a great friend of gardeners and farmers on account of his keen appetite for the larvae of the tiger moth, or woolly bear, which other birds decline to eat.

Dr. Jenner, of vaccination fame, was, I believe, the first to place on record the fact that the young Cuckoo in the nest ejects the rightful occupants over the side of the nest, and a lady artist (Mrs. Blackburn) sketched the operation. Moreover, there is the evidence of the late Mr. J. Hancock as to the method of ejection by the young Cuckoo (Durham Nat. Hist. Soc., 1886). This, on the face of it, would make the work of the photographer of Beith mentioned by Mr. Craig duck's news. It was common knowledge in the Exeter district when I was a small boy that the young Cuckoo in the nest chucked the others out, and the old country folks of these days used to tell us vivid stories relating thereto. There must be, I think, some of your readers as brimful of personal experiences of the Cuckoo as Mr. Craig, but too modest to appear in print, or even to say much about it.

W. NAPPER.

Mischief in an Outdoor Aviary.

SIR,—If Mr. J. Dansby, who in CAGE BIRDS, of April 29 date, asks for an explanation of the trouble in his outdoor aviary would give some particulars of the size of the structure, I have no doubt that help would be forthcoming from some of your many readers. The trouble may be due to overcrowding, and to resultant mischief by the cock British birds, or it may be that mice or rats are the culprits. From the fact that the young birds and eggs sometimes disappear entirely, it would seem that rats are causing the mischief at present. The cock Goldfinch of last year was probably responsible for the picking of the eggs which was then to be noticed, and the cock Chaffinch which is now in the aviary would also be likely to be mischievous if the structure is on the small side. Anyway, no one is likely to be able to make more than a guess at the cause of the trouble without further particulars from the owner of the birds.

AVIARIST.

The Grand National British Bird Show.

SIR,—I should like, through your valuable paper, to offer my sincere thanks to Mr. E. Bunner (of Bunner and Sons, Liverpool) for his kind offer of providing, erecting, and taking down all staging in connection with above show, entirely free. Mr. Bunner has been very patriotic in other ways; he sent his three sons to the front, one has been killed and two wounded.

A well-known fancier has written asking me to provide a good gold medal for most points gained by the six highest birds shown by any exhibitor. Will exhibitors who care to go in for such a medal kindly write me at once, so that I can fix the value; each exhibitor who enters must pool a share in buying medal.

The following specials have been promised:—Mr. V. H. Deacon, 21s. for most entries; Mr. F. C. Minoprio, handsome special; Mr. F. Lloyd James, 10s. 6d.; Mr. H. J. Chick, two silver medals for novices; Sterling Seed Coy., special value 21s.; Mr. Scarsbrook Taylor, silver medal for group of British; Mr. W. C. Robinson, 5s.; Mr. F. Cockerill, 7s. 6d.; North Liverpool C.B.S., 30s. cash for points gained by their members. I am making up schedule next week, so will intending donors rally round by sending me an extra special or two? All intending exhibitors, please let me have addresses. Paper and stamps are scarce, and schedules will not be sent out indiscriminately.

J. W. METCALFE,

68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.
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CORRESPONDENCE

(Continued from page 240.)

A Fancier in the Desert.

SIR,—I still receive your valuable paper, *CAGE BIRDS*, weekly from my wife while on active service, and I take great interest in it, as I have been a fancier for many years. I have been reading about your scheme for helping wounded soldiers to start in the fancy, and I think this would be a grand hobby for those who are disabled for life. I am sure they would all be willing to do their utmost to crush the German Canary trade. I had to dispose of nearly all of my stock through being on active service. I was called up at the beginning of the war, and served eleven months in France before getting wounded with the Leicester Regt., and then I was transferred to my present regiment for Colonial service. I am now on the deserts of Egypt, and am always ready to receive *CAGE BIRDS* with the weekly news from home. We do not see many birds on the desert, only a few Wheatears and Kingfishers, which are much larger than those at home, and they have a splendid plumage. I have had 16 years in the service, and while I was in India I caught birds of every description, including Mynahs and Bulbuls and Java Sparrows. I am pleased to see that there are so many fanciers willing to help you in your scheme, which I hope will prove a success and destroy the Germans' trade in Canaries. I am looking forward for the end of the war, so that I can get back and start in the hobby again. I wish your paper every success.

Egypt. Pte. B. TANSER.

The Song of the Canary.

SIR,—Mr. Carson, in *CAGE BIRDS* of May 22, mentions that a Mr. Hoxten has a unique method of training Blackcaps and Nightingales. I am sure it would be most interesting to Softbill fanciers if Mr. Hoxten would kindly tell us his method.

The discussion which has been going on as to how far a bird's song is inherited I have found very interesting. My opinion is that the song is only inherited to a certain extent, and in the wild state, where, for instance, Blackbirds' and Thrushes' nests are contiguous, the young have a natural tendency to copy the song of their own species, but when taken from the nest, and kept out of hearing of their own species, they will copy the notes of other birds. Some species are, of course, more imitative than others. I have a hand-reared Thrush which has picked up some of the notes of my Nightingale and Linnet, and he has also a note, or rather a double one, which I think must be his own composition, as I have not noticed any wild Thrush having it.

The song of the Roller Canary shows how the tendency of inheritance can be overcome by tuition for generations. I have no doubt that the song of the Canary could be greatly improved and made worth listening to by tuition under a Nightingale or by the gramophone record of the 'Gale's' song. A friend of mine trained one of my young Canaries last year with such a record, and the bird picked up some of the notes, and has a very nice song. He would, I think, have picked up more of the 'Gale's' song if his tuition had been begun earlier.

Some time ago I asked your readers if they could tell me of their experience in training a Canary by a bird organ, as I would like to know how many times a day it would be advisable to let a bird hear the gramophone record. I did not get any reply on this point, I suppose because it is unusual for a Roller to be trained exclusively by a bird organ.

C. HARRISON.

SIR,—Many people with sensitive ears will agree with those of your correspondents who cannot find any music in the untrained song of the ordinary Yorkshire or Norwich Canary, and some may agree that even the song of the highly trained Roller is too artificial. Whether it is artificial or not, it is very musical, and a really accomplished Roller Canary is a living musical box.

It would be waste of effort to train an English Canary as now bred; he simply has not the organs necessary to produce really musical sounds. The Roller Canary on the other hand, whether it be an English-bred bird, or of enemy origin, is the outcome of generations of effort directed to the improvement of the vocal organs, and perhaps it is true that this has been somewhat overdue, and that one needs to be a Roller fancier to appreciate the artificial perfection to which

they have been brought, just as one needs to be a Canary fancier to appreciate the high-shouldered Belgian, or colour-fed Norwich, or the mop-headed Crest.

Is it not palpable, however, that we Englishmen have in our birds which have been bred for outward properties the material to combine with the highly trained excellency of the Roller songster to produce birds which will be beautiful in appearance and will be sufficiently musical to delight the ear of the ordinary bird-keeper?

I have been reading with great interest the article in *CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL* for 1916 entitled "How to Breed English Song Canaries," and this article not only gives an affirmative answer to my question, but tells how the end may be accomplished. I would commend this illuminative article to the many who are interested in the question which has been discussed in your columns.

T. G. ROYSCROFT.

Open Shows for Young Birds.

SIR,—It has often been a matter of surprise that officials of our important bird societies have not run open young bird shows. Such shows would seem certain of support; in the early part of the season at least, for intending exhibitors would not be deterred by the fear that they would have to meet birds which had already made a name for themselves. By the time the ordinary open shows come round, the old hands can generally foresee the kind of opposition they may have to encounter, and they are able to dodge their entries accordingly, and less experienced exhibitors are left to fill the classes. This would not be the case in the early open young bird shows, and I am sure that the example of the Porth and Rhondda Valleys C.B.S. as published in *CAGE BIRDS* of April 29 is one that should be extensively followed by societies in general. At least, it would be an interesting experiment.

FIRST FEATHER.

Club Reports.

CODNOR PARK & EASTWOOD.

Meeting and table show, Three Tuns, Eastwood, April 15, with a splendid attendance. A few nice Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites were staged: 1, Lees; 2, 3, Smith. Mr. C. H. Martin, Mansfield, judged. A judging competition was afterwards held, and Mr. Hill won the cash prize for best judgment. Classes for next table show are: Greenfinch, Brambling, and Chaffinch.—Smith and Lees, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, April 29, Mr. Massey presiding. Messrs. W. Bumby, W. Halsall and R. Beckett were elected members. Decided to hold open show on Dec. 1 and 2. Secs. please note to avoid clashing. A fourth lot of rings were ordered. Intending members please send names early to get same printed in rule books.—J. T. Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Disley St., Sudden, Rochdale.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, April 17. Members elected: Messrs. Bell, Thurley, Cornell, Wales, Tew, Tyerman and Halford. Mr. P. Johnston took the chair, and we were pleased to hear he has almost recovered from his indisposition. Mr. G. E. Weston gave a lecture on "The Cage Bird Fancy 100 years ago." Comparing methods of bird-keeping, ancient and modern, in these we found an astonishing similarity. Considerable amusement was caused by the reading of the rules of an old C.B.S. and a vote of thanks concluded a fine meeting.—F. C. Knight.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Ap. 13, Oldham Hall, Mr. Ewan chair. Five new members enrolled. Mr. C. A. House was elected judge for annual show, Nov. 25. Treasurer reported having received many specials for our N.F. shows, June 3 and July 15; also he reported that the financial condition of the Association is now on the right side. The energy of the Treasurer is much appreciated by members. Mr. Bunner told some reminiscences of his early days in the Fancy, and with some of Mr. Handley's tit-bits the members enjoyed one of the most pleasant meetings ever held in the Oldham Hall.—T. R. Jones.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

In place of the usual monthly table show a whistle drive for fanciers was held at Headquarters, April 12, when over 50 fanciers and friends sat down to a pleasant evening's enjoyment. 24 games were played, the Club offering some good prizes. Mr. C. Pearson, chairman, acted as M.C. Results were:—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Robinson, 180; 2, Mrs. Simmonds, 174; highest half time, Mrs. Absolon, 88; consolation, Mrs. Ridge, 136. Gents: 1, Mr. Whillier, 170; 2, Mr. Smith, 169; highest half time, Mr. A. Fellows, 90; consolation, Mr. W. H. Gibb, 139.—W. H. Gibb, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting, Carlton Hotel, Mr. E. J. Banks presided. The recommendations of the committee were adopted and it was agreed that in future we hold our meetings on the third Tuesday in each month. Resolved to hold our open show Nov. 17, 18 and 20. Judges elected: R. L. Crisp, H. C. Smith, J. H. Payne, A. Maggs, and H. Norman. The show will be run in aid of one of the War Charities. We shall hold two young bird shows, the first on June 21; Mr. F. S. Whetton judges Yorks, Mr. A. Maggs Norwich, Mr. H. C. Smith Borders, Mr. D. J. Lewis Mules and British. The following specials were promised: A. Ball, 7s. 6d.; E. J. Banks, 7s. 6d.; D. J. Lewis, 7s. 6d.; H. C. Smith, 5s.; F. Howard, 2s. 6d. P. Brailly, salad bowl for best young bird. I am short of specials in the novice classes; will some member please oblige? Agreed to ask Rev. C. B. Jolliffe to give a paper at the next meeting. New members enrolled: Rev. P. L. Veomans, Messrs. J. Harrison, J. Wells, H. Thomson, J. H. Bevan, T. J. Pugh. Sec. reported he had received letters from Mr. Dugmore, also from Lance Corporal Charles, who is still in France. I trust all will attend next meeting, as we have an Imperial room at the Carlton Hotel; subs. due.—E. Thomas, Sec.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.C.

Meeting, Amalgamated Musicians' Hall, Napier-shall Street, April 25, Mr. W. Loan presiding over a good attendance. Decided to again have specialist judges for each variety at the annual show, Nov. 16; names will be published as soon as possible. Nominated for membership, A. Sloan, D. Eachan, J. Crawford and Steel.—P. Houston, Sec.

PORTH AND RHONDDA VALLEY.

General meeting, April 29, Lhwyncelyn Hotel, Porth, Mr. T. James chair. Mr. H. C. Smith (Cardiff) was elected to judge show, June 8. Decided to run an open young bird show on July 27 in conjunction with our 2nd F.F. show, and to engage a specialist judge. Birds for June 8 show must be staged not later than 4.30 on afternoon of show. Admission to show, 3d. The *CAGE BIRDS* scheme for wounded soldiers will be discussed next meeting, May 4.—A. H. C. Legg, Assist. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting, April 22, Ivy House, Handsworth. It was heard with deep regret that owing to the war our worthy Sec., Mr. Andrews, was obliged to resign, and members present felt that they could not do better than give him a small donation, which was heartily subscribed. After some discussion Messrs. Collier and Cowley agreed to take over the duties during the war, Mr. Collier doing show work and Mr. Cowley general.—W. Cowley, Holmdene, Zinemore Road, Little Bromwich, Birmingham.

FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting, April 29, Bay Horse Tavern, Lochgelly, Mr. Smith presiding. Decided that the League still go on; meetings to be held every three months. Business of show dates to be carried forward. Agreed that each member of the League pay sixpence. Mr. Storrar brought up some business for discussion, which was left over till some further date. Next meeting, Coatdown of Wemyss, last Saturday in July, at 6. A pleasant meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chair.—J. Sneddon, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting April 27, Balance-sheet passed. Mr. T. R. Jones resigned the secretaryship, and Mr. Fred. Handley has again taken over the job. He hopes to be given the support of the Fancy, especially those at a distance. We feel after the clouds roll over things will again bloom for the old society. We have a strong committee of good young fanciers, and greens are going strong in the breeding rooms. We ask all desiring patronage to apply at once; subscriptions, 5s. No caddling for specials. Join at once. Mr. R. Bratherton is treasurer, and will make a good one.—F. Handley.

WALTON AND EVERTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Mission Hall, Kilshaw Street, April 12. The lecture entitled "Seeds of Commerce," as used for cage birds, was ably delivered by Mr. A. G. Hunt, and, being illustrated with some very interesting lantern slides, was warmly appreciated by an audience which exhibited a keen interest in the points brought forward. Together with some of the leading members of the club, were noticed visitors from Wallasey and other districts, who subsequently made known the pleasure they had derived from the visit. The lecturer was warmly thanked by the members, and the lecture was followed by an open discussion on several points. Next meeting, May 10; show business.—A. G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, April 16, with a good attendance, Mr. W. Thomson chair. Members elected: Messrs. A. Bell, Crosbie, and Mercer. Correspondence in connection with a suggested War League in East of Scotland was read, but received very little support, but it was agreed that we fall into line with any suggestion such as a Red Cross show. Sec. was instructed to get into communication with other secs regarding same. It was left to sec. to arrange for a ramble some Saturday afternoon, and to write to Mr. Napier, sec. of Colinton and Currie O.S., asking if any grounds were available in Colinton District. A pleasant hour was spent in questions and answers relating to treating young birds in the nest, cures for sweating hens, etc. Next meeting, May 16.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, April 27, headquarters, "Seven Stars," St. John Street, Wolverhampton, Mr. Willows presiding, and a large number present. New members elected: Messrs. Dalby, Collingswood, Lucas, J. T. Glover. Presentation of gold medal to late Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Cadman, for services to the club since its formation, was made by the Chairman; Mr. Cadman responded. A very interesting paper from Mr. H. G. Hill, of Birmingham, on the breeding and troubles connected with the Roller Canary was read, as unfortunately Mr. Hill was unable to attend. His paper was brimful of interest, and much appreciated and enjoyed. An interesting and varied discussion followed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hill for his paper, also in anticipation of his next paper on the "Training" of the Roller Canary, to be given at the June meeting. Next meeting, May 25, Mr. Willows will give a paper on the Roller Canary. Roller fanciers wishing to join the Club should apply to J. W. Thomson, 9, Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton.

PLYMOUTH W. COUNTIES O.S.

Presentation to the ex-sec., Mr. T. Pope.

At the meeting on April 18, at the Oddfellows Hall, Morley Street, with a fine muster of members, after general business the Chairman (Mr. W. French) reviewed the great work Mr. Pope had done for the society and for the Fancy in general during his 10 years of office as secretary, and asked him to accept a beautifully illuminated address which contained the names of 69 subscribers, and the balance in cash for himself, and to accept on behalf of Mrs. Pope a silver rose bowl with the subscribers' best wishes. Friend Tom, on rising to receive the presents, was received with musical honours, and "three times three." He thanked the subscribers for their kind appreciation of his services, and also for the present to Mrs. Pope, and said it would be a pleasure to give all his services to the society. Mr. W. Spillman, as the oldest member, also paid a fine tribute to the work Mr. Pope has done, and congratulated the members on securing Mr. Pope's first lieutenant as his successor. The fund sec. having read the many kind letters received expressing the donors' best wishes for Mr. Pope's speedy recovery to his usual good health, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the following friends for their support in helping to make the presentation such a great success: Messrs. C. Baker (Coves), Evans Bros. (Exeter), C. A. House, J. Robson, G. Williams (Torquay), and Symons Bros. (Liscard). A vote of thanks to the fund sec. brought a most interesting meeting to a close.—J. E. Rowe, Press Correspondent.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Table show of British, April 4; Judge, J. Mace. Redpoll: 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Woodall. Goldf., etc.: 1, 2, Fletcher; 3, Walsh. Hardbill, A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Walsh. Softbill: 1, 2, Dulong; 3, Walsh. Amat. Classes.—Redpoll, etc.: 1, Buck; 2, Lindley. Goldf., etc.: 1, 2, Lindley; 3, Forrester. Hardbill, A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Green.—E. C. Job, hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE (East End) C.B.S.

Meeting Blue Bell Hotel, Shields Road, Newcastle, April 26, Mr. G. W. MacParting presided. In the absence of the sec., Mr. Coutts, on active service, Mr. Hutchinson read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, with the exception of the proposition respecting the establishing a 25 miles radius for judges for our future shows. It was decided to let this stand over for the present. Mr. Ed. Colman was elected sec. The chairman made some very pleasing remarks about our new secretary, which were endorsed by all present. Proposed as members, Messrs. J. W. Coulthard and Lawson. It was suggested to have a vacation for three months after our next meeting, and the election of judges will take place then, so it is to be hoped that as many members will be present as possible. As subs. are now due perhaps members will facilitate the work of the new secretary by forwarding the same to his address: 109, Heaton Park-road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—J. G. Hutchinson, Vice-Chairman.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglinton Toll, April 26, Mr. R. B. Cairns in the chair, and a good attendance. New members elected: Messrs. Cuthbert, Govanhill; Dobbin, Baillieston; Teviotdale, Govan; and Brown. Decided to hold F.F. show, July 1, in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, at 3. 4 classes Nov. 3, 3 Bords., 3 Yorks., C. or C.B., A.O.V., Mule or Hyb. Fee, 3d. per bird. The following gentlemen promised specials: Messrs. McClymont, McLennan, Hardie, Keelings, E. Steel, Cairns, and secretary. The club also gives 6s. for best young bird. Judges were selected and will be published as soon as acceptances are to hand. Decided to hold a ramble on June 3. Particulars will be given out at next meeting. Mr. Walter Connelly gave a paper on Canary management of such an instructive nature that it was decided to send a copy to *CAGE BIRDS* for publication. The discussion which followed became so interesting that it was decided to continue the subject at next meeting, May 24, at 7.45. The club is still open to receive new members. Full particulars from Sec., A. K. Hunter, 142, Aitkenhead Road, Govanhill.

NORTHAMPTON (Hand-in-Hand).

Adjourned annual meeting, April 25, Mr. C. Gray, chair. Balance sheet presented; after holding two most successful shows, and all accounts being paid, a balance was left in hand of £2 19s. 7d. Vote of thanks was accorded the Sec. and Committee for the manner in which they had carried out their work. Election of officers: Mr. W. Allen, chair; Mr. W. Stockwin, vice chair; Mr. A. W. Law, Sec. and Collector; Committee, Messrs. F. Martin, C. Gray, G. Foster, and R. H. Tipping. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Pres., Mr. W. H. Butlin, Hon. Vice-Consul for Spain, and to the Vice-presidents and subscribers who had so kindly helped to make the Society so prosperous. Some of the members took advantage of the annual meeting to make the Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Dunkley, a presentation of an address, and a beautiful gold pin, for the kindness and interest which he has always taken in the Society. The Treasurer suitably acknowledged the gift. Decided, that we support our own members now gone to the front, and make provision for them to start again in the fancy when they return. Vote of thanks to retiring officers brought a most successful year to its close.—A. W. Law, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

General meeting on April 30, Oddfellows' Hall. Only a few turned up, but we got through with a lot of business. Mr. J. W. Kaberry chair. Balance sheet was read, and we had a little deficit to the bad, but we are hoping to have a little to the good this year. Decided to ask Mr. C. Partington, M.P., to become President for this year, seeing that our late President, Mr. E. Hattersley, of Leeds, is at the front on active service. Vice-presidents elected: Messrs. E. Hattersley, W. A. Cowgill, J. Thomas, A. Humphries, W. Crawshaw, Geo. Harland, A. Hirst, J. W. Ramsden, and F. Carl; Mr. W. A. Wilson was elected chairman; Mr. J. W. Kaberry vice-chairman; Mr. Sam Wilcock was elected sec. and treas. Committee: Messrs. H. Clegg, H. Lord, H. J. Chittenden, W. A. Cowgill, J. Chambers, A. Haigh, S. Heap, H. W. Battye, D. Hunter, F. Hammond, F. Hodgson, J. Wilcock jun., H. H. Towers, P. Mason, F. J. Sykes, A. Humphries, W. Crawshaw, A. Hurst, J. Thomas, H. Gledhill. Sub-committee: Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, A. Haigh, B. Airtion, F. Hammond, F. Hodgson, H. J. Chittenden, G. A. Simonett, J. W. Kaberry, W. A. Wilson, J. Wilcock jun., Auditors, Messrs. G. A. Simonett and B. Airtion; new members, Messrs. H. H. Towers, Peterson, F. Hammond, and H. Rushton. We have a few members still owing their subs. for 1915 and 1916, and if only these would pay up we should have a nice balance in hand. But, never mind, I think the C.N.P.C. will clog again if we could only get a little more support from our members, etc. Mr. W. Crawshaw has promised a fancy electroplated teapot for amateurs. It was decided also to give Mr. E. Hattersley's cup to the amateur section again, and this time to be competed for in the open classes, to be won outright in 1916 and 1917. In case of a tie the person receiving the most money prizes to take the cup. So now is a chance for amateurs.—S. Wilcock, Sec.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

W. D. and H. S.—Replied to by post.

TROUBLE WITH HEN (J. R.).—One can only hazard a guess in such a case without so much as seeing the body. In all probability the bird was suffering from anal prolapse when you found her, which may have arisen from an attempt to pass an abnormally large egg, or from obstinate egg-binding. Such a case could not have been very amenable to treatment, and you probably did the best thing under the circumstances.

REFUSES TO SING (E. A.).—If the other bird has been hung beside him since he ceased to sing, it is just possible that his silence now is due to sulking more than anything else. Stop giving apple and banana, and give instead a little fresh green salad daily, dandelion, chickweed, or flower heads of groundsel for preference, in the order named. Every second day for a fortnight, or so give also in addition to the usual seed diet a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar; and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. It would also help to keep a small cube of hard common salt stuck in the wires for a week or two for him to peck at when he likes.

FED UP (J. W. M.).—Don't despair. After all, the whole trouble may be due to some weak point in your management, but as you give me no particulars on this occasion, I cannot say definitely what it is. Try what the following course will do in two or three weeks. First of all see that it is not exposed to direct cold draughts or sudden extremes of heat and cold. By the way, it would have been helpful had you said whether the bird is, or has, been dropping feathers since the proper moulting season. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion added, and about the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed with it. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give also two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. If the birds remain together—which you may allow if the cock has not been dropping feathers—double these quantities of extras. In the drinking water, two days in every three for a week, add ten drops of lemon juice, six of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence.

BARE HEAD, ETC. (Mrs. B. Taylor).—I think it not unlikely that your fear about the bird's eyes being affected may be well founded. Catch the bird and look carefully into the eyes in a good light, and if you find the appearance of a milky-white disc in the centre of each eye you may know that the bird is suffering from cataract, and, in that event, nothing you can do will be of the least avail towards a cure. Neither should you use the bird for breeding under any circumstances. The loss of feathers may be due to its generally weak condition. Altogether, I should regard it as a very undesirable bird to breed with this season. Treat as follows: Every second day for two or three weeks, in addition to its staple seed diet, give a piece of bread, the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days during the first week add to the drinking water 20 drops of fluid magnesia, and after that give instead six drops each of tincture of gentian and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. Allow it to bathe quite freely, but it would be most advisable not to change it about to other cages which other birds have to occupy. Give a fair amount of fresh green salad daily. You may slightly moisten the bare place twice a week with sulphur ointment, and then dust liberally with dry boracic acid.

WON'T SIT AT NIGHT (W. W.).—It is certainly a strange idiosyncrasy that the hen will not sit on the nest between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. You should

have tried quietly placing a light cover over the front of the cage in the early evening. Possibly there is an altered aspect of something in the vicinity of the cage after the lights are lit in the evening which disturbs her. Still, do not be too sure that the eggs are spoilt. Let them sit the full period, and possibly you may be agreeably surprised at the result. There is no explaining these idiosyncrasies.

EGG-BINDING (J. Hale).—You seem to be doing all that is possible to tend towards preventing this trouble, and as it is so persistent with your birds it really seems as if it must be due to some inherent weakness in the strain, or, possibly, the birds being in an overfat condition, or with very limited exercise. Continue your present treatment, but instead of giving a pinch of inga only when the hens are going to nest, give half a teaspoonful, or a small teaspoonful if the cocks are with them, of a mixture of equal parts niger, white millet, and broken groats, every second day, and on the alternate days add to the water 20 drops of whisky and ten of glycerine. Let them have as much space for exercise as possible, and every second day for the next week add to the water of all the affected birds six drops of syrup of huckthorn and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. Give a little fresh green food daily—flower heads of groundsel, chickweed, or watercress, in the order named—but do not give these birds any dandelion at all.

WHAT IS WRONG? (W. A.).—I'm afraid I cannot tell from your description what is wrong with the bird with any certainty. It may be some fungoid growth on the skin, or merely the consequence of some friction, or other slight injury. Try the following treatment for a week or two, and if the bird is in good health otherwise, nothing else should be necessary. If it is not effectual, write again and repeat particulars, and I will advise you further. In addition to the staple seed diet give every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary, a piece of bread, the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar; and on the alternate days give in the water ten drops of lemon juice and fifteen of fluid magnesia. Give a little fresh, crisp, young dandelion daily, and allow the bird to bathe quite freely. You may slightly moisten the scurvy bare parts once each week with sulphur ointment, and then dust well with dry boracic acid to dry it.

CURLED FEATHER IN WING (F. J.).—You omit to say whether the curled feather is one of the smaller ones or a "Right" feather; that is, one of the larger quill feathers. But in either case you may gently pluck it out, and whilst it is being replaced, keep a morsel of cuttlefish, or a cube of lump sugar, or hard common salt, stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at and thus help to

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramadan's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutsell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

divert its attention from its plumage, in case the feather has been curled by the bird itself nibbling at it and drawing it through its beak, as some birds have a habit of doing. If this is not the real cause in your case, the above treatment will probably result in the new feather growing in the proper shape. As the bird does not seem to be in very good breeding condition, I should not expect much of the clutch of eggs by him, but the feather abnormality will not necessarily have anything whatever to do with the fertility of the eggs.

A SECOND CLUTCH (S. K. R.).—The proper thing to have done when the young left the nest and you saw the hen was coming forward rapidly for a second brood, was to have placed the young in a nursery cage and hung it on the front of the breeder, where the parents could have fed them through the wires, or, if they were in a double breeding cage with the other end unoccupied, to have put the young there with the wire slide between them, and then in either of these cases at once returned the cock to the hen and given a clean nest pan and material. The cock would then probably have taken over the feeding of the young, or at least have assisted the hen in completing their rearing. It will probably be too late to do anything by the time this reply reaches you, but if the full clutch has been laid and the hen recommenced sitting, let her go on and sit the full time. It is not quite impossible for them to be fertile, but is certainly very improbable.

WHAT TO DO (Mrs. F. Walker).—Sorry, but you can do nothing at all to force the hen to sit which refuses to do so voluntarily after being egg-bound. The only rational way out of the difficulty is to get the eggs hatched under a foster hen or hens, if any such are available. If no other hen is quite ready to sit, you may keep the eggs in good condition for a week or ten days by keeping well covered with bran in a small box, keeping the box in a cool dry place and giving it a half turn every morning and evening. Leave the pair together until they go to nest again in the usual course, and meantime give the hen a small pinch of inga seed daily. If I understand you correctly that the birds are in the same cage as Britishers, you must not expect to be free from troubles of various kinds in the nesting of the Canaries. They should be in a cage by themselves.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

HAND-REARING (D. L.).—I fancy you will be more successful with your birds as pets if you hand-rear them yourself, taking them just as they begin to open their eyes, and the quills begin to shoot. The majority reared from this age make delightful pets, and can be kept as tame as possible with a little trouble. Almost all young birds can be reared with the usual egg and biscuit mixture, but for the softbills I like to add a few good ants' eggs and a little stale sponge cake, making it moist with fresh new milk. The best plan is to mix dry, and at each feeding time moisten just as much as is required. Occasionally a pinch of fine grit

should be added to aid digestion. The secret in successful hand-rearing is to see that all food given is perfectly sweet, and the babies kept cosy and warm. For this purpose a piece of flannel over them answers admirably. They should be fed as early as possible in the morning, and a little given every hour (when first taken) during the day until sunset. The time between the feeds can be lengthened as they grow. Young Finches should have a little steeped rape added to their food after the first week. If in doubt about any particular species I shall be pleased to advise you. (2)—I have occasionally seen the bird-calls you require, in some of the bird-dealers' windows. If you are near London you might try Selator Street, Bishopsgate.

SUFFERING FROM CONSTIPATION (W. G. Tucker).—The food that you are giving your birds is liable to affect them in the way you say, because it is composed almost entirely of meal. Your best plan is to mix with it some scraped raw carrot or chopped green food, or occasionally a little boiled potato. A few ordinary grocer's currants will also assist. Before making this change I would advise you to give them an aperient of salts. Dissolve in an ounce of water as much as will cover a sixpence, and let them have it to drink for one day only. If your birds are healthy they will not over-feed, but birds suffering from certain complaints will sometimes gorge themselves, and this generally increases the trouble.

BULLFINCH AILING (M. A. Pike).—It is a great mistake to keep such a robust bird as a Bullfinch in a heated room during the winter months. You have done quite right in moving her to cooler quarters, but you must not expect any improvement at once. I would advise the following treat-

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/8); or Port 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutsell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Siskin," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ment. First an aperient of Glauber salts, as much as will cover a threepenny-piece, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water, with 3 drops of syrup of rhubarb added. Give this for one day, then mix a couple of days and repeat. Offer a cube of stale bread soaked in hot milk, with a dusting of powdered bismuth on it. This can be given daily for a time, and then at intervals as the bird gets better a little soaked rape and teazle would also be advisable, and of course green food, wild seeds, and fruit, as they come in season. Give the bath on fine days.

FIGHTING GOLDFINCH (F. James).—I fear you can only breed from your bird with a little management. Such birds if left with the hen will sometimes cause permanent injury. Run him and the hen into a cage with a sliding partition, putting one bird in each compartment. Feed the hen well and when she is quite fit for nesting introduce a good stout cock Canary into the room, and then draw the partition. If the hen is forward she will call to the cock, when the Goldie will probably mate with her. You may have to repeat the operation a few times before it is successful. I am afraid you neglected to let the Goldfinch and the hen Canaries fly together during the winter.

MULE NOT SINGING (Started).—Your bird should certainly be in full song now, and I fear there is something wrong in your treatment. Make a change in his diet. Instead of the seed mixture you are now giving, procure the following (best quality): 3 parts canary, 1 part rape, 1 part teazle. Give this as a staple diet. Make another mixture of niger, maw, hemp, gold of pleasure, and dandelion, and give a spoonful twice a week. Also offer twice a week a little soft food, either egg-food or bread and milk. Collect dandelion heads and supply pretty freely. These should be gathered just as the seeds commence to ripen. Before making this change put 5 drops of syrup of buckthorn in his drinking water, let him have this to drink for six hours, and repeat two days later. Keep him in a large cage and let him bathe frequently.

GOLDFINCH AND LINNET (T. McCulloch).—These two birds should not be together, as they require different treatment, and you will get more song out of them if kept separately. Discontinue the linseed just now in the mixture for the Goldie, and give half the quantity of canary, but you would do well to send for our Nutsell booklets, No. 1 and No. 2, on the Goldfinch and Linnet; our manager would send you these post free for fivepence, and you will find in them full details as to feeding, etc. (2) A small aviary as you suggest would do admirably for a few British; see that it is somewhat sheltered from wind and rain.

AGE OF A LINNET (A Beginner).—It is impossible to tell the exact age of a bird, but there are certain signs that the bird fancier with experience can detect that assist him in making a shrewd guess at a bird's age. The most pronounced of these is the state of the legs and feet. As birds age in captivity the feet and legs get lighter in colour and rough and scaly in appearance, the beak is frequently overgrown, and there is a look of age about the bird generally. Quite young birds can be detected before they moult, the plumage generally being straggled, soft and downy looking.

MULE HOARSE (J. A. B.C.).—Your feeding appears to be fairly correct, although you say nothing of green food, which he should have three or four times a week. Give him a mild aperient, and make up a mixture of equal parts of glycerine and honey, and give half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonful of water. Be careful not to hang him in a draughty position.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

KEEPING BUDGERIGARS WITH CANARIES (Anxious).—The only deleterious effect the Budgerigars could have on your Canaries is that some of the young birds might mar their song by embodying in it some of the Budgie's notes. Budgerigars are not screechers; nevertheless, they certainly do not belong to the Quaker community. One of their popular names (not much used now) is Warbling Grass Parakeet, and they well deserve this title—the chattering is not by any means unpleasant nor unmusical.

ARE SEVEN TOO MANY? (T. T. Sunderland).—No, providing none of them are larger than Avadavats, and the cage is kept strictly clean. Also a couple of twiggy branches should be fixed on the back of the cage for the birds to disport upon, or perhaps one bushy branch fixed horizontally across the back would be best, but in either case it must be twiggy, not merely to supply perching accommodation, but dense enough for the birds to slip into the thick of it and imagine themselves screened from the vulgar gaze.

CAGE FOR BUDGERIGARS (A. G. H.).—You are quite correct; I do recommend a semi-box cage for these birds. Granting all you say in favour of an all-wire cage, the fact remains that such a cage leaves its occupants exposed to every current of wind that occurs in its vicinity, and that is the ground of my objection to an all wire cage, for the hardest of birds soon succumb to draught. By semi-box cage I mean one in which the back, one end, and half the top are wood and the front, one end and front half of the top are wire. A movable front is an advantage. Of course, for ordinary purposes the cage is exactly the same as one with a

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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fixed front, but when the time comes for the half-yearly "spring clean" the value of a detachable front is at once apparent, for with the front removed it is easy to get at every part of the interior for the thorough cleaning and disinfecting that is required. Give them twiggy branches fastened to the back and end of cage with a little binding wire, to climb about upon, and they will not lack exercise.

GREEN AMAZON DROWSY (Green Amazon).—While you must not allow the bird to be on really "short commons," some effort should be made to compel it to take such as safflower and hemp seed and oats, as well as the sunflower seeds. It also should get some ripe fruit daily, as well as nuts in variety. Pieces of biscuit, plain cake, and crusts of stale household bread are all wholesome extras for it. Grit, cuttlebone, water, and a piece of wood to exercise its mandibles upon should always be in the cage. For a couple of months put it upon the following treatment. Every fourth day put into the drinking water one teaspoonful of binfene's Magnesia, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. Get a box of honey and borax, and as long as it lasts give the bird a little daily, either by putting it into its mouth from the end of a small stick or feather, or by smearing it along the edges of its mandibles. To make sure, administer it both ways.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

G. H. and W. E. T.—Your letters have been addressed and forwarded as desired.

About a Points Competition (J. Davies).—I think it would have been better had you sent me a copy of your rules governing this competition, but perhaps no special rules were printed, and in the absence of any rule affecting my opinion, I can only declare it to be as follows:—

As far as I can understand the case, from your statement of it, the prizes were to go to the winners of most points in the Norwich and Yorkshire classes. The Yorkshire classes filled, but in the Norwich classes there were only two or three entries in each class, with four in one class.

You say that owing to this difference in the entry the Yorkshire men counted full points, whilst in the Norwich section it was impossible for anyone to count more than nine or ten points. I take it from this that some of the prizes were withheld, and that you counted upwards from the commended cards, instead of downward from the highest bird.

If this is so, the point competition was, in my opinion, distinctly unfair, as an exhibitor should not be handicapped by circumstances over which he has no control. A show executive can by its rules withhold prizes in the event of insufficient competition, but that does not entitle it to say that in a points competition an exhibitor who would, in the case of the classes being properly filled, receive the first prize, but who, owing to scarcity of entries, takes only a second or third, shall be handicapped.

If, however, my presumption is wrong, and no prizes were withheld, and the Norwich men merely suffered by reason of their scarcity of numbers, then in my opinion the competition was perfectly fair. Moreover, you tell me that the Norwich members were not for showing at first, but only did so in order to make the show look more respectable. It is an arguable point whether by their very creditable action in trying to make the show look respectable they have not prejudiced their rights to make a protest.

I do not like to venture this opinion without hearing the other side of the case, and with only the insufficient material that you provide. But I have done my best in the face of these difficulties to help you and the society in a matter which I can see is one of considerable difficulty.

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British Roller C.C.—May 9, The Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, London, 7.30.—J. W. Norris.
Bolton C.B.S.—May 7, Church Inn, 7. Electing judges for N.F. shows, etc.—J. Brooks.
Bolton Woods C.B.S.—May 12, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Selection of dates for winter shows and other items of importance, new members, etc.—H. Fretwell.
Bradford West C.B.A.—May 6, Four Lane Ends tram to Thornton, 2.30. Ramble to Luddesfoot; conducted by Mr. A. Whitley.—F. P. Terry.
Barry F. and F.S.—May 13, headquarters, 7.30.—H. P. Thomas.
City and Suburban A.C.B.—May 8, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Care of the Young"; and special nomination night.—F. J. Martin. (Place not stated.—Ed.)
Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—May 10, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 7.30. Final discussion on the joining of members' show with Bromley, patronage of S.B.F.C. etc.—W. D. Fryett.
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Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—May 6, Dun Cow Hotel, 6.30. N.F. and annual show dates, nomination of judges, and other important business. Fanciers invited to join.—R. Ward.
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Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—May 7, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 11. Special meeting arrangements for N.F. show.—G. T. Lynn.
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HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

(Continued from page 244.)

We are indebted to Mr. H. F. Witherby, the Editor, for permission to extract from an exhaustive article entitled: "THE MOULTS OF THE BRITISH PASSERES, WITH NOTES ON THE SEQUENCE OF THEIR PLUMAGE," which is appearing monthly in the magazine "British Birds," the portions which refer to such birds as are generally kept in cages or aviaries. Readers are referred to the magazine mentioned for the complete account.

CIRL BUNTING—(continued).

JUVENILE.—Very much like a juvenile Yellow Bunting, but the edgings of the feathers of the upper-parts paler, and the rump buff without the chestnut tinge. Sexes alike.

FIRST WINTER AND SUMMER.—The juvenile body-feathers and wing-coverts are moulted in the first autumn, but not the primary-coverts, wing or tail-feathers. The birds then become like the adults, and cannot be distinguished with certainty, though females with browner and more streaked upper-breasts and browner crowns (more noticeable in summer) are probably first winter or summer birds.

REED-BUNTING (*Emberiza s. schenckii*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult from September to November. From March to May a partial moult takes place and this is confined to the chin, upper throat, lores, ear-coverts and usually the forehead. Before this moult takes place abrasion has made in the male the crown, throat and ear-coverts much blacker than in fresh plumage, but the lores never become black before the moult. The new feathers in the male are entirely black except those of the malar stripes, which are white. Abrasion gradually causes the crown to become black, the back of the neck white forming a collar, the mantle blacker, the rump greyer and the under-parts whiter. The female moults the same parts as the male, but apparently less completely, and the new feathers are coloured much as the winter ones. Abrasion makes the crown darker but never uniform black as in the male; in much worn females a narrow greyish-white collar appears, and the rump becomes greyish but not so grey as in the male.

JUVENILE.—Much like the female, but more boldly streaked on the upper-parts and the feather-edges paler, the sides of the throat, breast and flanks with short streaks and spots of black. Sexes alike.

FIRST WINTER AND SUMMER.—The juvenile body-feathers and wing-coverts are moulted in August and September, but not the primary-coverts, wing or tail-feathers. After this moult the male becomes like the adult male, but the feathers of the crown and throat have longer buff tips, there is less white on the feathers at the back of the neck, the ear-coverts are browner and the feathers of the chin usually have no black. After the spring moult and when abraded the first summer male becomes difficult to distinguish from the adult, but the white collar is narrower and more spotted and the black does not extend so far down the breast. The first winter and summer female is rather browner on the crown and more streaked on the breast and flanks than the adult female, and has no white on the back of the neck.

LAPLAND BUNTING (*Calcurus l. lapponicus*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August. In April a partial moult takes place, this being confined to the lores, forehead, ear-coverts, chin and upper throat. In the male the new feathers in these parts are jet black, while abrasion gradually makes the rest of the crown and the base of the throat uniform black, the band at the back of the neck uniform bright orange-chestnut, and the mantle and rump much darker. The female in winter has much less black on the crown than in the male, and the chestnut collar is scarcely noticeable, the black on the upper breast and side of the throat is almost concealed by the buff fringes of the feathers and the streaks on the flanks are much narrower and chestnut brown. The female moults in the spring in the same parts as the male, but less completely. The new feathers on the sides of the head and throat have more black than the winter ones, but even when much abraded the crown is always streaked, and the black feathers of the base and sides of the throat have some whitish tips.

JUVENILE.—The upper parts are much like those of the adult summer female, but there is no trace of a chestnut band at the back of the neck, the throat is spotted with brown-black, and the lower throat and upper breast are buffish-yellow with narrow streaks.

FIRST WINTER AND SUMMER.—The juvenile body-feathers, lesser and median wing-coverts are moulted in August and September, but not the other wing-coverts nor the wing and tail feathers. The male then becomes like the adult male, but the chestnut neck band has minute black spots, and in summer the crown and throat never become so uniform black as

in the adult. The first winter female has very little black on the feathers of the sides of the head, and malar stripe, and the feathers of the upper-breast and lower throat have streaks of black and tawny instead of large dark centres as in the adult. After the spring moult the bird is like the adult except for these streaks on the breast.

BLACK HEADED BUNTING (*Emberiza melanocephala*).

CORRECTION.—The juvenile plumage is completely moulted, including the wing and tail feathers, at the first autumn moult. Dr. C. B. Ticehurst has very kindly pointed out to me that a specimen in the British Museum collection which has still some juvenile feathers upon it, is moulting its wings and tail. I have examined this specimen, as well as a female which is certainly in first winter plumage and has still remains of sheaths on the primaries, so that specimens in moult in other collections which I had examined were probably not in a sufficiently advanced stage to show the wing and tail moult which certainly occurs. I am much indebted to Dr. Ticehurst for enabling me to make this correction.

FAMILY ALAUDIDÆ.

Although the British species in this family belong to six genera, they all have the same moults. The adults have a complete autumn moult, and the young also all have a complete moult in the first autumn. There is no spring moult at any age. It is not therefore necessary to describe the moults of each species separately, but the sequences of plumage may be briefly referred to.

Before proceeding to do so, I should like to mention an interesting point which concerns all the species. This is that in the juvenile plumage the first (broad) primary is considerably larger, i.e., longer and usually broader and less pointed, than in the first winter and subsequent plumages.

The only other species of the British Passeres which, so far as I know, moult their juvenile wing and tail feathers in the first autumn are: *Sturnus vulgaris*, *Pastor roseus*, *Montifringilla nivalis*, *Passer domesticus*, *P. montanus*, *Emberiza calandra*, *E. melanocephala*, *E. cioides*, *Agithalos caudatus*, *Panurus biarmicus*. In these the first primary is markedly larger in the juvenile of *Panurus biarmicus* than in the adult, as Dr. Hartert has already pointed out (*Vog. pal. Fauna*, Vol. 1, pp. 403-4). I find a similar but less marked difference in *Passer domesticus*, *P. montanus*, and *Agithalos caudatus*; there is a slight difference in *Sturnus vulgaris* and *Montifringilla nivalis*, but I can find none in *Pastor roseus* and the three species of *Emberiza*.

SHORE LARK (*Emberiza hortulana*).

ADULTS.—The female has less yellow on the forehead than the male and the yellow of the chin and throat is duller, the black on the crown and throat is more restricted, the feathers of the "horns" are shorter, the nape and hind-neck are less pink and the rest of the upper-parts are more prominently streaked. The difference in the sexes becomes more marked in summer when abrasion of the tips and fringes of the feathers has made the yellow and black in the male purer and more uniform, while the crown of the female becomes only spotted with black, the nape of the male becomes a purer pink, while that of the female is much browner as well as being streaked.

JUVENILE.—Differs markedly from adults, whole upper parts being blackish brown, each feather with a buffish or yellowish-white spot at the tip, the wing-coverts are the same with a broader margin of buffish-white, the wing and tail are evenly margined with buffish white, the chin and throat are pale yellow somewhat faintly spotted with dusky, the breast and flanks are dusky black-brown, the feathers being fringed and tipped with yellowish or buffish-white.

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In this instructive lecture, which was forwarded to us by express wish of the members of the Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S. for publication for the benefit of our readers in general, a well known authority tells how to combat two of the principal troubles which beset the inexperienced Canary breeder.

I HAVE taken for the subject of my paper to-night two points which are important to all Canary breeders, and I should like to hear the opinions of other members upon these two important matters.

There are, unfortunately, few fanciers who have not experienced difficulties in the way of clear eggs or bad feeding hens. During the breeding season, even in the best conducted bird room, all is not plain sailing. There are always ups and downs, sometimes more downs than ups, in connection with our hobby. How to overcome some of these difficulties we will discuss to-night.

To deal first with the question of clear eggs. I will attempt to name a few of the causes and suggest a few of the remedies which I myself adopt. In many cases the cock bird is to blame, sometimes the hen, and sometimes, in my opinion, the principal responsibility for the trouble falls on the breeder himself.

The male bird must be in the best possible condition, and to get him forward the method I adopt is to put as soon as possible in the New Year all cocks intended for breeding into single cages. This is with the object of being able to treat them individually.

Birds vary in their dispositions and requirements, and some need more feeding up than others. When the birds are separated, if it is desired to bring one along in extra quick time, it may, of course, be treated with that object in view.

I like the male birds to come into condition quite naturally without any forcing, but if any appear to be backward in condition they may have a little extra egg food, with a pinch of maw seed, a few young dandelion leaves, and a little chemical food in the water.

Look to the Cock Bird.

I am very particular in getting the cock birds forward before the hens are ready. In a great many cases the hens come earlier into condition than the cock birds, and many mistakes are made because of this. A fancier sees that the hen is flapping her wings and calling to the cock bird, and he makes the mistake of mating up a pair before the cock bird is ready. The result of this is unfertile eggs, besides a very considerable loss of stamina being taken out of the hen bird.

One has only to remember that there are always more clear eggs in the first round than in the remaining rounds to see at once the necessity of this reminder.

Besides the cock bird which may not be ready, we have the kind which is shy or nervous, although in full condition. When he has such birds as these, the Fancier should spend all his spare moments among his stock, not necessarily fussing about the cages and disturbing the birds, but in order to make sure of the disposition of the birds he is about to use in the breeding season.

Get Rid of the Nervous Ones.

Nervous birds are unreliable in the breeding room, and it is by far the better plan to do away with these altogether, and introduce more satisfactory specimens. There can be no mistake whatever as to whether the cock bird is in proper condition, for he will show it by every attitude. He will dance about the perch with his wings down, singing all the time, and you may then rely upon full eggs every time.

On the hen's side, we may find also the cause of infertile eggs. The hen, for instance, may have slipped claws, so that she cannot get a proper grip of the perch, and a hen of this sort is better discarded altogether. If, however, she is really a typical bird, and it is a matter of considerable importance to produce some young from her, then of course a chance must be taken that the pairing may take place on the bottom of the cage.

The nest should never be put into the cage until the fancier is certain that breeding operations have commenced. Otherwise there is the danger of the hen sitting on her nest and calling from that position. If, however, there is any particular reason why the nest should be put in before actual pairing up, it should be filled with sand up to within half an inch of the top to give a better chance to the cock bird.

Some hens also will crouch in the seed box, and when I see this I put a small egg-feeding dish upside down in the corner of the seed box. This generally has the effect of scaring her away, and the same plan may be used in the case of hens building their nests in the seed box.

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SEEDS OF COMMERCE AS USED FOR CAGE BIRDS.

Their Sources of Origin, and Feeding Values.

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In this instructive article, which was given as a lecture to the members of the Walton and Everton C.B.S., the author, Mr. A. G. Hunt, of the Sterling Seed Co., Liverpool, tells in easily understood terms all about the seeds generally used by bird-keepers, and gives valuable advice as to their combination in mixture.

LARGE quantities are also imported into England for feeding racehorses, and for this reason growers have attempted to raise it in this country. Canary seed grows quite well here, the difficulty, however, being in the ripening of the seed, which matures very late in the autumn and is spoilt by early frosts and autumn rains. Were it not for this I have no doubt it would be grown very extensively in England.

This, then, gives you a general idea of its origin and uses, and we now come to the part most interesting to fanciers, viz., its feeding value.

We see at once from the illustration that it is principally composed of starch (carbohydrates), which is represented by 52 per cent., and that it also contains a fair share of albuminoids, 13½ per cent., but, on the other hand, is very short of oil and mineral matter. It follows, then, that this seed is of a rather dry nature, and on account of the large pro-

portion of starchy matter is used more in the production of heat and energy than in any other direction.

It forms a good basis for a staple diet, but I do not agree with feeding birds upon this seed alone, a method which is favoured by some fanciers. I believe that too much canary seed given by itself is liable to cause indigestion, as there is far too small an amount of fat or oil and too little mineral matter to effect solution of the over-dose of carbohydrates.

I am quite aware that some fanciers claim to be able to keep both Canaries and British birds in the pink of condition on this seed alone, but it remains to be seen if their condition could not be improved by the introduction of small quantities of other seeds into the diet. I shall not deal with this seed further just now, as I may bring it up again later in conjunction with others.

RAPE (*Brassica napus*) is an annual plant

growing to a height of about 4 feet, belonging to the cabbage family, and bearing a yellow flower which turns to a dark brown as the pods are formed. It is a native of Europe, and naturalised in England.

Rape is cultivated very extensively in France, Russia, and the Central Empires for the production of rape oil, which is extracted from the seeds and used in large quantities for machinery and for burning in lamps. The kind generally grown for this purpose is the red or summer rape.

In England the large black seeded variety known as cole seed is grown by sheep farmers as a "catch crop," being sown about May (either by itself or mixed with mustard), so that it is in full growth when pasturage is scarce.

The sheep are then turned on to the ground where the rape is growing, and they trample the plants under foot, eating the green parts and leaving the stems to be ploughed in in the autumn. This forms one of the finest preparations for a crop of wheat or other cereal. A certain amount, of course, has to be saved for seed in order to keep up the supply, which fluctuates considerably from year to year.

A Seed Rich in Oil.

I do not think that English rape or cole seed is cultivated much for oil, if at all, as this is practically all imported. Rape oil, better known as colza oil, is a very valuable commercial product, and after the requirements in this respect have been met we find a surplus of seed upon the market from which the dealers obtain their stocks for bird feeding.

The first thing which strikes one on looking at the analysis of rape seed is the large proportion of oil, 40 per cent., and while we are considering this it is well to point out that although the red and black rape seeds are

and seed cannot be obtained from the same plant without detriment to either one or both, as the seed is not ripe until the fibre is past its best, and so we often find unripe samples on the market which are the outcome of growers trying to obtain a double crop from the same plants.

The Danger of Crushed Hemp.

There is another item of great importance to fanciers which is well worthy of mention. In some tropical countries hemp is cultivated for the production of what is known as hashish, which has somewhat of the same narcotic effects as opium, and is used by the natives for the same purpose. It is extracted from the leaves and the husks of the seed, and so fanciers might do well to avoid crushing their hemp too small when giving it to birds, as if the husk is ground up with the kernel the birds are bound to eat some of it. This may result in ill effects to the birds because of the narcotic contained in the portions of husk consumed. This is, I believe, the reason why some fanciers condemn hemp for feeding young birds, although, perhaps, they are not aware of the real cause of the ill effects thus produced.

It will be seen that, like rape, it contains a good proportion of oil, 32 per cent., and has also a fair amount of albuminoids, 16 per cent., while the carbohydrates are represented by a further 16 per cent. It is well known that the oil contained in hemp is of a very fattening nature, and also produces heat, so that this seed forms a suitable addition to the diet in winter.

A great deal of difference of opinion prevails regarding the use of hemp, but I fail to see how it can do any harm if used with discretion. I should consider it a very valuable seed to use, as its composition proves it to be very nutritious, and it is especially valuable where size is required, because it is

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Now we come to the breeder himself, and many faults rest with him.

I am not endeavouring to dictate to those who think they have nothing to learn—if they have discovered methods which fully suit them they should by all means stick to them—still I am sure none of us are too old to learn, and any of us may hear of something new one from the other.

A very frequent fault with the breeder himself is that he is too anxious and in too big a hurry to get eggs and young birds. He feeds up his birds all too soon, and rushes them together before the proper season. There are some fanciers who believe in pairing up all their stock on some particular day, some March 1, others on St. Patrick's Day, and other special days, as may be favoured.

Be Guided by the Weather.

Those who adopt these methods are asking for trouble. The fancier should study each individual bird, and see that both birds are in thorough breeding condition. He should also keep his eye on the weather, for on all dates you may get hard frosts at night or in the early morning, and this would interfere considerably with breeding operations.

There is an old saying that "When the wind is in the East it's neither good for man nor beast." This saying is a very true one, and no Canary breeder can afford to ignore it. Never mind about Mr. So-and-So having already paired up his birds, study your own birds and the weather.

A matter of great importance is the proper kind of perches and their fixing. They should be very securely fixed in their positions. They should be about 5th of an inch broad, slightly rounded on the top. The surface should not be too smooth, and a good way to ensure a proper surface is to lightly draw a rasp over them so that the birds can get a good hold. Some perches I have seen have been as smooth as glass and birds could be seen sliding off them.

One caution I would give in particular, and that is do not have any birds flying loose about the room during the breeding season.

How to Treat the Bad Leaders.

Now we come to the bad feeding hens, and this is a very difficult question. Hens may feed very well during the first round and never give the young the slightest attention on the second. A hen may have been perfectly all right during a whole season, but the next year she may be off it altogether.

You cannot really make a hen feed when she declines to do so. They will have their own way in spite of their owners. It is very annoying to the novice to lose brood after brood in this way and have to say to himself as I did many times "Better luck next time." However, the fancier who is troubled with such hens should use all his wits in the endeavour to get some at least of the young ones reared.

If the case is not absolutely hopeless, I find there is nothing to beat giving the hens plenty of green food, such as dandelion heads, lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or whatever green food they prefer. I like the first two myself.

The birds are very fond of dandelion heads and lettuce, and either of these should be given to them in plenty, seeing of course that it is perfectly fresh. A little and often is better than a large supply left in the cage to go stale. The hens are so fond of these two green stuffs that they will fill their crops so full as to be glad to get rid of it in

feeding the young.

It is very important to take a run round the room at night and remove any green stuff that is left. Withered green meat is rank poison, and many fanciers have lost birds through leaving green food in the cages. Some hens do much better if the cock bird is left with them while they are rearing the young. This method I always use myself when possible. I think it is more natural that the cock bird should be allowed to assist in the duties, and he very seldom fails to do so; in fact I have seen the cock bird so anxious to perform his share that he will push the hen off the nest to feed the young.

If the cock bird will not assist, or is otherwise mischievous, he should be removed at night-time, and the hen should be allowed to rear the brood herself.

Some hens may go off feeding at some particular stage. In such cases I find a small dose of Rochelle salts works wonders. Another hen which I find occasionally is the one which will rear one or two of her youngsters but allow the rest to die. In such cases I add a little steeped rape or a little maw seed to the egg food. This coaxes them to feed, and I often do this with hens that are poor feeders.

The oftener the hen comes off the nest the better. They usually give the youngsters a pick every time they approach the nest, and their frequent absence allows the air to get into the young ones and helps them to thrive.

Then again we have the hen that will scarcely come off her young at all. She sits continually, and never gives them any food whatever until they are smothered. This is often due to too early pairing. The young are hatched during cold weather, and the hen is afraid to come off. I have proved it to be much more profitable to be three or four weeks later in starting, for even though you may be a bit later in finishing the season's results you will find you have more young at the end of the period.

Don't Hurry in Pairing.

The system I have followed for a great many years is not to pair up until about the middle of April, and even then only when I am certain that both birds are in breeding condition. A point of great importance is to set two or three birds at the same time. I have often kept back the setting of a hen only because I had not another one ready at the moment.

If you know you have a reliable feeder in your stock upon which you can depend, it is well to transfer to her care any eggs upon which you set special store. The eggs may be marked with ink so that you may know the defaulter if any eggs are clear, but never mind if you do get a little mixed with regard to the youngsters, so long as you get them reared, you will soon find out the cup winner or the ten guinea bird.

A point of importance is to be sure that just before roosting time all the crops of the birds are full. You will often find a small youngster in a nest, and such weaklings are those that generally go to the wall. Those that hold their heads the highest get the most, and it is necessary to look after any that are being neglected. In such cases these birds must be fed by hand to make up for the neglect of the parents.

In conclusion if anything that I have said is new to some, and proves of any service, my object will have been attained, and I shall feel repaid for the trouble.

BIRD SEEDS AT A GLANCE.

	Water.	Albumen.	Oils and Fats.	Carbo-Hydrates.	Minerals.
Canary Seed ..	13½	13½	5	52	1
Rape Seed ..	11½	10½	40	10	4
Hemp Seed ..	12	16	32	16	4½
Maw Seed ..	15	17½	40	12	6
Niger Seed ..	8½	17½	33	15	2
Linseed ..	10	14	52	10	6
Millet ..	13	15	5	62	1
Canary 2 parts, Rape 1 part ..	13	15	16½	37	5
Hemp, Niger, Maw, Linseed, equal parts	11	16	38	14	6
Rape, Hemp, Maw, Niger, Linseed, equal parts	12	17	39	12	5

about equal in their proportion of oil, there is a great difference in the nature of the two varieties.

The oil in the red seed is of a much milder nature, while the black seed contains a rather rank oil which, when given to birds in anything like a quantity, invariably causes looseness of the bowels. The red seed, therefore, is the best for birds, as you all know. We find that rape is also rich in albuminoids, which are very feeding, and also that it contains a good percentage of mineral matter, which is very valuable indeed.

The small percentage of starch (carbohydrates) in comparison with the other ingredients makes it one of the best seeds to mix with canary as a staple diet, but this is another matter I shall deal with in due course.

HEMP (*Cannabis sativa*) is a tall herb, growing to a height of anything from 4 to 12 or 15 feet, according to soil and climate, having male and female plants, and belonging to the same family as the common nettle.

Where Hemp Comes From.

The whole plant strongly resembles a wild nettle on a very large scale. It is a native of Asia (probably Persia), but, like flax, it is very adaptable, and grows equally well under the hot tropical sun or in the cold climate of Russia. It has also become naturalised in Europe and America, and is cultivated to some extent in England and Ireland. The principal sources of supply are Russian Poland, and Manchuria, while a considerable quantity comes to us from the United States and from our own Colonies.

Hemp is cultivated for two very important reasons, for the production of fibre used in the manufacture of ropes, and coarse sackcloth, and also for the large amount of oil to be obtained from the seed, which is used in the manufacture of paints, varnishes, and soft soap.

We can all realise the importance of hemp fibre for making ropes, twine, and sacks, and can, perhaps, form some slight idea of the vast quantities which must be produced in order to keep up the world's supply of these articles. It is interesting to note that fibre

both a flesh and fat former, and at the same time contains sufficient of the bone-forming elements to develop the frame in comparison with the increase in flesh and fat. I hope I have made this quite clear, as it is a point which is well worth the consideration of Norwich breeders.

One of the Most Useful.

MAW SEED is the seed of the Opium Poppy (*Papaver somniferum album*), a native of China, but grown in many different parts of the world. It is cultivated extensively in India, Persia, China, Turkey, Egypt, and in some parts of Europe, notably in France and Belgium, and also in England.

From what I have seen of the plant when growing I can say that it is of a strong, robust habit, growing up to 6 feet high, and bearing large white flowers, which are followed by huge seed pods, some of which are almost as large as a man's head. The plant is cultivated in some countries especially for opium, which is the dried juice found in the stems, capsules, and flowers, the finest opium being extracted from the petals. In Europe it is cultivated almost entirely for the oil obtained from the seeds, and is used for many different purposes, chiefly domestic or culinary.

In France one half of the oil used for cooking and salads is derived from maw seed, and large quantities are brought into this country for the same purpose, and for diluting almond and olive oils.

The seeds are also used as a spice for sprinkling on cakes and bread, and for flavouring soups, etc. In some foreign countries a kind of bread or cake is made from the pulp which is left after the oil has been extracted from the seed, and this bread is considered quite a luxury. The commercial value of maw seed, therefore, lies chiefly in the oil, which is produced and utilised in enormous quantities and various ways as described.

Maw seed is without doubt one of the most valuable seeds used by bird fanciers, inasmuch as it is equally good for correcting both constipation and looseness of the bowels.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

- Oct. 11-12.—Clapham C.B.A.—(T. J. Rose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.
Oct. 20-21.—Liverpool O.S.—(Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road.) H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
Oct. 27-28.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
Nov. 1-2.—Cheltenham C.B.S.—(A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
Nov. 3-4.—Sheffield O.S.—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)
Nov. 4-6.—Leicester Hand in Hand (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).
Nov. 11.—Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
Nov. 17-18.—Halifax O.S.—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Bartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 24-25.—West Bromwich C.B.S.—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
Nov. 29-30.—Southampton C.B.S.—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.
Dec. 6-7.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobnour Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Scotland.

- Nov. 10-11.—Glasgow C.B.A.—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.) C.C., W.S., G.H., R.H., H.J., J.G.

Wales.

- Nov. 23.—Aberdare C.B.S.—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

- Dec. 1-2.—Newtownards C.B.S.—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

The Swedish Board of Trade at Stockholm have included live birds in the list of prohibited exports from Sweden.

I should be glad, writes Mr. Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec., 126, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E., if you would remind Secretaries that the last day for applying for the Southern Border F.C. patronage is May 18, as I feel sure several have overlooked it.

Private H. Moore, 5, 106, D. Co., 3rd Battn. 23rd London Regt., late of the Lambeth Aviaries, and now at Winnall Down Camp, Winchester, would like to hear from any fancier in the neighbourhood with a view of exchanging visits.

At the monthly meeting of the London and Provincial O.S. on May 18, at the Regian Hotel, Aldersgate Street, adjoining the old G.P.O., at 8, a debate on the Yorkshire Canary will be held, writes Mr. H. L. Huggins, hon. sec. All fanciers welcome.

Rules have been sent to all members of the South Shields "Always Ready" C.B.S. Any one wishing to join should communicate with the Sec., J. W. Watson, 75, Leighton-st. The radius is 20 miles. Subs. 2s. 6d.; entrance fee 1s. Show dates: N.E., July 22; Annual, Nov. 18.

The members of the Clapham C.B.A. will have their annual outing on Sunday, May 28, to Effingham Common, and a special meeting will be held, May 16, to arrange final details. It is to be hoped that members and friends will keep the 28th free from other engagements, if possible, writes Mr. A. R. Che, and that a good muster of fanciers will take part in the outing.

The members of Glasgow and W. of Scotland Bird Club will hold one of their rambles on May 13, writes Mr. M. Craig, Sec., and all bird-lovers who care to join will be made heartily welcome. The ramble starts from Tollcross car terminus at 3.30. Cars leaving Union Street at 3 are in time. Permission has been granted to visit Mr. Scott Millar's grounds at Broomhouse, to see his wild animals, and his extensive aviaries of Foreign birds, which will be very interesting and worth going a long way to see.

Any Roller Fanciers in

Walthamstow?

I should very much like to know, writes Mr. H. E. Nicholls, 22, Comtess rd., Walthamstow, if there are sufficient fanciers in the Walthamstow District interested in the Roller Canary to form a club, and I should be pleased to hear from anyone with that object in view.

I am delighted with this year's CAGE BIRDS'S ANNUAL, writes Mr. T. McMillan, Belfast, it is better than ever. I am going to make a drying cage after the principle adopted by Mr. Moule, but would respectfully suggest one improvement, i.e., a small door at side to introduce the birds by. The lifting up of the glass to get at the wire door would greatly reduce the heat, but with this exception the "Climax" is perfect.

"British Birds" for May, Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, W.C., one shilling monthly, opens with a further instalment of "Wait and See Photography," by Miss E. L. Turner, accompanied by some fine photographs of the author. Mr. Witherby continues his "Moult of the British Passeres." There is an obituary notice of the late Chas. Stonham, best known as the author of "Birds of the British Islands." The usual interesting "Notes," and a copious index to Vol. 9 complete a good issue.

Thank you for the honour you have conferred upon me in portraying my Border on the front page of your valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Cooper. I have often spoken about the sketches appearing in CAGE BIRDS, and what a fine artist you have. Reading Show was my bird's first time on the bench in open contest; he had taken first and special at young bird show, and is one of the deepest colored yellows I have yet seen. Many have offered to buy him, but I hope to send him out again yet.

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR.

We regret to hear from Mr. W. Farnandiz, hon. sec. of Hull C.B.S., of the death in action of Mr. J. L. Heseltine, ex-sec. of the society. Mr. Heseltine was Pioneer Sergeant of a local battalion, and was killed in France on April 16.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. W. Reed, Sec. Newcastle C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of Private James Craig, Cameron Highlanders, in France, on April 21, from wounds received in action.

Private Craig was a reservist and was called up August, 1914. He was at the battle of Mons, was injured in November 1914, sent back to Scotland, and returned to France only a few months ago.

He was Assistant Sec. Newcastle C.B.S., and a hardworking one he was, his services being very valuable to me, especially in connection with our open shows, Jimmy giving of his best and never sparing himself. As a colleague no one could wish for a better; he was a keen fancier and a sportsman. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to them in their sad bereavement.

Dates of 1916 Bird Shows.

Further shows for which dates have been fixed are: Sheffield P.S., Nov. 3, 4; Clapham C.B.A., Oct. 11, 12; Aberdare C.B.S., Nov. 23. Secretaries should make a note of these and other dates as they are published, so that clashing may be avoided as far as possible.

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Much avoidable trouble is caused each week by the failure of advertisers to state under which heading they wish their advertisements to appear. Sometimes our advertisement manager has to guess at this, and sometimes he does not guess rightly. Then we get letters of complaint, and we have the trouble to answer these letters. We shall be obliged, therefore, if advertisers will kindly put a heading to their advertisements according to the section in which they wish them to appear. They will help us and benefit themselves by doing this.

Another Scare Settled.

On April 19, Mr. Dickinson asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether his attention had been called to the fact that British song birds are being killed and sold for food in West End shops in London; and if so whether he will take measures to enforce the observance of the law and to prevent this destruction of bird life. Mr. Samuel replied that careful inquiries have been made by the Metropolitan police, and they have found no reason to think that, except in rare cases, song birds are being sold for food in contravention of the law.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged and friends who may not be members of the respective societies will be welcome to join: Poplar C.B.S., May 14, to Laindon; train from Fenchurch Street 9.45, East Ham 10.10; tea at Laindon Hotel 4. Leyton C.B.A., May 20, to Epping Forest; meet at Loughton Station 3.25; train from Liverpool Street 2.44; Stratford 2.55; tea at "The Owl," Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., May 14, to Dorking and Boshill; train from Peckham Rye 9.30, E. Dulwich 9.32; tea at Temperance Hotel, Dorking. Glasgow and W. of Scotland, May 13, to Broomhouse, from Tollcross car terminus at 3.30 (see Twitterings).

Veteran Show Bird Dead.

I am sorry to have to record the death of one of my African Coleys, writes Mr. J. Dewhurst. I have had the pair 15 years, come October, which is a record, I believe.

Just So.

May we add to the list of things we are ready to welcome without further notice, says the "Cambrian Daily Leader" (1) that the Cuckoo HAS been heard; (2) that the Swallow has been seen?

The Cuckoo Comes to Town.

When I awoke at 4.30 this morning, May 4, I was surprised to hear the call of a very welcome visitor, the Cuckoo, writes Mr. J. G. Taylor. I thought perhaps someone close at hand had a new alarm clock, but upon going out into my back yard I was surprised to see the bird in a tree. It called a few more times, and then flew off. I have never heard one so close as this, as my house is close to the High-st., Camberwell.

The Blackbird and Its Keeping.

By C. BURROWS (Stratford-on-Avon).

THERE is not a more suitable bird for a novice to start with in the way of soft-bills than a hand-reared cock Blackbird. It is easy to manage, costs but little to keep, and in return it has a nice mellow song, not nearly so harsh as that of most Song Thrushes, Ring Osnels, etc. In appearance, if treated as follows, it is hard to beat.

To cage it properly get a few grooved and tongued boards, say 2-in. thick, and make a cage to remain outside winter and summer, about 3 feet long, 2 feet high, and 18 inches deep; there is no need to have a gable-top.

Get a strong wire front, and in ordering this say it is for outdoor use and must be cat-proof. Fix this on a wood frame to fit the whole of the front of cage, fastening it on with two hinges, and so making it easy to clean out the cage. The frame at the bottom should be four inches deep to prevent the bird from kicking out the cage bottoms into the yard.

The front must have one sliding door in the middle, and a wire-holder must be fixed inside the frame just under the door to hold a little round dish for food. The dish must not be placed on the bottom of cage, or it will soon get the cage bottoms mixed up with the food and spoil it.

The Importance of the Bath.

Blackbirds are very fond of bathing, so at the end of cage, about half-way up it, cut a half-round hole and fix on the outside over this hole a catch box with a wire bottom and front. Let it be the whole depth of the cage, and wide enough to hold a good-sized enamel dish to hold the water. This also will want a wooden door at the front to get the dish in and out, and to cover up the hole leading from the cage to the catch box a sliding door made of wood will be wanted worked from the outside with a spring in the centre of the lid. At the top screw in a small eye, and in the end of cage above this eye screw in another one for the string to work through, taking care to have it high enough to pull lid from over the hole. A screw or nail in the end of cage is all that is wanted to twist the string round to hold the lid up.

The wire bottom in the catch box allows all waste water to get away, and keeps it clean and dry. When the cage wants cleaning out you have only to run the bird into the catch box, drop the lid, and there he is while you clean out his cage. No need to handle the bird, a thing to be avoided as much as possible.

Mind the Cats.

The cage itself would want fixing against a wall and under a suitable covering to carry off the rain. A shutter should be placed over the front every night all the year round to guard against cats, owls, and rough weather: this shutter to be used on rough days as well as at night.

Britishers caged outside can stand a lot of crisp, clear, cold weather, but cold winds and wet they cannot stand for long if not sheltered from it. The bottom of cage should be covered with nice white sawdust; this is far better than sand.

This appears to be a lot in writing, but any ordinary man could make it in a short time, and once it is done you have a cage that will stand all weathers and make it possible to keep your bird in the best of health, feather and song.

To feed a Blackbird is not a very expensive job. You can buy a threepenny packet of Thrush food, and this with barley flour mixed with boiled potato or scraped raw carrot will keep him going nicely, provided you keep up a plentiful supply of small worms, beetles, maggots and mealworms.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

- FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.
J. C. BAINES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.
J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Gillington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
GEO. CARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
G. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
C. A. HOUSE, Brindley, Lile, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Munningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
J. PATTERSON, Chislehole, Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. A. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
G. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl. Nor. and Cr.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. TICKELL, 22, Hemy Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Chama. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall, Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit. Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
W. YOUNG, 23, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

AMERICA WILL HAVE CANARIES!

NORWICH UNABLE TO SATISFY THE DEMAND.

The Norwich Canary-breeding industry, says "The Daily Mail," is in the vexatious position of being unable to take advantage of an almost unprecedented boom.

America is prospering, and Americans will have Canaries as pets. German birds are out of the market, with the result that Norwich Plainheads and Cresteds are in greater demand than ever. Double pre-war prices are being offered.

A member of one of the oldest families in the Fancy, Mr. R. G. Mackley, informed a "Daily Mail" representative that hundreds of successful Canary breeders have either joined the Colours or are engaged in war work away from Norwich, and he did not believe that half the usual number of good Canaries would be bred this year.

"There are," he continued, "advertisements for a thousand good ordinary pairs at 13s. a pair. We reckon that when all expenses have been paid it costs 6s. a pair to get the birds to New York and another 2s. before they reach the shops. Thus there is a cost of at least a guinea a pair before the ultimate sale is made."

Jackdaws Among the Pigeons.

The Jackdaws of Regent's Park have found that the eggs of the British Museum Pigeons make good eating, and are now making frequent raids on the Pigeon's nests over the south portico.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

The Incurable Blackbird.

A Blackbird has built her nest on a siege gun at the front, which is daily in action, and has laid four eggs in it. The artillery sergeant who sends the news to his home in Hitchin, says "She is as fancy as she is confident of our protection."

A Tale of a Double-tailed Swallow.

The Isle of Man cats are noted as being tailless, but the peculiarity evidently does not extend to the Manx Swallows, for Mr. Tom Dipper, of Castleton, Isle of Man, writes that he has just observed distinctly a Swallow with two separate tails. He says naively: "This is the first rarity among Swallows ever seen in this locality, or even heard of in the Isle of Man."



A STUDY OF THE CRESTED CANARY.

YELLOW CLEAR BODY DARK CREST.
 BUFF SELF GREEN CREST.
 YELLOW CLEAR CREST.

BUFF GRIZZLE CREST.

BUFF VARIEGATED DARK CREST.
 YELLOW CINNAMON CREST.
 BUFF EVEN-MARKED DARK CREST.

THE PRICE OF PAPER AND THE PRICE OF OUR PAPER.

I GREATLY regret to have to inform my readers that I am compelled, very much against my will, to increase the price of CAGE BIRDS until further notice to 2d. per week.

I have not arrived at this decision without considerable anxiety, but the extraordinary, and to my way of thinking utterly unreasonable, rise in the price of paper leaves me no other alternative beyond the cutting down of the size to a meagre 8 pages, and such a reduction seems to me suicidal. I have therefore decided that the better plan is to increase the number of pages and increase the price.

This is only a temporary measure designed to last only as long as the paper situation remains in its present difficult position.

The fact is, that the Government, with its customary habit of muddling through somehow, seems to have also very completely muddled the paper question, and, whilst restricting the consumption of paper, to have provided no safeguard in the matter of price, allowing those people who can obtain paper to charge just what they think fit to charge.

Consequently a paper bill that before the war would have run to £20 a week will now amount to £60.

I am compelled by force of circumstances and by law to purchase my paper from the same firm which supplied me in 1914, or I must run the risk of not getting any paper at all.

It will be obvious to my readers that I cannot endure, as I have done, a material rise in the price of labour to produce the paper, and such an abnormal rise in the price of paper, without looking for some additional revenue wherewith to meet these abnormal expenses.

Either the public must pay more for their CAGE BIRDS, as they have to pay more for everything else just now, or I must be ruined; and the fruit of years of hard work thrown away.

I am fully aware that a large number of my readers are people who can ill afford the additional penny, but on the other hand they cannot expect me to give them an article for

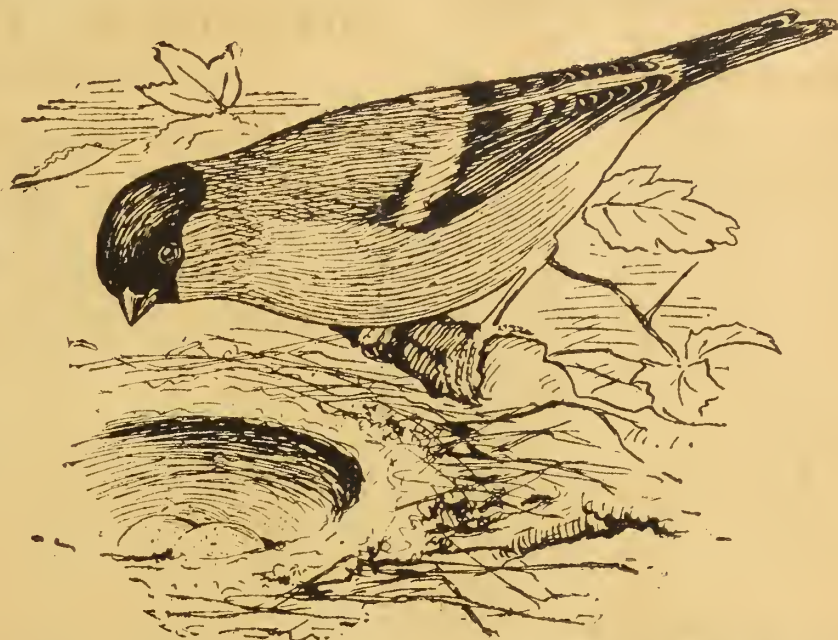
a penny that costs me more than twopence a copy to produce.

The alternative of closing one's business until after the war is one that faces a good many of us nowadays, and it is a fate which, if it does come, I certainly am not going to squeal over. Indeed, were my personal welfare only concerned I should simply shoulder a rifle and join those of my employees who are now giving their services to their country in the fighting line. Unfortunately, I have a number of other people dependent upon me, and I cannot shelve my responsibilities in this way.

Should the paper situation become easier, I will most certainly return to the old price, as I am a firm believer in the policy of giving as good value in newspapers for as little money as possible. I certainly think newspaper proprietors are going against the best interests of their livelihood in cutting down the size of their papers unless they are absolutely forced to do so. Lack of paper in a paper means lack of interest, and lack of interest in a paper can only mean death.

There is no doubt that we are all being compelled to pay far too much for everything we have to purchase at the present time, and especially is this true of food. In war time a lot of profit-mongering goes on, and the only consoling factor about it is that the major portion of all war profits will find its way ultimately into the pockets of the Government for the prosecution of the war, and indeed in my opinion it will not be very long before wealth will have to be commandeered in the same remorseless way as human life if we are to continue the struggle for a very much longer period. To bring the war to a successful issue the Government should compel the services of everybody, men, women and children, and it is nothing short of criminal that some men should be allowed to make money in the way they are doing out of war conditions, whilst other men have to sell up their homes and leave their families without that reasonable measure of protection for these which the Government ought, and I hope will, immediately announce.

F. CARL.



A Fine Hen Bantam which won First Prize at Watford Show for Mr. J. C. Wilmot of Bedford.

Cuckoo ejecting the young birds from the nest from the beginning to the end.

Charles Waterton, the naturalist, has written of the Jennerian Cuckoo story: "No bird in the Creation could perform such an astounding feat under such embarrassing circumstances. The young Cuckoo cannot by any means support its own weight during the first day of its existence. Of course then it is utterly incapable of clambering rump foremost up the steep side of a Hedge Sparrow's nest with the additional weight of a young Hedge Sparrow on its back. Add to this that an old bird, the young of which are horn blind, always remains on the nest during the whole of the day on which the chick is excluded from the shell, in order to protect it. . . . The account carries its own condemnation, no matter by whom related or by whom received. I had much rather believe the story of baby Hercules throttling two snakes in its cradle."

And the subject was discussed at intervals in a contemporary for about two years. Dr. Greene rejected Dr. Jenner's account, and also my plain matter-of-fact statement, but after the snapshots were taken he published my article on the young Cuckoo in a paper of which he was Editor, and admitted that my statement was correct. Dr. Butler also opposed me, and he quoted Mr. Seeborn's remarks against me, which I referred to in your issue of April 29, but the photographs made short work of the quotation. Mr. Blackburn's sketch of the operation was also rejected by other opponents, which conclusively proves that it required the photographs to settle the question, so Mr. Napper is farther behind than I thought he was. His latter remarks are merely surmise, and prove nothing.

JOHN CRAIG.

A Magic Canary's Egg.

SIR,—I have a green Crested hen sitting on five eggs, and when I examined them, after she had been sitting a week, I noticed one egg standing perpendicular on its narrow end. I took it out of the nest, and put in on the table, and it immediately stood straight up again. I then put it the thick end down, and when I let go it immediately turned over on to the small end again, and it always stands up in the nest. I have handled hundreds of Canary eggs, but never saw one do that before. Can you give me any explanation, or has anyone seen or heard of one like it? The egg looks to be fertile.

RICHARD JACKSON.

Bridlington.

Six Eggs in Five Days from a Border Canary Hen in Canada.

SIR,—I am a novice in the Fancy, and a Canadian at that. I mention my nationality because we are not so plentiful in the Fancy here as our good English relations are, but if I can boost Canary breeding among my friends I sure will do so. I am greatly interested, and am becoming more so each day, although I have had some hard luck caused through not knowing how or when, and lots of other things, but I'm learning, and I have two wee ones on the stick out of about seven nests. Now, don't laugh; Am I down hearted? I guess not, I just live in hopes of more knowledge, and a larger crop next year. Wish me luck? Thank you.

I have among my stock a pair of plain yellow Borders, and I have already had three nests of eggs from this pair. The first two nests had four eggs each, and the third nest has six eggs, which were laid one day after

the other, as is, of course, quite proper, but the day of the second egg she laid two. I was quite sober, and had removed the egg laid the previous day. She did not miss a day until the sixth egg, and she started to sit.

I might say the extra egg was a little smaller and had no brown spots like the others. Do you often have a case just like this in England, or is it uncommon? I am a subscriber to CAGE BIRDS, and take great pleasure reading it, and I am looking forward to receiving my next mail.

I will be on the look out for an answer to the above, and thank you in advance.

WALLACE C. JONES.

Toronto, Canada.

[We have sent a copy of this enquiry to our expert, Mr. St. John, and his reply appears in the query columns this week, and we are publishing the letter as a matter of general interest. Perhaps our readers will have something to add for the benefit of their fellow fancier in Canada.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Roller Judge Wanted for South Africa.

SIR,—There are quite a number of Roller Canary fanciers within the Union of South Africa, and some valuable birds are imported from time to time, but, nevertheless, singing (quality) competitions are never held. The reason is that no competent judge has ever made himself known to the Fancy, and I am penning these few lines on behalf of myself and others to ask if any of your readers are aware of any prominent Roller breeder being in South Africa, particularly in Natal. Perhaps some of the secretaries of the Roller Clubs could supply the information through CAGE BIRDS, for which I would be most grateful.

C. F. WINSON.

Durban, Natal.

An Open Young Bird Show for Wales.

SIR,—I think, like "F. F.," that officials of our large shows would do well to follow the example of the Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S. by running an open young bird show. Such shows, I am sure, would have plenty of support. I hope the Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S. will have a record entry at their venture. I am very pleased to see the old society wake up; there seems to be more reports, etc., this last week or two than there used to be. The officials and members seem to be alive to the fact that to put a society to the front you need to push all you can, but I am sure with Mr. T. James at the head and Messrs. Challenger and Legg as secretaries, the old society is going to be bang to the top, in Wales, at any rate. Well, to come back to the show itself, I will enter as many birds as I can; also I will give a special to value of 5s., in birds or cages, to the member who shows the best young Yorkshire Canary, providing I am at home at time of show. Should I have to join my Group, if Sec. will let me know the winner I will forward the special as soon as I come home. I hope some of my old friends of the Porth and Rhondda Valley C.B.S. will drop me a line and let me know how everybody is getting on, as I have written Mr. Legg several times, but have received no answer up to now.

J. S. JONES.

3. Smithfield Buildings,
Salop Road, Welshpool.
(Correspondence continued on next page.)

Correspondence.

An Exemplary Sire.

SIR,—I have a green cock Canary which has taken a share with the hen in the duties of incubation, and is now busily engaged helping to rear the young birds. I have friends who have been interested in birds for years, and they have never heard of a similar case. I should like to know myself if it is usual, and it may also interest other readers of CAGE BIRDS.

T. WILLIAMS.

Early Canaries.

A Bold Bid for the Record.

SIR,—There seem to be many claiming to be the first to have early Canaries, and I would like to settle this argument. I had a nest of three birds hatched out on Jan. 2 this year, and they were on show at East Ham Pair Show. They are now moulted, and colour-fed ready for the Bench. I have had three clutches from this pair and all on hard seed.

W. T. MANNING.

Why Not Bird Pictures at the Royal Academy?

SIR,—In going round the Royal Academy I kept an eye open, hoping to find some pictures of birds, but in the whole R.A. I could only find two small works which had birds for their subject; a quaint etching of an Owl by Winifred Austen, and a very good miniature of Madagascar Love-birds by Alice M. Cook (I do not count Frank Brangwyn's grand picture, for his birds were dead ones). It surprises me that artists do not paint birds; they are so beautiful.

F. FERING.

Postponement of the Liverpool Grand National British Bird Show.

SIR,—At a special meeting of guarantors and supporters of above show in Liverpool and district it was unanimously decided, owing to the Compulsion Bill coming into force, and Groups up to the age of 41 being called up just prior to the date of show, it would not be to the interest of the charity for which it was being held to run the show at present. To those kind fanciers from a distance who had promised me all the help in their power I beg to tender my sincere thanks.

J. W. METCALFE.

Will Bird Shows be Taxed?

SIR,—At a meeting of the Sheffield C.B.S. the question as to whether the Amusement Tax would affect bird shows cropped up.

As many societies may be disturbed on the same subject, I thought if you inserted a note in CAGE BIRDS, it might be a guidance as to whether they are liable or not.

E. Sissons.

SIR,—At the general meeting of the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. the subject of the tax on amusements was brought up, and it was suggested that I write you re same. Shall we be liable to a tax on the charge for entry fees at our shows? We shall be glad if you will kindly answer this question through the medium of CAGE BIRDS.

A. E. THORPE, Hon. Sec.

Seeing that it has been decided that a tax will be levied on admission tickets to Zoological Gardens, it is to be concluded that bird shows will also come under the heading of amusements, and that tickets for admission will be subject to the tax.

Editor, CAGE BIRDS.

"Cuckoo-Cuckoo."

SIR,—Mr. Napper says, "Mr. Craig is personal, and has ceased to be polite." Much depends on what one considers polite. I might accuse him of the same thing, but I do not want to take up too much space. It would be much better if Mr. Napper would stick to facts. I did not say he had changed his opinion as to the origin of birds. What I said was, "It seems that Mr. Napper has changed his opinion," which is quite different, and it refers to one theory being quite as good as another, and not as to the origin of birds. I do not believe that one theory is quite as good as another. What would be the use of quoting one theory against another if that was the case? Much depends on the observations and the side issues which go to support the theory. A gentleman in Glasgow sent a pamphlet to me about the nesting Cuckoo during a discussion in the "Glasgow Evening Times" on that bird to prove that I was wrong, but I had the problem solved for myself, and this again shows the value of first-hand knowledge. The pamphlet referred to was headed, "The Bird that Laid the Vaccination Egg." It was very amusing, but it showed that the writer knew nothing about the subject. In fact, he ridiculed Dr. Jenner's account of the young

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The Constituent Parts of Bird Seed.

SIR,—I have read with great interest the commencement of the article "Bird Seeds at a Glance," and am looking forward for a continuation. Such an article as this is, I think, just what is wanted, especially in these times when one has to consider the utmost value to be got out of one's money, for there is no doubt that much money is thoughtlessly spent in the indiscriminate purchase of food which is either wasted by the birds or does them no good if they eat it.

At the same time, it would add to the value of the article if the author, Mr. Hunt, would kindly say how he accounts for the balance between the total of his percentages and the full hundred points. I find that his totals add up to aggregates varying between 80½ in the case of hemp seed, and 97 in millet. An analysis is not complete if the different items do not add up to 100 exactly, and I hope Mr. Hunt will kindly enlighten us accordingly.

PER CENTAGE.

"Ever Been 'Ad'?"

SIR,—I attended a public meeting a few days ago, and one of the speakers opened his remarks with the question, "Ever bin 'ad'?" As a novice in the bird fancy, I have to admit that I have been "ad" more than once.

Now, sir, would it not be possible for fanciers to form some kind of protection society? If it was possible for a novice, when he thinks he is speculating a little through some tempting advert., to write to the secretary of the C.B.S. in that particular district, or a scheme could be formulated by which he could get to know whether the seller was a member of a society or not, good might result.

I think it would help the novice a great deal, and also the genuine fancier who has birds for sale, if each year, in *CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL*, besides the directory of societies, the names of all members of each separate society were given. It would cost more, no doubt, but no one, I think, would object to that. If a man had a letter then from someone desiring to buy or sell a bird, he could look up the directory to see if the name of the man was entered in the directory. He would then know if the man was in the fancy, and my experience of the genuine fancier is that he would not willingly take advantage of the ignorance of a novice. No doubt many novices, like myself, would like to hear the views of older fanciers on this subject.

NOVICE.

One correspondent seems to have overlooked the fact that most traders in birds are not members of bird societies. Members of bird societies, as a rule, are fanciers who keep birds as a hobby, not as a means of livelihood, and the birds they have for sale, if any, are just the surplus from their stock. The inference that a man must be a member of a society to be an honest trader would be unjust and misleading.—EDITOR.

About a Points Competition.

SIR,—I expect many readers of *CAGE BIRDS* have noted with interest your reply to J. Davies, under "General," in your issue of May 6.

Points competitions seem to have a knack of resulting in disputes, and many would like to see them abolished altogether. In the present case it seems to have been stated by your inquirer that the Norwich men could only score at the most nine or ten points, while the Yorkshire fanciers counted full points. It seems to me that these conclusions are not a certainty.

The Yorkshire classes are stated to have filled satisfactorily. How then could it not happen that one man should score points in one class, and another in another class, or even that somebody who was not in the competition at all should win a prize or two to the exclusion of those competing for the points prize?

If either lot could be said to be certain of getting points, surely it was the Norwich, where there was the limited competition of three in a class. Then, again, suppose the positions had been reversed. Would not the Norwich men then have said that the sections had equal chances when the birds were first entered, and that the accident of small entries in the Yorkshire classes was just the fortune of war.

In any case, the Norwich men left their birds in the competition, and the birds of any one of them had at least the chance of getting more points than the birds of any one of the Yorkshire fanciers. By leaving their birds in they tacitly accepted the position, and, as you very rightly point out in your reply they forfeited their rights of making a protest. They had a possibility of winning, poor though the possibility may have been, and they must in justice stand by their defeat.

NON-COMPETITOR.

ORGANISING THE CANARY TRADE

THE COMMITTEE GETS TO WORK.

Grand Progress with the Wounded Soldiers' Scheme

PERHAPS the most representative assembly ever got together on any matter connected with the hobby of cage bird keeping attended at the offices of *CAGE BIRDS*, 154, Fleet Street, London, on Wednesday, May 3, in support of our two schemes for affording help to disabled soldiers in re-starting their hobby, and for capturing for our own country the trade in Canaries which has so long been a monopoly of our enemies the Germans.

There were present: Messrs. G. Crabbe, President of the London and Provincial O.S.; R. L. Crisp, President, London C.B.A.; T. R. Trower, of Trower and Co., seed and appliance merchants, Caledonian Road, London; the following representatives of London societies: Mr. Gutierrez, British Roller C.C.,

Macellan, Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

East, Leyton C.B.A.,

Robson, London C.B.A.,

Vale, Clapham C.B.A.,

Kybert, East Ham C.B.S.,

Last, Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.,

Fulljames, Cage Birds League,

and the organising secretary, A. G. Filby.

Messrs. J. W. Ramsden and T. Heath wrote regretting their inability to attend the first meeting, and promising their help at future meetings, and Mr. F. Carl, proprietor of *CAGE BIRDS*, was at the last moment prevented from attending.

Mr. Fulljames was unanimously voted to the chair, and explained the objects of the organisation, after which the various suggestions which had been published in *CAGE BIRDS* were considered and commented upon with a view to future action.

As was to be expected from such an eminently practical assembly, a point which received considerable attention was the actual cost of producing and feeding a Canary up to the time of its being ready for the market, and nearly everyone present gave his views on the matter.

Mr. Vale said that many years ago he had bred Canaries flying loose together in a room, and he found that he could sell the produce at a very low price; in fact, two shillings per bird would amply cover the cost of rearing and feeding for six months. Mr. Last thought that his birds each cost him about three farthings per week, and other members of the committee pointed out that the cost of rearing would entirely depend upon the kind of birds produced. Exhibition birds would naturally cost more per head than birds bred for the public market.

Mr. Trower asked how many young might be expected per pair of Canaries in the season, and it was the general opinion that the number could be fairly reckoned as eight, though Mr. Robson said that, so far at least as high class birds were concerned, the average would not be more than four per hen. The Germans certainly produced more than this number, but they took all they possibly could out of the hen, and dumped her into this country and to America when she was of no further use.

The German method of breeding Canaries loose in a room, with only a few cocks to a number of hens, came in for considerable discussion, and it was generally agreed that this was by far the most profitable way of breeding Canaries, and the method which involved the minimum of trouble. Mr. Crisp thought that if we could provide people in country districts with breeding birds at from 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d. per pair, which was generally the price paid by London dealers, Canary breeding could be made a profitable industry.

Mr. Last said that it was within his knowledge that Canaries had long been bred in this country at a cost which would allow of them being sold to London dealers, who in their turn made a profit in selling them to German traders for re-export to America. The two intermediate profits could go to the producer if the hobby of rearing Canaries were properly organised.

Mr. Crisp suggested that the organising secretary should write Mr. Norris, the hon. sec. of the British Roller C.C., asking if he knew of any member of his club who bred birds on the colony system as practised in Germany, and, if so, whether he would let the committee have the benefit of his experience.

After a general discussion upon the practicability of bringing to a successful issue the organising of an English trade in Canary rearing, in which there was agreement that the matter was perfectly possible, and was only a question of detail, a sub-committee, Messrs. Trower, Gutierrez, Vale, and Fulljames, was appointed to make full enquiries as to the questions which had arisen, especially the cost of production of Canaries for sale, and to

draft a scheme for the next meeting of the full committee. The sub-committee will meet at *CAGE BIRDS* Offices, 154, Fleet Street, May 15, at 8. The meeting closed with the customary vote of thanks to the chair.

This week we have been further strengthened in our belief that there are sufficient kind hearts in what is known as "the bird fancy" to supply whatever may be needed by their fellow fanciers who have been disabled in fighting for their country.

We have to acknowledge the fine subscription of twenty-five shillings from the members of the Leicester C.B.S., per the sec., Mr. J. Hardbottle, and a guinea from our old friend Mr. Thomas Heath, one of the "old school" still happily with us. The lucky fancier who is able to take advantage of Mr. Heath's offer of advice will be favoured indeed. Mr. Heath's name in the Canary world was "a household word" before many of the present-day fanciers were thought about, and what he does not know about Canary breeding may very well be done without.

But perhaps the letter which will appeal most of all to the feelings of our readers, as it has done to our own, is the one coming from a nine-years-old reader, J. W. Campbell, of Kelvedon. If there are many more like this lad in the fancy there need be no fears as to its future. We publish this little worker's letter with very special pleasure and many thanks.

Our fund now stands, therefore, as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	11	12	0
Mr. Thos. Heath	1	1	0
Leicester C.B.S., per Mr. J. Hardbottle	1	5	0
J. W. Campbell	13	0	0
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Distribution Begun.

By the time this issue is in the hands of our readers we shall have put many applicants for birds under our scheme into touch with those who have generously offered birds to our wounded soldiers. Amongst them are the following:—Mr. Rossignol's Yorkshires go to ex-Sgt. Nott, Gloster Regt., with 17 years' service to his credit, served in the S.A. campaign, and through shock and exposure in the present one is unfit for further service. He is now living at Bristol. Mr. Lucas, late of the 1st King's Liverpool, a Reservist called up at outbreak of war, crippled for life, now living at Ilkeston; and Mr. Batchelor, now in S. Wales, a late Cpl. in the 2nd Border Regt., who was discharged after being wounded the second time going out to France. These two each take one of the pairs offered by Mr. Pyman, of Southampton. Mr. Dunkley, who was discharged after serving seven months in France with the 2nd East Surrey Regt., receives a pair of Norwich presented by Mr. Trapnell, of Weston-Super-Mare. A pair of Mrs. Wolferstan's birds go to Ite. H. G. Anderson, A.S.C., who sold all his birds to join and was discharged with a small pension in July last, and the other pair to Pte. R. Smith, 1st/4th Batt. Linc. Regt., T.F., whose right arm is useless, who resides at Grantham, Lincs.; F. Fleetwood, blinded by gunshot, receives the Yorkshires and cage offered by "Anon." There are still some whose requirements we are unable to fill just at present.

Birds Wanted.

We have requests from two wounded soldiers, who have established their bona fides. One wants a pair of Green Rollers, and the other a pair of Yorkshires. Can any of our readers supply these? If so, will they please let us hear from them, stating the lowest price they are willing to take, and we will forward the cash out of the funds.

Can any reader assist our Dartford correspondent, Bandsman P. Brown? If so, please write us.

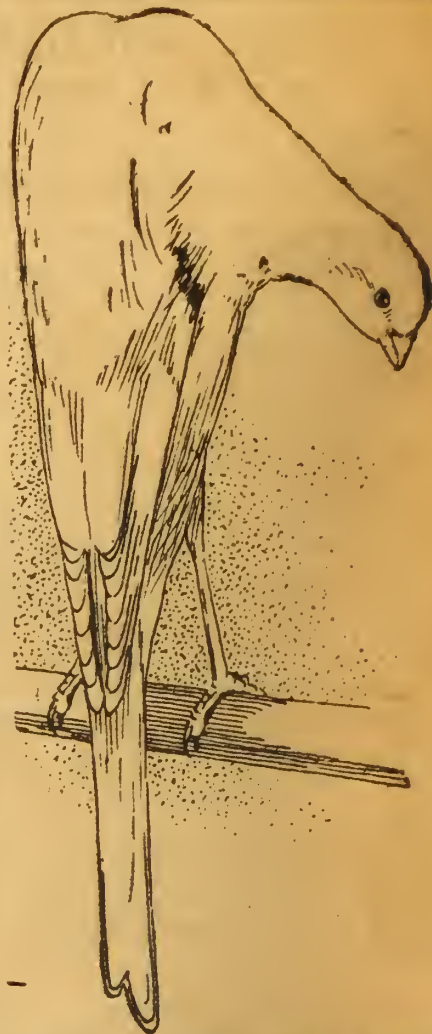
How Much for a Green Roller?

We have received a bid of five shillings for the green Roller hen offered last week by Mr. Stephens, and it will go for this small sum unless we get a better offer by Tuesday morning next, May 16.

We have still on hand several generous offers of cages and fittings, and these are ready for allocation to any wounded soldiers who will let us have their applications, accompanied by a certified copy of their discharge paper.

Other letters which we have the pleasure of publishing this week will speak for themselves, and we need only thank the kind donors for their generosity, and hope their example will be widely followed.

There may be some among our readers who, while they may not be able to give valuable



This is the type of Canary favoured by our friends and Allies, the Belgians. It is to be feared that we shall not for a long while see "Belgian" Canaries other than those bred in England by British fanciers.

birds right out, may yet be willing to accept something less than their monetary value when they know that the purchase money is coming from a disabled soldier, and to these we commend the letter of J. W. Gibbon, published this week. This soldier is willing to pay £1 for a good pair of Norwich Canaries, and we know that any of our readers who accepts this money from him will send more than the value in the birds.

Our Committee has been further strengthened by the appointment of Mr. F. Chappell, who will represent the West London Fanciers' Association, and our list of local advisers by the names of Mr. Thos. Heath, of Putney, and Mr. W. B. Groves, of Grimsby.

A Chance to Show Your Patriotism.

In our Twitterings columns will be seen an extract from the "Daily Mail" headed "America will have Canaries." Now, Canary breeders, put your backs into it, and breed all the birds you can this season. The country will want all we can possibly get next autumn to supply the demands of home and foreign markets. Every assistance will be given by our experts and local advisers in different centres; show what you can do for your country and, incidentally, for yourselves. There is an opportunity; it only needs grasping.

A soldier's wife offers to take 10s. for a breeding cage with sliding partition in centre and two sliding partitions which make a nursery cage at each end, all in zinc, made by a professional. The cost of packing would be about 1s., so all over 11s. goes to our wounded soldiers' fund. A cage of this kind should appeal to many bird-keepers, and should fetch quite a good surplus over the nominal price.

The Leicester C.B.S. to the Front.

SIR,—Enclosed please find P.O.s. value 25s. as the subscription from the Leicester C.B.S. for the disabled soldiers' fund, as promised in my previous letter. I am sorry I am late in sending, but I wished to give all the members the chance of joining in. I should like to see more societies coming in with us in this, as not only would they be helping others, but it would possibly be to their own advantage as well.

J. HARDATTLE, Sec.
(Continued on next page.)

HEALTH & STRENGTH

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CANARIES FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

(Continued from page 254.)

Another offer we would draw attention to is contained in a letter from Mr. H. A. Tutt, which will interest those of our readers who are fond of animals. It is that of a Great Dane bitch with good pedigree; the owner will take £3 3s. for her, and all over that amount will go to the benefit of the Fund. Now, canine fanciers, don't all speak at once, but speak quickly. Other offers are wanted for birds and cages offered last week, notably Mr. Rossignol's green Yorkshires, Mrs. Wolfertan's birds and appliances, and the Pile Game Bantam offered by Mr. Hughes. We shall be glad to turn this lot into coin of the realm.

Offer of a Cock Bullfinch.

We have received a very kind offer of a house-moulted Bullfinch, which our reader will give to any wounded soldier if he is willing to pay carriage. If unclaimed, he would sell it for the benefit of our fund. Now, fanciers, offers, please. The Bullfinch would suit many of our readers better than it would a wounded soldier.

A Gift Good Value at £2 10s.

SIR,—I have received Mr. Bastock's pair of Norwich, and I am very pleased with them. Wishing your scheme success.

W. S. RYDER.

Plymouth.

A Touching Letter from a Nine-years-old Reader.

SIR,—I have a little paper called "Bird News," from the sale of which amongst my friends I have been able to collect 13s. for your fund, "Canaries for Wounded Soldiers," and I send this with best wishes for your scheme.

J. W. CAMPBELL (age 9).

Kelvedon.

A Fine Offer from Eastbourne.

SIR,—If I am accepted for Military Service I am willing to give to any wounded soldier in this district one pair of prize-bred Yorkshires or Norwich, with breeding cage, and all accessories. If not accepted, I will give one pair of this year's youngsters, with breeding cage and accessories, also 12 cock Goldfinches, for 12 soldiers, for Mule breeding, at the end of season.

B. HUMPHRIES.

Eastbourne.

Hen Rollers Offered from Grimsby.

SIR,—I should be pleased to help you in your scheme for wounded soldiers if I could be of use. I will give, at the end of this breeding season, three or four hen rollers, and all advice I can, to any soldier who wishes to start in the Roller Fancy. These hens are bred from winners at most of the shows in England, so that the recipients will get a fair start.

W. B. GROVES,

Member British Roller C.C.

Grimsby.

Lucky Putney.

SIR,—I enclose cheque value one guinea for your scheme to help the wounded and disabled to take up Canary breeding. Am sorry I cannot attend the meeting on Wednesday evening, but you have my best wishes, and I trust your scheme will meet with every support, and that it may be a great success. If I can help in any way in this district by giving advice to those about to commence I shall be pleased to do so.

With kindest wishes,

THOS. HEATH.

Putney.

For a Soldier in Hospital.

SIR,—I was, until invalided home, in the good old 29th Division; landed with them at the Dardanelles, April 25, 1915. I was rather unlucky out there, was invalided home to England, and eventually sent down to this hospital, where I have been for some time, unfit for active service. They have given me a light job, and I am also a member of the hospital military band and string band. I have been much interested in birds since I have been here. I wanted to go in for Canary breeding, but as I am only on half-pay, I found that a pair of Canaries was rather beyond my means. However, I got a cock Linnet and hen Canary cheap, and started muling. I had a bit of trouble with them at first, and wrote to Mr. H. Best, of Leeds, for a few tips. He recommended me to write to you. (I had previously seen your announcement of Canary breeding for wounded soldiers in CAGE BIRDS, which I have regularly.) I am glad to say my Linnet and Canary are doing well now, and have nearly finished their nest. As I am likely to remain here for duration of war, or longer, perhaps you could help me as regards Canaries for breeding. If you have not any in stock that have been subscribed to your scheme, perhaps you could put me in the way of a cheap pair. If I could, I would willingly pay good money for good birds, but as I am only on half-pay I cannot do it.

P. BROWN.

Dartford, Kent.

A Disabled Soldier Offers £1 for a Pair of Norwich.

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS that you are starting wounded soldiers with Canaries. I should very much like a pair of Norwich Canaries, Plainheads, and would be willing to pay £1 for a good pair, as I am very much interested in Canaries. I have a breeding cage.

Spalding.

J. W. GIBBONS.

How Doggy Fanciers Can Help.

SIR,—Re your fund for Canaries for wounded soldiers. I have a Great Dane bitch, brindle colour, age 2½ years, with good pedigree containing 17 champions, height 29 inches at shoulder, weight 97 lbs., good guard, but quiet with ladies, children, poultry, etc. She cost me £3 3s. at 8 weeks old; if you can sell her for anything over this figure I will give surplus to your fund. She is due in season this month. I enclose copy of pedigree; purchaser can have original.

H. A. TUTT.

Pontycymer.

A Complete Fit-up, Including Books and Expert Advice.

SIR,—I shall be pleased to give one pair of exhibition Yorkshires, value £2, one double breeder (complete), one single ditto, one show cage, and seeds enough to last for some considerable time. If they are not required until after the breeding season, then I should give two pairs instead. Also if the recipient be a novice, I should be delighted to give him all the advice that lies in my power, and lend him all the latest books on the subject. Should he prefer some other variety, then I will sell these, and do my best to get whatever variety he wishes.

W. H. HAMLYN.

Harrogate.

A Generous Offer from a Reader Who Wishes to Remain Anonymous.

SIR,—I will send the following carriage paid to any disabled soldier in the U.K. as a small contribution to your fund, on an assurance from the recipient that the birds will be well cared for:—

One yellow Yorkshire cock, cost 30s.

Three buff, green, variegated Yorkshire hens, cost 35s.

One double breeding cage, cost 6s. 6d.

I had the birds a short time ago from one of our best dealers. My reason for parting with them is that I have decided to keep Rollers exclusively. The birds, as far as I know, are reliable breeders, and are in first class condition. The cock, in my opinion, is a specially fine bird, rather young for breeding, but a good songster. He will probably need feeding up for breeding.

Wishing the fund every success.

ANON.

SEEDS OF COMMERCE FOR 'CAGE BIRDS.

(Continued from page 251.)

It is about the first seed young birds eat, and is also relished by birds in the final stages of old age. We find it contains oil to the extent of 40 per cent., and this oil is of a mild and soothing nature. The albuminoids are represented by 17½ per cent., so that it has considerable nutritious properties, and is fairly rich in mineral matter, which again adds to its value as a food for birds. The amount of carbohydrates (starch) is quite normal, so that it is principally a heat giving and flesh forming food.

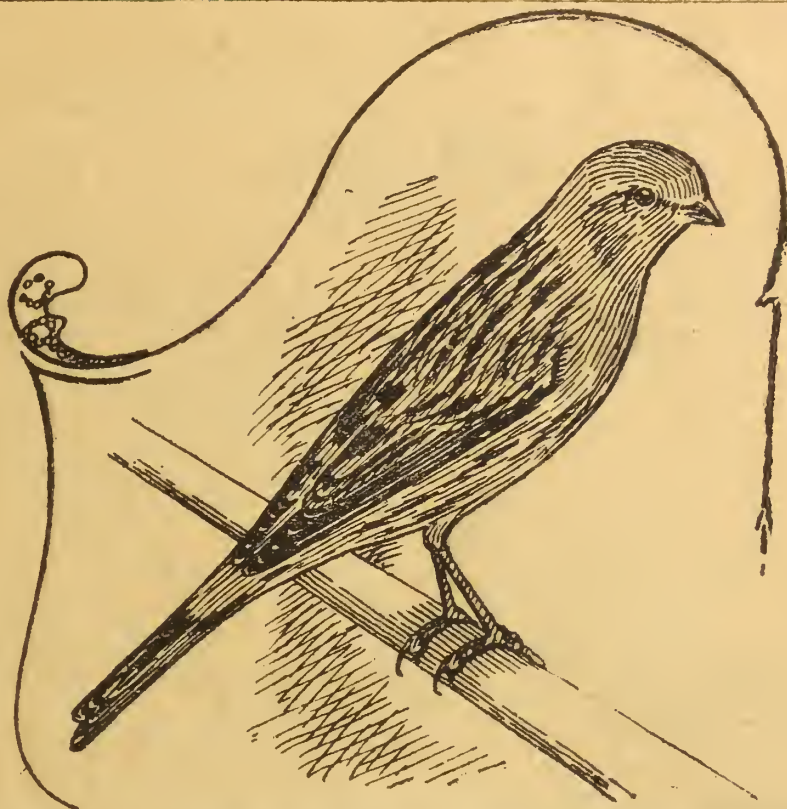
NIGER (*Guizotia oleifera*) is an annual plant, native of West Equatorial Africa, belonging to the daisy family, and having a yellow flower shaped like a daisy or marguerite. It grows about 2 feet high, the seed being formed in a mass in the centre of the flower exactly as in the case of a sunflower, to which plant niger is related. It is cultivated in Africa, India, and Abyssinia for the sake of the oil to be obtained from the seed. This oil is used by the natives for food and for burning in lamps, and is known to them as ram-til or black-til oil.

I might mention here that it is sometimes called "inga" instead of niger, but the names indicate one and the same thing, the name niger being the proper one to use.

It contains a considerable quantity of oil, 33 per cent., which is of a bland or sweet nature, and on this account it is given to hen Canaries to prevent egg binding. It is also relished by finches, especially Goldfinches, as it strongly resembles thistle in flavour and character.

Many different opinions prevail regarding niger seed, some fanciers relying upon it for certain purposes, while others believe that it is harmful in its effect. One thing is certain, on account of the high percentage of mineral matter it is bound to be beneficial in aiding the digestion, and effecting the solution of other ingredients. It is also rich in albuminoids, and is, therefore, like all other oily seeds, a flesh former and heat giver.

LINSEED OR FLAX (*Linum usitatissimum*) is an annual plant bearing a pretty blue flower, and is a native of Egypt. It is cultivated chiefly in America, Canada, Russia, Egypt, and India, also in the south of Europe.



Green Border Canary, winner of 1st prize at Holborn Hall Show, for Mr. T. Goyner, of Wandsworth.

including England and Ireland. The chief commercial value of this plant lies in the fibre which is contained in the stems, and from which linen is made.

Flax is one of the oldest of cultivated plants, as is proved by the fact that the linen found on Egyptian mummies thousands of years old was made from flax.

Some of the coarser fibre is used for the manufacture of twine and coarse matting. The seeds form a valuable commercial product because of the oil they contain, which is largely used for paints, varnishes, and soap, the residue or pulp being utilised in the manufacture of oil cake for cattle. It is, therefore, a very valuable and economical plant, and justifies its cultivation in such large quantities.

With regard to the feeding value of linseed, it contains a large proportion of oil, which constitutes its principal constituent, the amount being about 52 per cent. It also has a fair amount of albuminoids and minerals.

Birds, as a rule, are not very partial to it, but that does not alter the fact that it is very beneficial during cold and damp weather, and is useful in cases of inflammatory affection of the respiratory and intestinal organs.

It is given to birds during the moult to obtain a sheen on the plumage, which is another result of the oil contained in the seed.

Personally, I believe that Canaries are benefited by small quantities of linseed at any time, providing they can be induced to eat it, but care should be taken not to give them too much, or the system will be overloaded with oil, which would have ill effects. I will treat this matter separately a little later on.

MILLET (*Panicum miliaceum*) is a small seeded cereal forage plant growing to about 3 or 4 feet high, and producing its seeds on long spikes, and is a native of the East Indies. It is cultivated in India, Japan, America, France, Italy, and central Europe.

Its chief use is for food, and in India millet forms the staple diet of the natives, not rice, as is so generally believed. In America it is grown for forage, being used both in the green state and also dried. Several kinds of millet appear in commerce, including red, white, grey, and bronze, the difference being due to the effect of soil and climatic conditions. The relative feeding value of the different kinds remains about the same, although the white is mostly favoured by bird fanciers.

The outstanding feature in its feeding value is the excessive proportion of starch (carbohydrates), which we know to be heat givers. Herein lies the explanation of the fact that most foreign birds when brought to this country do well on millet, as the large quantity of heat producing matter provides them with the necessary warmth which they fail to obtain from the climate.

Like Canary seed, millet is very short of oils and fats, having only 5 per cent., and is also deficient in mineral matter, which is represented by only 2 per cent. It follows then, that when millet is used for Canaries it should be in conjunction with other seeds containing a good proportion of oil and mineral matter.

TEAZLE (*Dipsacus sylvestris*).—I shall not have a great deal to say about teasle, as it is not used in any great quantities by Canary breeders. It is a native of all temperate parts of the old world, and is naturalised in Eng-

land. It is a biennial, that is to say, the seeds are sown one year and the plants mature the following summer; it grows to a height of about 6 feet. It is cultivated fairly extensively in England, especially in Lincolnshire and Kent.

The plant produces seed heads which are covered with small spikes shaped like a hook at the ends. These seed heads are used in the woollen factories, fixed to a revolving drum, which, when it comes in contact with the surface of the cloth, teases out the surface, or, in other words, raises the "nap." They have been found to be better than anything made of metal for this purpose, as in case they get fast in the wool the spikes will break instead of tearing the cloth.

As to the value of teasle for birds, I regret I have been unable to get the proper analysis, but have established the fact that its chief properties are of a cooling nature, and that it is good to include it in a diet which contains a large amount of oily seeds in order to correct the effect of overheating the system.

This, then, ends our short survey of the eight principal seeds, but before concluding I should like to show a few comparisons.

In preparing a diet for birds one must not lose sight of the fact that different birds have different tastes, and we must make it our business to find out what those tastes are and cater for them.

Further, it is important in the composition of a diet to avoid an overdose of any one thing, as the bird's system can only assimilate a certain amount at a time, consequently the surplus passes through probably undigested and therefore wasted.

It is most important to keep the balance of heat giving and flesh forming foods, or we cannot expect our birds to keep in the pink of condition. At the same time we must introduce sufficient mineral matter to help the other ingredients to fulfil their objects.

Now to revert back to Canary seed (see diagram), we find an excess of starch, while in rape we find an over-dose of oil. Neither of these seeds, therefore, is sufficient in itself, but by judiciously blending them in suitable proportions we get as near as possible to an ideal staple diet. I consider the proportion of 2 parts of Canary and 1 part of rape is all that is required as a basis to work upon either for Canaries or British birds, for in such we find all the ingredients nicely balanced throughout.

Then, in order to meet the requirements of the different seasons of the year, or the different tastes of our birds, we are in the habit of giving them what we call a condition mixture. We know that this mixture of rich seeds keeps the birds in the very height of condition, but what properties are responsible for this?

In the diagram is shown the composition of a mixture of hemp, maw, niger, and linseed in equal proportions, and we see at once that the albuminoids, fats, and minerals are more in evidence. Some authorities recommend the introduction of rape into the conditioner, but, as shown in the diagram, when rape, hemp, maw, niger, and linseed are mixed in equal proportions the relative feeding value is approximately the same.



THE GREYHOUND OF BRITISH BIRDS.

The Wagtail is well called the Greyhound of British birds, for no bird excels it in grace and elegance of shape and deportment. Our picture is a portrait by Mr. H. Goodchild, of the beautiful Yellow Wagtail which was shown with great success as the last Aberdeen Show, by Mr. R. J. Robertson, of Glasgow. It won 1st Prize and special, and of it our reporter said, "Shown as only 'Bob' can do it, that is, in perfection."

Twenty-eight Years a Fancier — and — How I Became Interested in Bird-keeping

By W. LIDGETT (Hon. Sec. Newark C.B.S.).

WHEN one begins to talk of 28 years' experience in the fancy, it almost makes one feel the top of one's head to see if there is a bald space where the hair once grew. Happily I have not lost mine yet, for, although many years a fancier, I am yet comparatively young, only numbering half the allotted span of three score years and ten, and I started very early to keep birds, being only a boy at school, eight years old, when I had my first bird. I came by it in this way.

During the yearly summer holidays my brother and I were walking along the country road about two miles from home, when we espied a man and a lad just over a hedge, catching birds, and, being naturally curious, we stayed to look. Presently the man came up and told us if we wanted to watch them we must sit down and keep quiet. We did so, and before long a flock of birds came twittering by. The bird-catcher's bird in the cage commenced to "call" furiously, and down on the hedge dropped several of the birds. From where we sat, or rather lay, we could not see the birds at all after they had dropped, but the lad and his father came running past us, and as we got up to see what they were doing we saw two of the birds fast on the bird-line twigs attached to the cage.

After they had been taken off and the feathers cleaned with turpentine they were put in a sort of box cage, with a stocking leg hanging through a hole at the top, and the catchers had set their twigs right again. I asked the lad what birds they were, and was told that they were Redpolls.

The Tempter and the Tempted.

"Do you want to buy any?" was his next question. This was a puzzler, for, not knowing the value of the birds nor how to keep them, I hardly knew how to answer him. "You can have one of these for a 'tanner,'" he said. He might just as well have said a sovereign, because neither myself nor my brother possessed the necessary "tanner."

Still, somehow I wanted one of those birds, and, asking the address of his home, I determined at some future time to buy one. I did not have to wait long, for on going home and telling my mother what we had seen, and how I should like to keep a bird, she decided to buy one for me.

The next matter was where to keep it, because we had no cage, but this difficulty was soon got over by a neighbour lending one, in which she had kept a Canary, the bird having joined the great majority. I was delighted with my new pet, and tended it with every care, feeding it every day, and handling its cage every time I came home from school.

A few months after this my father visited an aunt of mine at Balderton, and while going round the garden he noticed a Thrush under some nets covering the currant bushes, and with some little difficulty he caught it and brought it home. He stayed up late that night making a cage for it out of a box and some wire netting, and although not an elaborate affair it was another bird and cage.

Father Pays the Food Bill.

I was to have it for myself if I would look after it and clean it out. My father himself would buy the food for it, because threepence extra for food for a bird per week was a serious item to a schoolboy. Of course, I immediately accepted it on these terms, and as far as I can remember I had these two birds about a year before again adding to my collection.

I used about this time to pass through a yard to go to the butcher's for my mother, and I had often noticed with longing eyes the number of cages that hung inside one of the houses. This particular day a boy sat on the doorstep with a basket containing a nest of young birds, and was feeding them with a piece of stick.

I entered into conversation with the lad, and learnt that the birds were "Greenies," and that if I wanted one I could have one for a trifle. Off home I went to try to "raise the wind," and, having done so, went back and fetched one of the young birds.

To rear it was the next question, because at that time my experience with birds was limited to the two specimens I had, and how to feed a young one and bring it to maturity I hardly knew, especially as it had to be fed about every hour. However, with the help of my mother when I was at school, and attending to it myself at all other times, I managed to rear it till it could peck.

One day, soon after it could feed itself, I accidentally left the cage door unfastened, the bird, with flying on to the wires, knocked open the door, and away he flew on to the roof, and from thence to the chimney stacks. After looking round and getting over his surprise, he darted off out of my sight. I stood for a while looking after him, feeling very sad, and then went indoors, leaving the cage where it hung, never expecting to see my bird again.

This was about noon, and at tea-time, when my father came home he looked up at the cage in which the bird used to hang, for he had himself become very interested in this particular bird. Then he came into the house in a hurry, saying to mother, "Bill will lose that bird if he is not more careful; it is

asleep on the perch with the door wide open." Outside went my mother, and there beheld the Greenie fast asleep on his perch, having returned home and entered his cage again. My father would scarcely believe that the bird had escaped at dinner-time.

One can imagine my surprise and pleasure when I returned, and I determined to be more careful in the future. This bird became so tame that he used to come out of his cage every day (only indoors) for a time, and one day, the kitchen door having been left open, he again made off. His cage was put out of doors again, and although he stayed away all that night he came back again on the next day and went inside again. After that he went away many times, and returned, and he was so familiar to the neighbours around that he became known as "Lidgett's Greenie," and he lived to a ripe old age.

Since those days of boyhood I have still continued in the fancy, having had at one time or another most of the commoner of the British seedeaters, besides Canaries and foreign birds. At the present time I possess about 50, including Cockatoos, Cockatiels, Zebra finches, Budgerigars, White and Grey Java Sparrows, Ribbon finches, etc., and have a good stock of Britishers, and of latter years I have taken up the breeding and exhibiting of Norwich Canaries, a fair share of success on the show bench falling to my lot, three cups being among my winnings.

The Dawn of Ambition.

I well remember my first experience of showing birds. It was a Goldfinch, which I exhibited at the local fanciers' show, and I remember proudly taking my bird to the hall where the show was held, and anxiously awaiting the time for the show to open. On going round to the class in which my bird was in I found he stood cardless, and although a bit disappointed I was not downhearted, and then there determined in the near future to be possessed of something worth showing. In a short time I again sent to another show, and although gaining a card I had to wait a little longer before I gained the coveted red ticket, which has since then many times come to me.

For several years I had only devoted my energies in the Canary breeding line to ordinary songsters, such as when sold helped to lessen the seed bill at the end of the year, and although I had shown British and Foreign birds I had up to this time never benched a Canary.

I then determined to try to breed a bird worth exhibiting, and, the Norwich being my fancy, I bought a good buff hen of medium size and nice type, and a clear yellow cock of good size and fairly loose in feather, to make up for the very tight feather in the hen.

The first season with this pair I took two vices at our club show. The next year I mated the father to a rich coloured buff hen (his own daughter), and I believe this was the best hen I ever owned. She was shown three years in succession at Newark C.B.S. annual show in the non-fed class, and won

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

DURHAM.

Linnet contest, Black Horse Inn, Elvet, May 6; 42 birds and some real good singing. Boyd, Heslop, McQuirk divided.—S. McKinley, Sec. (See notice above as to advertisements.—Editor.)

BARNESLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, May 7, for 4 min. time sing, Shepherd timer, Collins, chalked. 1, Doodley, 3 min. 45 sec.; 2, Hardman, 3.32; 3, Wright, 3.31; 4, shared, 3.30 each, Jones and Davis. Better luck next week for the Castleford champion.—J. Hardman, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest club sing, Woodman Inn, Horse-fair, May 6; 25 entered for 4 minutes time singing: 1, T. Jones; 2, Black bear; 3, E. Clayton. Open sing, May 7; 37 birds, 3 minutes time singing. 1, 3, Blackbear; 2, Scollson.—J. Beard, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest May 6, for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane; 23 sang. 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, Wharum; 4, shared Marshall and Wigfield. Judges, W. Lipman and S. Butterfield and J. Hutchinson. May 7, 17 birds sang. Our host added three specials for best three birds. 1, 2, Wigfield; 3, Brown. Judges, S. Butterfield and J. Hutchinson.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest, Skippers' Arms, Buntingthorpe, 18 birds competing. 1, Hullen; 2, Green; 3, shared Laycock and Blackbur. Judges, A. Grainger, J. Dalton.—J. Dalton, Hon. Sec.

Leeds quality linnet singing club, grand contest, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane; 20 birds faced the judges, A. Lorrieman, J. Lorrieman. 1, 2, J. Chipendale and Dearlove shared; 3, Turner; 4, Wright.—F. Turner, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, May 6; 27 birds sang. 1, Jarrar; 2, Stead; 3, T. Ward; 4, Ineson; 5, T. Ward. Judges, Hayes, Crane, Naylor. May 7, 25 birds sang. 1, Buttery; 2, Stead; 3, Hollingworth; 4, T. Ward; 5, Stead. Judges, Crane, Naylor, Jennings. Also evening Linnet contest, May 7; 10 birds sang. 1, Thompson; 2, Stead. Judges, Jennings, Hayes.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

on each occasion. This I thought a good performance, to win the same class three years in succession with the same bird, meeting, as she did, different specimens each year, and beating both yellows and buffs of all ages.

Pedigree Tells.

I usually adopt when pairing the method of yellow to buff and vice-versa, but I am a great believer in pedigree breeding, and would not object to pairing an insignificant looking specimen up (if it was not really an outcast) to a good mate if I knew the pedigree was right, and that, although not of good face value itself, yet it had the blood in it that, with judicious pairing, ought to come out in the young.

Most of my winners have been bred from the strain of the hen mentioned as winning the three firsts. When I introduce new blood I like to have it from the same place each time, one breeder having supplied me on four occasions with birds from his stock, which happens to blend with my own.

I have used double-buffing on several occasions when it suited me, and with a fair measure of success, but have never double-yellowed, not from any objection to it, but simply that I have never had birds that needed it as yet.

The cage bird fancy means many happy hours, for one can soon become intensely fascinated with it, and one who is handy with tools can make his own cages, and thus save expense, besides passing time away when not at business.

Time is the great thing. I could spend many more hours with my birds than I do, and then, as my wife often says, I should not be with them enough, but still, it is a hobby which keeps a man at home, and if care is used, and one gets a fair share of luck, one can nearly always make it pay its way. Even if at the end of the year the balance is a little on the wrong side, you have had the pleasure of your birds, and we expect to pay for our pleasure. Anyway, if one wants to take up a hobby that will give pleasure for leisure hours I would recommend him to take up bird-keeping, and unless he is hard to please he will find himself very soon keenly interested in the hobby.

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Club Reports.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Meeting, April 29, Bird Inn, Mr. S. Elliot chair, with a poor turn up of members. Decided not to have a N.F. show this year. Judges nominated: T. Dixon, J. Hands, J. Riscborough, and W. P. Smith. Sec. to write for terms. We would like to see a good turn-up at next meeting, May 27, when judge will be elected.—J. H. Elliot, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting headquarters, May 2, Mr. T. Down presiding. Also a table show of Foreign. Exhibits were not up to record, nor what is usually expected at the S.O.S. Decided unanimously to run the All England show on Nov. 3 and 4, and Sec. was instructed to write Messrs. J. Robinson, W. A. Cowgill, C. Hulton, and J. C. Barnes asking them to judge. Table show for June is for young birds. Don't fail to bring a good entry.—E. C. Job, Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Meeting, Headquarters, Windsor Castle, King-st., Bannermouth, May 4; Mr. Withers, chair. Secretary announced the Y.B. show for July 6 meeting night. Mr. Bonniwell kindly offered two specials of 2/6 each for best Norwich in champion and novice classes. Afterwards a discussion on the wounded soldiers' scheme resulted in Mr. Chappell being deputed to attend the meetings for a month and report to the Society at its next meeting the nature of such scheme, etc. Meeting closed with usual vote of thanks to the chair.—H. Chappell, Press Correspondent.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting Village School, Alexandria, May 3, President Gibb's chair. The lecturer was Mr. E. Barron, sec. of the Scottish Norwich P.I.C.C., and there were present a number of gentlemen prominent in the fancy. Mr. Barron went into his subject in an ideal manner, and showed the points which go to make up the ideal Norwich Plainhead Canary as desired for the show bench. An interesting discussion took place in which Mr. A. Maxwell, of Partick, Mr. J. Park, of Glasgow, and others, took part. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a very enjoyable and instructive evening to a close.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, May 3, before a moderate attendance. Decided to charge 7d. per cage entry fee at F.F. show, deducting one penny for expenses, remainder in prize money on sliding scale. Mr. Hatch has kindly promised an eight-day clock in fretwork frame for most points gained by amateur and novice at F.F. show and annual show combined. For best paper read at previous meeting Mr. Silver had awarded medal to Number 4, written by Mr. W. H. Pyke, the late sec., who still takes a great interest in the Society, and it was a great pleasure to all that he was able to be with us at this meeting. A few members are now waiting to join their groups, but those who are exempt are all doing their bit by carrying on, and we still anticipate holding show as arranged for Nov. 22. Messrs. Wilkinson and Gibbs were elected members.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting, Volunteer Inn, Oldham, May 7, only a fair number present. A long discussion took place in regard to having a club show earlier in the season than formerly, and it was decided that we have two club shows, one at the beginning and the other at the finish of the season, dates to be decided later. Enquiries for patronage, business regarding future shows will be brought up again next meeting. Decided that Sec. write Mr. A. Bradley wishing him a quick recovery from an injury to his foot, and also to Mr. Noah Stansfield sympathising with him, and wishing a speedy recovery to his son, wounded in action. Will societies desiring our patronage write me at once, so that we can allocate same at next meeting, June 4. New members are cordially invited to send names in at once, so that they can be proposed at next meeting and compete for Championship Lizard Cup and other club trophies. Subs. 5s., no extra entrance fee.—John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr Road, Rawtenstall, Lanes.

SOUTHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting May 3, Waterloo Hotel, Mr. W. G. Fellows chair. New members elected, Messrs. Langrish, Best, and N. Burgham. Decided not to hold ramble this year. Consideration of F.F. show left to next meeting. Mr. W. T. White, one of the founders of the Society, sent his resignation, having sold up before joining Army. Decided to retain Mr. White's name on books in hope that he return to the fancy after the war. British and Foreign table show held, 35 entries, including a good class of Goldfinches, the gem being shown by Mr. P. Sullivan, Bournemouth. Judge, Mr. W. G. Fellows. Awards—Gold: 1, Snaydon; 2, Vale; 3, vhe, W. J. White; 4, Poyle. Buff: 1, Sullivan; 2, Poyle. Lament: 1, Milnshish; 2, A. C. Winter; 3, A. A. Winter; vhe, White. Green: 1, 3, Vale; 2, Poyle. Siskin: etc. 1, 3, Sullivan; 2, Vale. Dark Mule: 1, Blann. Waxbill, etc.: 1, 2, he, Slade; 3, vhe Vale. For: 1, 3, Sade; vhe, Sullivan.—G. J. Slade, Asst. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting April 14, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. P. Allan presiding over a fair attendance. Prize cards for British bird show Mar. 10 were given out to those present. The services of the following well known judges have been secured for next annual members' show Nov. 18. Crests and Plainheads, Mr. J. McEay, Kirkintilloch; Borders and Yorks, Mr. D. Hamilton, Hamilton; remainder, Mr. E. Taylor, Shettleston. New member enrolled, A. Parweather. Specials for F.F. show were kindly intimated by Messrs. C. Selbar, P. Allan, Geo. McGown, Geo. Robertson, Geo. G. Henderson, Mr. Colquhoun, and J. Campbell. Club members were treated to a very interesting and instructive lecture by Mr. R. Heggie, Stepps, one of Scotland's well-known breeders and exhibitor of Yorkshires. He said he did not propose to confine his notes to one subject alone, but would say more on the Yorkshire Canary, as this was the bird that he particularly specialised in. After describing what a good Yorkshire should be he illustrated from his experience the different stages in rearing, feeding, moulting, and preparing for the show bench. He also dealt with the washing and staging; these, he said, were two very important items, as a well washed and nicely staged bird always had a good chance of success. After a lively discussion on nests, breeding cages, show cages, and the prevention and destruction of red mite, and after answering a great many questions, Mr. Heggie was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Next meeting and lecture, by Mr. M. Craig Tollerose, May 12, at 8, when we hope to be favoured with a full attendance.—Archibald Gillespie, Asst. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

An excellent meeting was held May 1, when, after ordinary business, a very interesting lecture on aviculture was given by Mr. Chapman. Many intricate questions were asked and satisfactorily answered.—W. Furnandiz, Hon. Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting May 1, M. Smith presiding. New members elected, J. Kenaway, P. McCue. Owing to see, being called to the colours, W. Grenar was elected sec. pro tem. Agreed to hold a social evening May 29 to give Mr. Muir, the late sec., a send off, same to be held in Minto Hotel at 6. All correspondence meantime to be addressed to W. Grenar, 7, Parkview Place, Lochgelly.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Meeting May 4, 142, High Street, Mr. Charlton presiding over a good attendance. New member elected, Mr. Jas. Frame. Arrangements for F.F. show gone into; agreed to hold same 8th July in Picardy Place Halls, 9 classes. Classification for annual show; a slight alteration was made in the Border Fancy section, the other sections remained as they were. Sec. was instructed to write Leith O.S. regarding loan of staging for annual show. Next meeting Sept. 7.—A. Bell, Sec.

PENYGRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting Butchers' Arms Hotel, May 4, Mr. E. Hughes chair. Decided to hold F.F. show July 1. Next meeting May 18 at 6 prompt. Classification, specials, and cups for forthcoming show. I would inform intending members that the financial position of the Society is as good as can be desired, considering the period the Society has been formed. Future correspondence should be addressed to me at 57, Brook Street, Williamstown, owing to our late sec., Mr. Evans, having been called up to serve with the colours.—W. R. Williams, Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting May 6, Mr. P. Heaton in the chair, before a very good attendance. The Leeds members have got off the mark in first class style, and they seem to be doing excellently the first round. 900 rings have already passed through my hands, and I hope to have many more. Another four new members were added to our list, Messrs. Culshaw, Fletcher, Chamberlain, and Milner, and we shall be pleased to hear from any more intending members, so that they can have their names in the new rule books.—H. Best, Sec., 5, Alma Place, Leeds.

BACUP ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Park Hotel, Bacup, May 2, Mr. Norris's letter was read and discussed respecting the concessions on the Board of Control business, re the recognising of the P.R.C.C. ring for the present season. On the understanding that only one ring is to be used afterwards, and that the B.R.C.C. give its patronage to all societies, providing judges' names and classes are printed in the schedule. That the B.R.C.C. show be held outside of London for a series of years and at different places, and, when possible, the annual meeting, and also that all the secretaries be committee men, with extra committee men according to the strength of each society. In the opinion of this society, Mr. Norris's letter is everything that can be desired, and it was decided that we support same.—H. Wantling, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Meeting and show of Greenfinches, Twites, and Redpolls, May 6, Mr. Jas. Cross presided over a good attendance. Decided to have a ramble to Dullator May 27, particulars of which the members will be advised by p.c. from sec. F.F. show fixed for July 29, at 4. Mr. H. G. Anderson kindly promised 10s. towards specials. Judges were nominated for annual show, and will be voted upon at June meeting. Messrs. Alexander, Cochrane and Jas. McGowan judged show. Greenf. (12): 1 and 4, McDury; 2, Hamilton; 3, Dick; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Dinwoodie; 7, Adam. Twite (8): 1, McDury; 2, Dick; 3, 5, 6 and 7, Pettigrew; 4, Adam. Lesser Redpoll (8): 1 and 6, Dick; 2 and 7, Pettigrew; 3, Bannerman; 4, Hamilton; 5, Chalmers. Mealy Redpoll (5): 1 and 3, Dick; 2, Adam; 4, Pettigrew; 5, Bannerman. Classification for show June 3 is: Brambling, Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Bunting A.V., Brit. A.O.V., Light Mule or Ilyb., Dark Goldf. or Linnet Mules, Mules, A.O.V.—L. H. Adam, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Annual smoking concert, April 29, Druids' Arms Hotel, Mr. A. H. Brown chair. The chairman apologised for the rather poor attendance, but said it would be the loss of those who had not come, as the programme was full of names of those who had come to entertain us. In presenting the emps to the winners he congratulated Mr. Blanchon on his great feat in carrying off three out of five cups: the Dr. Gray cup, the Harry Barker challenge cup, and the Sec's challenge cup, winning the last two years in succession, and it now becomes his property. Mr. Evans received the Smedley and Raynes cup for novices amid great cheers. Mr. Cowling, on receiving his award, said it gave him great pleasure to receive the first cup he had ever won with his birds, and he hoped it would not be the last. Song: were rendered by Mr. Merrill, recitations by Mr. Hartshorn, solos and duets by Messrs. Clifton and Gillbourne, solos by Messrs. Green, Cassell, Cowling and others whose names were overlooked by the Sec. A word of thanks is due to the Hyde Park Orchestra Society (conductor, Mr. Laver) for their rendering of the eight or nine selections presented for our amusement. Votes of thanks were accorded the artists, the host and hostess, and the chairman, all of whom suitably replied, and the singing of "God Save the King" brought the happiest of evenings to a close.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

H. L.—Replied by post.
WILL THEY BE FERTILE? (R. A.)—If the birds are in good breeding condition there is not the slightest reason to doubt the fertility of the eggs in the second clutch.

WASTING SEED (W. M.)—Sometimes, at this season, unmated cocks that are not in song will waste their seed in the manner you are doing, and it is nothing more serious than a peculiar method of working off their superfluous energy. When this is not the cause it is due to some digestive derangement, and the following treatment for two or three weeks should set matters right with your birds in any case. In addition to the usual staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, give every second day a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats, and give two or three crisp, young leaves of dandelion to each daily. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the second week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of columba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the dosage of the first and second in the same order. The sample of canary seed sent is a very good one.

AGE FOR RINGING (Bonnie Doon)—You allowed the young Yorkshires to get much too old before attempting to put on the rings. There is no hard and fast rule as to the correct age for putting on the rings, and it varies a little with the breed that is being dealt with, the smaller breeds being rung without any difficulty at all several days older than the larger breeds. In a general way from seven to nine days old is the proper age, the larger breeds at the former and the small breeds at the later age. You can ring the Yorkshires in question now only with open rings, which you should put on when they are about to leave the nest, or as soon as they leave it.

TWO EGGS IN ONE DAY (W. E. Jones, Canada)—If you are quite sure that you did not overlook an egg on one of the previous days, and that two eggs were really laid on the second day, it is certainly a very unusual circumstance, but, still, not quite unprecedented. Similar cases have occurred before, but they are certainly very uncommon.

PERSISTENT DIARRHŒA (J. E. H.)—You make no mention of green food. If you are giving any, stop it for the time being, and give no succulent salads at all, but when you can get them you may give a seed head of dandelion daily. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, and dry crushed arrowroot biscuit and maw seed, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of boiled summer rape. See that all food supplied is quite sound and sweet, and that the water is kept pure and fresh. Get a little chalk mixture from any chemist and add half a teaspoonful of this to each ounce of the bird's drinking water daily for a week or so, then stop it, but resume it at once if the looseness reappears. You may continue this as long as necessary. Shake the water at frequent intervals when the chalk mixture is in it, and if the bird does not take it freely remove the drinker for an hour or two, then shake it well and put it on the cage, so that the bird will drink before the mixture has settled to the bottom again, repeating this several times daily. Don't hesitate to write us freely. Only too pleased to be of any assistance.

ERRATIC BEHAVIOUR (Disappointed)—(1) The cause of this part deserting the young and starting building again was in all probability the hen coming forward with another clutch of eggs. As I gather from your query that the cock was left with the hen throughout, I would advise you to try removing him when she commences to sit with the next brood, leaving her to hatch and rear the young by herself, and keeping the cock out of sight, and also of ear-shot, if convenient, until she is ready for him for another brood. This will probably be all that is necessary to rectify matters with the next brood. (2) The fitful laying shows that the ovary of this hen is not yet in proper working order. Give a couple of crisp, young dandelion leaves daily, and otherwise treat as advised for backward hens in the handbook you have. The egg-eating is a more serious matter, and to cope with it you must find out, if possible, which is the real culprit. If it is the cock, shut him off by the wire slide from the hen each night when the hen is about to lay, and do not return him until you have secured the egg next morning. Then, when the third eggs is laid remove him permanently, as advised for No. 1, and leave the hen to hatch and rear the young by herself. If the hen is the culprit you can only watch closely when she is expected to lay, and try to get there first, and remove the eggs and put them under some other hen

to be hatched and the young reared. If only a common hen she is hardly worth the trouble of keeping as a stock bird. In addition to the above you may leave a "dummy" china egg or two about the floor of cage for them to try issues with, and they may acquire such a contempt for egg-breaking as to leave both real and "dummy" eggs severely alone.

IS IT A COCK? (Puzzled)—(1) The bird's behaviour is very suggestive of a hen, but it is quite possible it may be a cock after all. The reason for it never singing, if this proves to be the case, can be ascribed only to individual idiosyncrasy, but, all the same, I would not care to use such a bird for breeding birds that I wished to rear as songsters. (2) When treatment for egg-binding is really necessary get a rather deep pint mug, three-fourths fill with very hot water, not hot enough for the steam to have a scalding feel to the bare elbow, tie a piece of muslin or gauze loosely over the top, and gently press it into a saucer shape over the mouth of the mug. Then carefully catch the bird, being careful not to squeeze or in any way injure the egg, and place her on the gauze, arranging the feathers around the vent so that the steam can play about the vent and abdomen. After steaming for a few minutes, give two drops of a mixture of equal parts glycerine and brandy in the beak and return bird to cage, seeing that she is kept in a warm place until the egg has been disposed of. If there is any sign of collapse put her in a small cage and place her in a quite warm place beside the fire until the egg is laid. The steaming may be repeated every hour or two if necessary until relief is obtained.

LOSS OF VOICE (Ilford Novice)—Keep the bird in a fairly warm place, free from direct cold draughts, and add to its dietary half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a week or two, as may seem necessary, and instead of the usual water supply give the following concoction two days in every three for a fortnight or so. Place the bowl of a teaspoonful of linseed in a tea-cup, and a piece of best liquorice the size of a hazel nut, fill with boiling water, cover, and allow to infuse beside the fire for an hour, stirring occasionally until the liquorice is dissolved. Then strain off the clear liquor, and when cold add as much chlorate of potash as will lie on a shilling, and a small teaspoonful of sweet spirit of nitre, stir until potash is dissolved, and give this mixture in the drinker in place of pure water as directed.

GOING BALD (Davenport)—(1) One cannot tell whether this disfigurement is permanent without knowing something of the strain of the birds affected. Every bird that begins to show signs of baldness at this season is not by any means necessarily going to be permanently bald, as the moult not infrequently reproduces complete and perfect plumage. Better let things go on until getting towards the moult, and then treat the birds as you will have seen often recommended in this column, and see if the moult rectifies matters. (2) The disfigurement is most certainly, not peculiar to the

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Bally's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Acanies, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Dissection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Roller as a breed, nor, indeed, to any other breed. It may become fixed in a strain, which is a very different thing to being peculiar to a breed. You would find more detailed observations on the subject than it is possible to give here in the article on "First Principles of Mating," in the current issue of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

PECKING HIS FEATHERS (W. W.)—The bird is probably suffering in condition in consequence of its environment. See that it is not exposed to any direct draughts, nor to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. In addition to its staple seed diet give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed and give two crisp, young leaves of dandelion daily. As soon as you can get them give also a few flower heads of dandelion to nibble at and thus help to divert its attention. Stick a small cube of hard common salt in the wires of the cage for it to peck at. In the water add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and in the next week give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

NOT FERTILISING (Stebunheath)—It is impossible to say definitely in the absence of a personal examination exactly what is wrong with the bird, but I am inclined to think from its bright condition that it is simply blocked up with fat, in which case only a spare diet and plenty of vigorous exercise is likely to be of any use to him, and this is not likely to be found in the breeding cage, with its necessarily abundant and rich food supply. It is quite possible for the gizzard or some other organ to be displaced more or less, but in such a case one would not expect to find a high and vigorous state of health. On the whole you would be best advised to discard him from the breeding cage, get a vigorous bird in normal condition to take his place, and thus prevent possible disappointment all through the season.

MANY TROUBLES (E. M. T.)—I am afraid there must be a screw loose somewhere in the management of the birds, or in the physical condition of the birds themselves, for the trouble to be so general. How old are they? And what green food do you use? Possibly the answer to these questions might throw some light on the matter. Do not use any dandelion at all, and I would not advise you to breed with the birds that are in a kind of swoon so often, nor the worst of the fitful layers and sufferers from egg-binding. Are they in a plump or thin condition? If the former add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to each ounce of their drinking water every second day for a week, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for another week. Meantime, write again, and give me the fullest particulars you can about the birds, especially as to the above points, and your management, and say if these are the same birds I have previously prescribed for, what was the former treatment, and I will do my best to help you out of the difficulty.

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NOT MOULTING FLIGHTS, ETC. (F. E. H.).—(1) Without more definite knowledge of the age of the bird, and its last moult, it is difficult to give very definite advice. The recent moult is typical of the first moult after leaving the nest, and as you say it was evidently a "first year bird" when you bought it last May, one is left in doubt as to whether it is a specimen of precocity which was bred very early in the same year, and had not really moulted at all before you had it. In any case you may try this effect of the following treatment for a week or two, and if the flights and tail are much worn and dragged, you may with advantage gently remove them by degrees. Take away, say, three from the tail and two from the outer and two from the inner portion of each wing, and repeat the operation three times with an interval of five or six days between each. It will require at least six weeks for the new feathers to be fairly well grown, but not all mature, so you will scarcely be able to get a very early nest from this bird. Keep him in a bright and fairly warm place, allow to bathe freely when the weather is mild. Give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, linseed, and broken groats. On the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Continue giving a little fruit or green salad daily, and stick a cube of hard, common salt in the wires for him to peck at. In the water add ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. (2) It is true that Redpolls have the reputation of hunting out and eating red mites, and thus helping to keep a cage free from this pest, but as I have known lots of cases where the cage in which a single Redpoll has been kept got badly infested with mites, you can judge for yourself the value of the theory. And even if it were true, the birds could not destroy the mites if they were not allowed to get there. Moral: It is better to keep the mites away, than to let them come and then keep Redpolls to destroy them.

SQUATTING ON PERCH (C. R. T. H.).—Possibly the bird is a little weak on the legs, but you would do well first of all to examine its claws to see if the toes are normal, and the claws not overgrown. If otherwise, remedy these defects as far as possible. In addition to the staple diet give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the wires for it to peck at, and give a little banana, raw carrot, or green food daily. Continue this dietary for a month or so. In the water, every second day for a week, add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after the 20 drops of chemical food every second day for two or three weeks. See that it has well fitting perch of proper size.

MATTERS OF OPINION (P. H. P.).—(1) It really seems as if the person who returned your birds knew as little as yourself, seeing that he was not clear whether they were Borders or Rollers. I should suspect that your birds are Norwich, as you say, but of small size. The typical Norwich is a plump, chubby bird, about 6 in. long, whereas the Border is nearly a third shorter, and lighter built, and has less colour, the Roller is somewhat similar to the Border in size and build, and still more colourless. But it is not easy for inexperienced fanciers to determine to which particular breed individuals should be relegated from a printed description. (2) The difference between yellow and buff is that the feathers in a buff are slightly tipped with white, giving the bird a nearly or frosted appearance. A very pale yellow will appear very much the same colour as a buff until the tips of the feathers are closely examined, when the colour will be found to go to the tips. (3) A variegated bird with a dark cap would not be called a "crest bird" unless he had Crested blood in him. Variegated would be a sufficient description, but for detail you may add "cap marked." (4) The two birds you specially describe might be properly termed ticked, yellow or buff as the case may be. A bird without any dark colour at all is called a clear, yellow or buff as the case may be. A variegated is one with dark tail and flight, either with or without other dark colour on the body, of course, excepting even marked birds. A lightly, or heavily variegated, depends upon whether the bird has little or much dark colour on the body. You would find all these terms fully explained in such a work as "Our Canaries."

TWO YORKSHIRES (M. W.).—(1) Keep the cock in a fairly comfortable temperature, but not overheated, and see that it is not exposed to direct cold draughts nor sudden extremes of heat and cold, and then treat for a month as advised to "E.N." in Jan. 22 issue, which should suffice to set matters right with him. (2) I am doubtful if this bird will be much use for further breeding. Still, you may try what the following treatment for a month or so will do for her. Keep quite on the warm side. In addition to the staple seed diet give, every third day, a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed only, and on the intervening days give first half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and next a morsel of either banana, sweet apple, or raw carrot. In the water add, every second day for a week, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice, and after this give instead five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight, then omit it for a week, and resume, and give it again for another fortnight. I should advise strong lusty birds bred last season as mates for both these birds in the coming season.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LARK GOING BALD (A. G.).—I would advise you to make some slight alteration in your lark's diet. In a state of nature these birds eat readily of green food, and yet when in captivity the owners seldom give them any. Mix with his daily food young dandelion leaves, watercress or lettuce, chopped rather small and well incorporated with the usual supply. Reduce the mealworms to three daily, and supply other insects instead if you can get some. An occasional aperient would do him good. Add a few drops of fresh lemon juice daily to his drinking water. See that he is not troubled with parasites; let him have a dust bath with a spoonful of sulphur added, and occasionally spray him lightly with chilled water. Just smear the bare place with a little vaseline.

PAIRS FOR MILING (P. C. L.).—The term "Yellow" Greenfinch means yellow in feather as distinct from buff. These yellows are richer coloured and shorter in feather, and are very desirable birds for miling. (2) Give your Redpoll a mixture of Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, rape 1 part, as a staple food, and a spoonful of other seed mixture twice a week, either wild seeds as sold in packets, or buy the following separately and mix yourself: niger, maw, hemp, dandelion, gold of pleasure, and lettuce. (3) The fighting of pairs matched for breeding is generally caused through one of them being more backward than the other. There is nothing gained by putting them together until they are both fit.

IN DOUBT (H. W. Gorbam).—Nearly all birds mimic the songs of others when in captivity, and the Linnet is no exception, although he is not so bad as some in picking up objectionable notes. If you must keep all your Chaffinches I would advise you to hang the Linnet out of hearing if you can; anyway, until he is in full song.

TROUBLED WITH MICE (Novice, London).—You do not tell me if you have your birds in cages or flying loose in an aviary, but anyway, I have found the following method of dealing with mice successful. Procure half a dozen common break-back traps, the kind with a wooden tongue for the bait; smear on these a small piece of dripping, and put some Canary seed on the top of it. This sticks and is not easily taken off. If your birds are in cages in a room, place the traps round the sides on the floor, removing all other seeds. Should your birds be flying loose in an outside aviary, you must set your traps outside; this you can do by placing them behind pieces of board, so as to prevent them getting wet, or wild birds from being caught. I am frequently visited by mice from the fields, but as I keep one or two traps constantly set they do not give me much trouble. I have found this way of taking them by far the best, and there is no bait to equal Canary seed.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Selfbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 23 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Aiding Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

PLUMAGE OF YOUNG REDSTARTS (Alf. Rutter).—You did wrong to dispose of your young Redstarts before they had gone through their first moult. When in their nest plumage they are, generally speaking, not unlike young Robins—that is, very much mottled, but showing the Redstart tail. You can find out the sex by plucking two or three breast feathers; if cocks, the new ones will show the ruddy colour.

SKYLARKS NOT SINGING (F. Shore).—I very much doubt the sex of your Larks. Are you certain they are cocks? Out of the three of them one at least should be singing, if not all of them, by now. I would advise you to hang them out of hearing of each other, and add a little hard-boiled egg and a little crushed hemp seed to the usual food. If they are cock birds they may be recording when you are not near them, and will in time sing out, although all cocks do not make loud singers.

BREEDING GOLDFINCH MULES (Doubtful).—The Goldfinch should do in an outside flight now, although I would advise you to put him out for a few hours daily to get used to the change, and to cover him up at night if the weather is unusually bad. These birds are quite hardy. (2) I see nothing to complain of in your mating; the hen will probably go to nest shortly. Keep her supplied with material—it is an encouragement. You have a very good chance of breeding some excellent Mules with your pair. Sorry I cannot go into matters more fully in these replies—space is limited. Shall be pleased to assist you if in doubt upon any special point. By watching these columns you may find some information that may be useful to you.

LINNET STILL MOPY (M. A.).—Repeat the tincture of rhubarb, adding a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a pea to the water. Continue with the soaked seeds, but do not add the bisulphite to the soaked food, unless he is very loose. Gradually get him on to ordinary diet, and be fairly liberal with green food, particularly dandelion leaves. Just handle the bird and see what condition he is in, if very fat the aperient should be repeated occasionally. He should be allowed a large cage to exercise in, and a bath on warm sunny days when not taking medicine.

GOLDFINCH FOR BREEDING (H. R. Courton).—Your Finch will be all right for breeding, but do not force him too much; reduce to half quantity the hemp as the weather improves. These birds are not early breeders, and if forced sometimes go off suddenly and cause disappointment. (2) Have you examined your Siskin to see if the leg was broken? If milted now and he is still unable to use it, you had better try bathing in fairly warm water; gently massage it with the finger and thumb just greased with vaseline or a little oily emulsion. If fat, give an aperient or plenty of green food.

SEXING REDPOLLS (Redpoll-Siskin Lover).—It is not an easy matter to sex house-moulted Redpolls, but as you have a known cock and hen you should be able to tell what your other bird is. If he is a

fresh caught one and a cock he should show some sign of colour on the breast. Take him in the hand and turn up the breast feathers with a lead pencil, you will then see if the feathers are tinged with red, if not, you can be almost certain that it is a hen, especially as you say it does not sing or twitter, which it should do now if in good health. (2) You can only tame wild birds by frequently handling the cages, speaking to them, and giving them something they are fond of, such as hemp seed. Have you our Nutshell booklet on the Siskin, Redpoll and Twite? If not, it would assist you in your management.

HYBRID BREEDING IN AVIARY (Wm. R. Beatty).—(1) I would advise you to somewhat alter your selection of birds for hybrid breeding. As a rule two Bullfinch hens do not agree well together, so I think your better plan would be to place one of them with a cock Goldfinch as a partner in a breeding cage, or replace one with a hen Linnet or Siskin. Your aviary is large enough to accommodate the three pairs, but the less the birds are crowded the greater the prospect of success, and if you can use one of the hen Billies as I suggest, I think it will be safer. (2) I am glad to hear you intend having a try for the Hawfinch-Greenfinch cross. I feel convinced that it is more likely to be bred than the one with the Bullfinch hen as the partner, but I am afraid you will find your 2ft. cage rather small. Cannot you manage to knock up a rough one just for the season, about double the size? It would be far better if you could, because if you have any luck, they should not be disturbed more than is absolutely necessary, therefore the larger the cage the less cleaning out, etc. Supply the birds fairly liberally with sunflower seed, a little hemp, Canary, linseed, shelled oats, rape, a couple of mealworms daily, and any small insects or grubs you can get hold of, especially in the Spring. Green food of all kinds, and a liberal allowance of dandelion leaves, shepherd's purse, groundsel, etc. Offer a little soft food, such as insectile mixture, as given to Warblers. They will learn to eat it and it is absolutely necessary if you are to succeed. Should your prospects later on look rosy, you had better write again, I may be able to assist you.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING PARROT (A. J. A.).—Pleased to note there is an improvement, and if you have observed the facts correctly the "corrosion" you speak of will fall away in due course, and you must either allow it to do so or the bird must be gently yet firmly held while someone cuts away the fouled feathers. I advised a personal examination by a local vet., as I feared the intestine might be protruding, but if such is not the case the trouble will yield to the treatment already prescribed. The motions should be kept rather loose, but not continuously watery, and the bird's strength kept up by chemical food and cod liver oil emulsion, as per instructions already given. You had better report progress a month hence, but if any adverse symptoms should develop write again at once with full details, but I opine the bird's general health will continue to gradually improve.

WHAT BIRD? (J. E. McC.).—It is an Alario Finch (Alario alario), the "Mountain Canary" of the Beers. It will thrive on a mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts, add half a pint of Linnet mixture to each quart of the above and well mix. Green-food, grit and cuttlebone will also be required. It is one of the best singing Finches Africa sends us, and crosses readily with the domestic Canary. The resulting Hybrids are also usually of good song capacity.

WOUND NEAR EYE (W. L. Garrod).—Yes, bathing is quite right, but the wound should be dried with a soft cloth afterwards and then lightly anointed with a little zinc ointment, but do not use sufficient of the latter to run among and grease the plumage. If, in spite of all your care, the plumage should get a little greasy, then same must be sponged out with tepid soapy water, choosing some warm day for the operation. The bird should be kept quite warm, yet not away from light and air, and the temperature should be as even as possible.

CAN IT BE CURED? (Virions).—I felt convinced all through that your bird was a Quaker Parakeet, but with the data at my command could not be certain upon the point. I see no reason why it should not be cured of its feather-plucking habits, and perhaps the best and quickest way to effect this would be to procure for it a mate; then get a large packing-case, make it water-tight and stretch strong wire netting over the front, and after fitting it up with stout forked branches, turn the birds in: break up a birch broom and give them a portion of it, renewing the supply as required. They should build a nest amid the branches with the birch twigs, and in the joys and sorrows of domestic life your bird should be too occupied to pluck its plumage. If you cannot do this then be as chummy with it as you can, keep it interested, and give it as much liberty as possible. Spray it two or three times a week with a tepid quassia solution, but not on cold days. Your diet is about right, but it can have the sweet apple regularly. Do not give much hemp; give plenty of good giant canary seed, some white oats and a few sunflower and safflower seeds—the other items you mention are quite in order.

TUMOUR AND COLD (T. W.).—I am pleased to note the vet. has been able to clear away the tumour, and hope it may not appear again. The nostrils should be bathed or sprayed with a dilute solution of glyco-thymoline, bathing is best if you can handle it. Get a mixture of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squilla and glycerine in equal parts—for use take one teaspoonful of the mixture to each ounce of the drinking water, and give this in lieu of a course of chemical food for a few days, when, if the cold still remains, the cold mixture must be renewed for another week. It could also have sweet apple and pieces of dry biscuit.

BUDGERIGARS NOT NESTING (Surrey).—If the birds are clean and not visited by mice it is merely a case of weather and possibly some other condition combined having put the birds back for a bit. You may possibly be one brood short this season, but very probably not—my experience of these charming birds has been that many pairs will breed continuously barely pausing for the month till finally they die from exhaustion. Your treatment is quite satisfactory, and all you can do is to await their pleasure, as soon as they really are in breeding condition they will settle down to nesting again, and probably this will be quite soon. Re young Budgerigars, these are precocious birds, and many attempt nesting at six months or thereabouts, but it is not good for them to be allowed to do so; in my opinion they should be a few twelve

months old before being allowed to breed, as I consider it would be bad both for them and their progeny if they do so.

AMAZON PARROT (Pollice).—There is very little wrong with the bird I think. If you cannot get it to take the cod-liver oil emulsion on bread or cake, you must let that go, unless you can smear a little across his tongue once a day from the end of a stick. Add a few chillies to the seed mixture. Continue the other treatment as already directed and report again in a month. Feathers do not improve during transit in the post, but for its kind the one sent seemed pretty normal and reasonably well developed. All wild creatures are very susceptible to noise, and often tremble with alarm at every strange and sudden sound, but it is only a matter of time for it to become accustomed to it all, and probably give you more than you want in the way of imitating motor horns, taxi calls, etc. In the same manner let it, as it were, shake the life of the room. It will hear and see many things, and will increase its vocabulary from what it hears around it. It's all a matter of settling down and becoming thoroughly domesticated with you.

GREEN PARAKEET REGURGITATING (Armet).—Many species of the Parrot tribe regurgitate the food, and then swallow same. With some individuals it is a mark of affection, and at such times if they had a mate would feed it; at the same time the symptoms you describe may arise from indigestion. Every fourth day for a month or more put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intervening days half that quantity of chemical food. Diet it as follows: Seed mixture, canary, white millet, oats, hemp, safflower, sunflower and shelled net nuts—get a pint or quart of each and well mix together, and keep a continuous supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit (most

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 6 "Aiding Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Arundacants," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Fazlites." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

species are fond of sweet apple), any kind it will eat, biscuit, plain cake, and stale crusts. Grit (not hard), cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood must be continually in the cage.

DROPPING ITS FEATHERS (Parrot, Walford).—I do not think there is any need to be anxious about the dropping of the feathers unless they are shed so numerous as to cause bare areas. Such cases as you indicate are not uncommon, but as a rule unless there is weakness things right themselves in due course. I should regularly put one-third teaspoonful of bino-phosphates in the drinking water; also give an occasional laxative (one teaspoonful of Bismuth's magnesia in the drinking water) to keep the bowels moving freely, yet not watery-loose. I could not possibly express an opinion re the claws without seeing the bird; if there has been no signs of these since you have had it, I should say they will not be reproduced. Re the cage, give the rusted wires a coat of Brunswick black and also the whole of the interior, but the exterior of all hands and the base of the cage can be enamelled according to taste, but black for the wires and pale lavender-grey for the base looks very neat and tasteful. After the cage has been so treated the bird should not occupy it till the varnish and paint is quite hard.

RED-BEAKED WEAVER (Weaver Novice).—I doubt if these birds will attempt to nest seriously in a cage, though the male will weave many toy nests and thereby raise hopes which are not likely to be realised. In natural aviaries a few are reared annually. A mixture of canary, white and Indian millet seeds in equal parts, will meet their requirements, but they appreciate a millet spray, also seedling and flowering grass, and one of two mealworms per diem. They will not use a nest receptacle, but will weave a nest on to some twiggy branch, top of the aviary, or something similar, of hay or fresh grass. Several of the late Dr. Green's books, "Amateur's Aviary," and "Favourite Foreign Birds" (Upcott Gill and Co.) contain chapters on various Weavers. These books are to be found in the lists of most second-hand booksellers. My book, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," contains a short chapter on Whydahs, with a footnote that similar treatment will suffice for the large family of Weavers. It is 2d. post free, from our manager.

BUDGERIGARS WITH FITS (Port Elizabeth).—As birds procured from different sources are taken with similar maladies, it points either to infected cages, impure water, or constipation. A mixture of canary and white millet seed, with plenty of green-food—seedling and flowering grass, so long as not tainted by frost or soured by long-continued wet, is the best—cuttlebone and grit must also be supplied. You must supply fluid magnesia and water in equal parts as often as may be required to keep the bowels moving quite freely, without being watery-loose. I advise you having a post-mortem examination made of the next bird you lose under similar conditions. Of course, some protection must be given the birds to enable them to seek shelter from the full power of the sun, or that may possibly be the cause.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

C. F. Burroughes.—Thanks for calling received.

POST MORTEMS.

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Altrincham Open C.B.S.—May 31, Station Cafe, 8, R. N.P. Show, etc.—C. Bailey.
Aberthaw C.B.S.—May 13, Prince of Wales Hotel, 6.30. Fixing dates of F.F. shows and selecting judges.—Wm. Newell.

Aberdare C.B.S.—May 16, Miller's Restaurant, 7.30. Choose cups for show; correspondence, and general business.—J. M. Shelby-James.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—May 16, St. Thomas School, 8. Classification for F.F. show; business important.—A. E. Thorpe.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—May 16, Ablett's Cafe Rooms, Market Street, 8. N.P. show, selection of judges and schedules, new members specially invited, and other business.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bradford West C.B.A.—May 13, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Members' schedule, etc.—P. P. Terry.

Cardiff C.B.S.—May 16, Carlton Hotel, 8. To complete arrangements for young bird shows, also question night.—E. Thomas.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 13, Flying Dutchman, 7. Important business.—W. Helliwell.

Clapham C.B.A.—May 16, headquarters, 8. Final arrangements for F.F. show.—T. J. Huse.

Glydebank C.B.C.—May 18, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Arrangements for F.F. show.—W. Kane.

Cummock C.B.S.—May 27; smoking concert in Aud. chinef; any member may bring a friend, but must send names to Sec. not later than May 24. Start at 7 prompt.—A. Wyper.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 17, George Hotel, 7.30. Important business re F.F. show, etc.—Wm. Hearfield.

Dalton-in-Furness C.B.A.—May 13, C.M. Rooms, 7.30. Appointing judge for N.P. show and making out schedule; new members invited.—T. Halc.

Denton C.B.S.—May 16, Sec's residence, 8. Special invitation to fanciers to join.—A. Wright.

Doncaster C.B.S.—May 13, Black Bull, 7. Shows and other important business; subs. due.—G. Hunt.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Annual ramble, May 14, to Dorking and Boxhill; train leaves Peckham Rye 9.30, East Dulwich 9.32; tea at Temperance Hotel, Dorking; friends invited (tickets to Dorking).—A. G. Cant.

East Ham F.S.—General meeting, Liberal Club, opposite Town Hall, East Ham, May 13, 8. Arrangements for show May 30. Members are asked to make this, our first show at new headquarters, a success.—W. A. Harwood.

East Ham C.B.S.—May 14. Annual ramble to Laindon. Members meet at East Ham Station to catch 10.14 train to Laindon.—P. Onslow.

East Ardsley C.B.S.—May 13, Black Swan, 7. Show business; syllabus now ready.—A. Walton.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—May 16, Cairns Memorial Hall, George Road, 8. Last meeting for enrolling new members; arrangements for ramble, etc.; F.F. show business.—J. C. Charlton.

Garston B.B.A.—May 17, Rechabite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. Lecture on Colour Feeding by Mr. J. Mercer, also demonstration in egg-food making by several members.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Glasgow and W. of Scotland.—May 13. Ramble to Kenmuir Woods; start from Tollcross Terminus at 3.30.—M. Craig.

Gl. Horton O.S.—May 13, Station Hotel, 7. Business important.—B. Hainsworth.

Gl. Horton Good Intent O.S.—May 13, Grauge Congregational School, All Saints' Road, 7.30. Discussion on the Yorkshire Canary, opened by Mr. A. Holden.—A. Firth.

Guiseborough Priory C.B.S.—May 13, Wear's Cafe, 7.30. Arrangement of annual ramble; N.F. show; 5 minute papers by any member; an interesting letter from J. Weston, from Egypt.—A. W. Kuagges.

Higgle, Hampstead C.B.S.—May 15, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W. S. Lecture by Mr. J. Rouson on "The Standard Birds"; nomination of new members; fanciers cordially invited.—E. C. Knight.

Hull C.B.S.—June 24, annual ramble to Houghton Woods, on the invitation of Col. Langdale; members kindly book this date; further particulars at next meeting, June 5.—W. Farnaudiz.

Laisterdyke, Bowling and Tong Combination.—May 15, Barley Mow, 7.30. Schedules June show and other important business; subs.—J. E. Hudson.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 20, Minto Hotel, 6.30. Smoker; general business.—R. Muir.

London and P.O.S.—May 13, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street, next to the old G.P.O., 8. Debate on the Yorkshire Canary by several Yorkshire fanciers. Friends and fanciers welcome.—H. L. Huggins.

Leyton C.B.A.—Annual ramble, May 20, meet Loughton Station 3.25; train from Liverpool Street 2.44, Stratford 2.55; meat tea at "The Owl"; friends welcomed.—A. W. Farmer.

Newham C.B.C.—May 13, Newham Institute, 7.30. To select judge; anyone wishing to join can do so.—Wm. Gibb.

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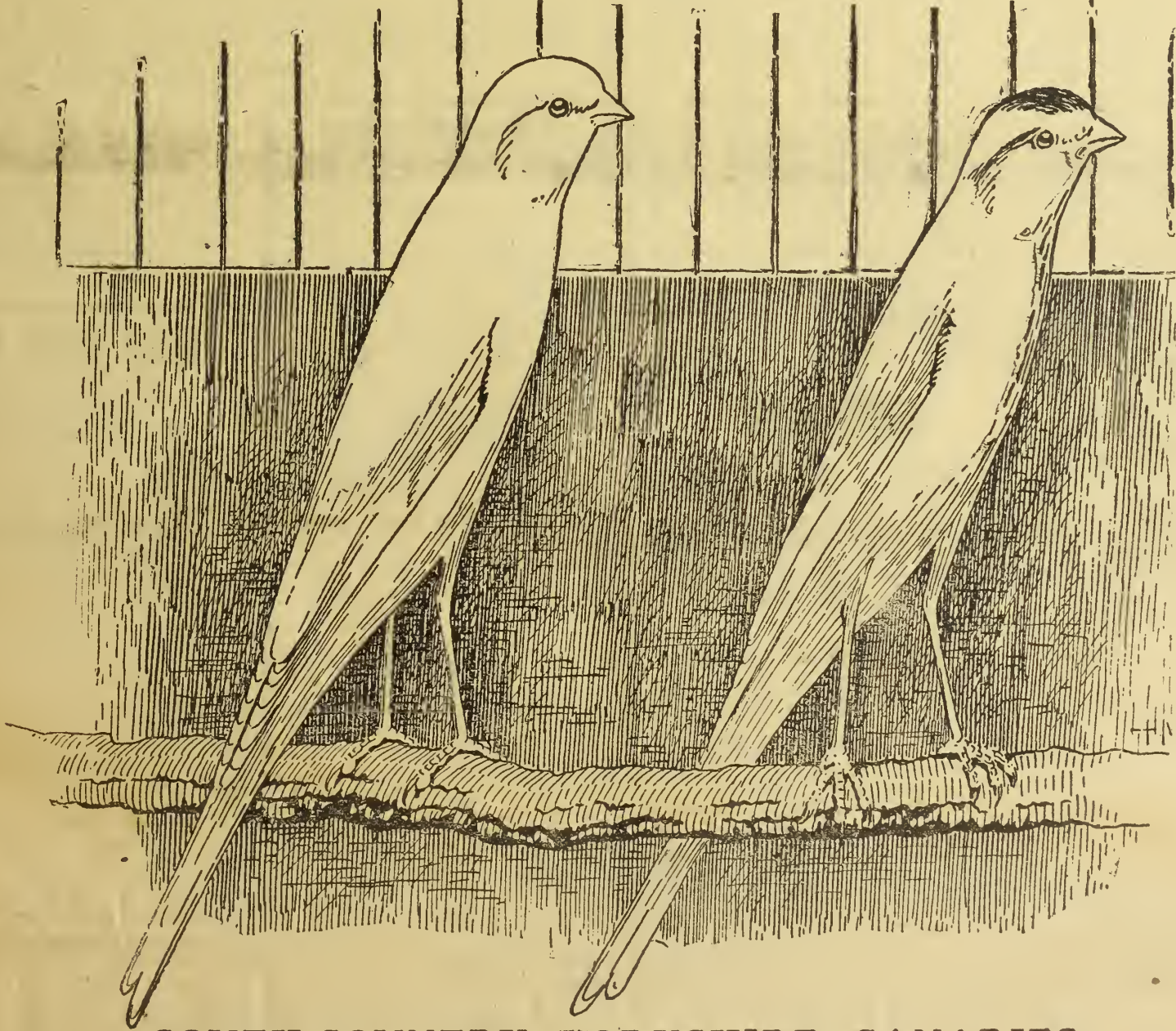
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VARIOUS British, in aviary since January, exchange other birds: Rhodes, 275, Sireford-rd., Manchester. (455)
HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, Yorkshire, and Norwich hens, exchange Yorkshire and Norwich cocks: Todd, 39, Kirkgate, Ligon. (453)
WILL exchange two muling cock Linnets, exhibition cock Greenfinch for Yorkshire, or Norwich hen; yours first: S. Evans, Picasant-hill, Nr. Newnham, Glos. (455)
THREE grand Linnets, 2/- each, four Bramblefinches 1/6 each, four Greenfinches 1/- and 1/6 each, two large British show cages and case 6/- or exchange: A. Foley, 4, Picton-st., New Boutham, Lincoln. (455)
ONE Bramble, 1 Chaffinch, 2 brown Linnets, all cocks, in aviary, on plain canary since September, all breeding condition: exchange pair adult Budgerigars, or Borders: Elderkin, 6, Concygry, Standground, Peterboro. (454)
HAWFINCH, winner of numerous 1sts, 2nds, etc., at leading shows, in open competition, pronounced by prominent judge to be best ever shown; sell, or good exchange considered; for particulars write: Hawfinch, 346, Oldham-rd., Newton Heath, Manchester. (453)
BARGAINS, all cocks, all singing, genuine twice H.M. Linnet 3/-, with hen Canary 5/6 pair; twice H.M. Redpoll 1/9, twice H.M. Bullie 3/-, Blackbird 3/-, Thrush 3/-, Chaffinch 1/6, yellow Greenie 1/-, Bramble 1/-; cash or deposit; packing 3d.; exchange wire netting for poultry: Griffiths, 30, Terrace-st., Nottingham. (451)

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE three Norwich hens for yellow cock, or offers: G. Swift, 55, Bole-hill, Wicksouth. (454)
EXCHANGE pure bred Croad Langshan cock, for Roller or Norwich cock, full song; offers: W. Stone, Highfield, Southampton. (454)
EXCHANGE 4 high-class pretty marked Roller hens, anything useful: J. G. Moore, 39, Cranleigh-rd., West Green, London, N. (451)
FOR sale or exchange for two pairs Border Fancies, three pairs green Budgerigars, and one pair Cockatiels, from outdoor aviary: Thos. Wilson, Cloverpark, Dunaskin, By Ayr. (455)

WANTED, offers in Canaries for suit length, good tweed, or sell 25/-; or grand Amazon Parrot, plain speaker, or sell £3: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (455)

EXCHANGE pedigree Yorkshire Terrier bitch, eight months old, for good yellow Norwich cock, or two hens, sell, 20/-; offers: Heath, 62, Richards-st., Mandy, Rhondda, S. Wales. (455)

Mainly Foreign.

GRAND talking Parrot and cage, accept 35/- or exchange.—Jopson, Newton Heath, Manchester. (455)
EXCHANGE talking Parrot and cage for birds, or sell 35/-: Seedsman, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (455)

Miscellaneous.

EXCHANGE zophonon records for Canaries, cock, 3 hens: 25, Smeaton-st., Cardiff. (454)
MONGOOSE, sure rat exterminators, 25/- each: De Von and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (454)
EXCHANGE dahlias, bedding plants, tomatoes, etc., for Canaries: Collins, Mordach Bishop, Devon. (454)
J. H. LOMAX, 51, Ray-st., Heanor, Derbyshire, has 30 gramophone records, sell or exchange British birds. (455)
TWO hen Yorkshires, also very tame, half grown squirrel; what offers: Carpenter, Virginia-cottage, Newmarket. (452)
EXCHANGE two dozen double sided records 1/6 and 2/6, good as new, for fowls: Leach, 9, Church-st., Blaina, Mon. (455)
EXCHANGE, nearly new brass bird cage, cost 22/-, for good Norwich hen, yours first: 44, Norfolk-rd., Cliftonville, Margate. (455)
EXCHANGE a beautiful floral design, 21 piece tea set, for two singing cock Canaries: Smith, 6, Waltham-rd., Woodford Bridge, Essex. (453)
EXCHANGE new set of boxing gloves (value 18/6) for good Roller cock (1915) to same value: W. Whydd, 38, Mosley-st., Ripley, Derby. (453)
FINE White Leghorn pullets, laying, exchange Goldfinch mules, or Linnet mules, Finch or Linnet song: Sparkes, Tindall-lane, Beverley. (452)
FISHING, 18ft. roach pole, also bait, will exchange Canaries, good Rollers preferred: Cann, 284, Portobello-rd., Kensington, London, W. (454)
WHITE honeycomb quilt, full bed size, best quality, value 17/6, quite new, for pair Yorkshires; must be good: 76, Derg, Seedley, Manchester. (453)
1-PLATE hand camera and accessories, violin and case, exchange for Yorkshires, or Yorkshire standard show cages: Hartley, 150, Thornton-st., Collyhurst. (454)
EXCHANGE pedigree cream rom bitch, for black or chocolate, or toy Yorkshire, or gramophone records, sell 30/-: 121, Cannon-rd., Chadsmore. (453)
EXCHANGE, blue hornless Nanny goat, 30lbs. good age wire; offers in chickens, poultry, other live stock: Constable, Lower Theale-lane, Rochdale. (453)
SPLENDID pair of Canaries and mahogany Palace aviary, cheap, 25/-; also Greyhound dog, 17/6, and bitch pup, 5 months, 25/-: Young, 61, Althorp-rd., Luton. (452)
SELL or exchange English lever watch, Graves, cost 50/-, sell 30/-, or exchange for Norwich Canaries to value; approval both ways: Warley, Flore, Weeden. (455)

HANDSOME wire-haired Fox Terrier dog, 18 months, long, lean, tan-marked head, white body; sire, Bondgate Foiler; dam, by Bishops S-lected; none trimmer, healthy and game, 30s., or exchange for a real good Lark and Linnet: pedigree and particulars: J. Hindley, 42, Leonard-rd., Hanley, Staffs. (455)

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted here. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—May 20, Miners' Hall, Ashington, 7. Classification for N.F. show and other important business.—C. F. Tapsen.
Burnley O.S.—May 23, Star Inn, 7.30. Postponement of N.F. show to further date, etc.—H. Eastwood.

Dunblair Workmen's Club C.B.S.—May 21, Dunblair Workmen's Club, 11. Business important, to reconsider annual subs. Members and intending members kindly attend.—Geo. S. Lynn.

Grimsham O.S.—May 25, Slater's Room, 8. First N.F. show.—D. C. Thornton.

Halifax O.S.—Ramble, May 20, Crimsworth Dean; meet King Cross 2, or train Halifax to Hebdon Bridge, 2.30. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. J. Dunn.

Huddersfield O.S.—May 22, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Discussion on "Inbreeding," opened by Mr. H. Malins.—A. Lawford.

Ilkerton C.B.S.—May 27, Live and Let Live Inn, Cotmanhay, 7. Classes for F.F. Show.—T. Smith.

London and Counties A.C.B.—May 20, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Hazell, on "Norwich Canary." Fanciers and friends warmly welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 27, Y.M.C.A. Halls, 7. Are we to have a young bird show? Other important business.—T. J. McGregor.

Leadgate C.B.S.—May 20, Leadgate Victoria Working Men's Club, 6.30. Special meeting, arrangements for N.F. show; new members invited.—G. Forster.

Midland Roller Canary Club.—May 25, Seven Stars, St. John St., Wolverhampton, 7.30. Mr. J. H. Wilfords will give a paper on the "Roller Canary." Fanciers invited.—J. W. Thomson.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—May 24, Room back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 8.30. Schedules ready, F.F. show, June 17. Entries June 14 at latest. Judge, Mr. T. Harrison.—A. W. Newton.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 20, Station St. Cafe, 7. Final arrangement for N.F. show, June 3; elect judge, etc. Members please note time of meeting.—J. Peacock.

Southern Border F.C.—May 22, Headquarters, 7.45. Patronage; specials; and other important business.—Geo. Burton.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 20, Ivy House, Handsworth, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. Tonks, on "British and Mule Breeding," also N.F. arrangements.—P. T. Cowley.

West Stanley C.B.S.—May 20, Commercial Hotel, 6.30. Fixing date of annual show; nominating judge and other business.—W. Cresswell.

Warrington C.B.S.—May 25, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Schedule for N.F. show.—H. Warburton.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD O.S.

Meeting, May 13, Three Tuns Inn, Eastwood. Mr. G. Lees, chair. Monthly table show was held. Mr. Gabbitts, of Mansfield, judged to the satisfaction of everyone. Greenf: 1, Smith; 2, Bradley; 3, Lees; 4, Keightley. Bramble, or Chaffinch: 1, Smith; 2, Lees. Several new members were made, and a most enjoyable evening spent. Classes for next meeting are: (1) Goldfinch; (2) A.V. British not previously shown at our table shows.—Smith and Lees, Secs.

PONTPOOL C.B.S.

An excellent spread and concert was held at headquarters May 6, the first anniversary of the Society. After the good things were partaken of an excellent programme was entered upon, Mr. W. Lewis chair. Songs, solos, and recitations were rendered by Messrs. Leslie Thomas, W. Lewis, W. Rosser (piano-forte solo), H. Vaughan, R. Smith, and H. Savoury. Votes of thanks to hostess Mrs. Baker and to the artistes, accompanist, and chairman concluded a very enjoyable time.—H. H. Vaughan.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting, May 4, Mr. Jones presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Waters was unable to be present, but sent his paper on the Norwich Canary, which was read by the Sec. The paper expressed in a practical manner his views as to the ideal bird and the methods he adopted as to pairing and rearing, and was interesting and instructive. He has already over 30 youngsters. The Society wish to keep in touch with members that have joined the Forces or about to, and they should let the Sec. have their names and addresses. Messrs. Hill, Hinchcliffe and Swift were elected members. Mr. Cowley informed the meeting of the death of Mr. Horace Hobson, a young and energetic member, and a vote of sympathy was passed with his widow. June meeting, table show.—E. Sisson, Asst. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting, Lee Green, May 4, Mr. A. W. Cullen chair. Correspondence dealt with. A discussion arose as to the future of the club. So many of the members are with the Forces or on munition work that it has been very difficult of late to carry on, and now that several more are about to be called up difficulties will increase. The question was discussed at some length, and it was the opinion of all present that under the circumstances it was impossible to carry on. It was therefore proposed and carried unanimously that the club be closed down for the remainder of the war. The secretaries were instructed to settle up all accounts, and Messrs. J. Williams, A. W. Cullen, and G. Burton were appointed trustees. We hope when brighter times come all members and friends will rally round and put the club in the prominent position it has held in the past, and trust among those at the reunion, we shall meet all who are now "doing their bit."—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

General meeting, 2, York Street, Piccadilly, May 11; Mr. G. Crabbs chairman. Hon. Sec. reported that he had now received part of the cash and books. Mr. G. Ley, the President, wrote regretting his inability to attend on account of war work. Resolved that as half of the members have paid their subs. for 1914, that the Hon. Sec. write to the remainder requesting them to forward theirs, and the members would not be asked for any subscription for 1915 and 1916. Having some funds in hand, it was resolved to give our support to four shows during the coming show season. Members are requested to obtain their closed rings through the Hon. Sec. as before. Mr. Robson proposed that the present officers continue to act until the termination of the war; this was carried unanimously. Mr. Hatcham was elected auditor in place of Mr. Heath, and Messrs. Shepherd and Wallington to fill vacancies on the committee.—T. Heath, Hon. Sec., and Treas., 28, Kenilworth Court, Putney.

LEYTON C.B.A.

On May 1, Mr. J. Robson lectured to a well-attended meeting on "Preparing birds for exhibition." He dealt with the importance of getting the birds used to the show cage while still young, and not a week or so before the autumn shows. Another important item was the food supplied to the hen while feeding young. A poorly-developed youngster could not be expected to turn out a good show specimen. The lecturer was of the opinion there could be no substitute for egg-food, made with either biscuit or stale bread; the egg to be about five days old. For an exhibition bird a good moult was essential, particularly for coloured birds. If not in good condition, the colour would not be properly absorbed, and they would be pale or patchy. Strong light should be shaded. The judicious use of linseed was to be recommended, and if the birds would not eat the seed grind some in a coffee mill, and mix with colour food. Sulphate of iron should be used all through the moult, a small piece in the drinker twice a week. This would enrich the blood and tone up the system, and therefore the old feathers would be thrown off the quicker. Birds should be washed about four days previous to showing, and if possible should be dried in a soft heat; that is, in a drying cage constructed with a hot-water tank underneath. A number of questions were asked and answered, and Mr. Robson was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks, to which he suitably responded.—A. W. Farmer, Asst. Hon. Sec.

EAST ANGLIAN NORWICH P.C.

A further meeting in connection with the formation of this specialist club was held at the Festival House, Norwich, May 11. The attendance was a large one, and comprised most of the leading fanciers in the City. Mr. W. W. Freestone, who occupied the chair at the initial meeting, was unable to be present, and the elected chairman of the Club, Mr. J. J. Smith, presided in his stead. Mr. H. Vines was unanimously elected vice-chairman. Sec. gave an outline of what transpired at the previous meeting, and made special reference to the financial arrangements and prospects of the club. An interesting discussion followed. It was agreed that the office of treasurer should be combined with that of hon. sec., and a small Finance Committee should be formed to assist in this department. Mr. Jacob Mackley was elected as first president, and his remarks in response were very cheering to those assembled. The Club is indeed fortunate to have at its head one whose name and fame is known throughout the Canary world. Messrs. J. Howard, Payne, Dunham, Russell, Calver, Horsley, Brundall and Freestone were elected as vice-presidents, and the list will be considerably increased when those willing to serve from the other counties concerned have been approached. After a lengthy and careful consideration of the matter it was decided the annual subscription be 5s. The election of local committee was left over till next meeting, June 15. In the meantime it is hoped that all interested in this meeting in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambs., and Lines, will get into touch with the hon. sec., Robt. Tomlinson, 17, Amphilil Street, Norwich.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE.

Meeting, Alexander Hotel, Penge, Mr. Foxen, chair. Decided to run a joint show with Bromley for 1916, open to members only. This was the only item that could be settled at present, as we are waiting the reply from the S.B.F.C. whether they accept us or not. There was only a small attendance owing to the Derby Scheme calling up our members.—W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting, May 9, 2, York Street, St. James. Mr. Crisp, chair, and a good attendance. After general business a handsome 5-guinea silver cup was handed round for the inspection of members for competition in the Yorkshire Section. The chairman then continued his subject on "Mating" which was of great interest. A vote of thanks to the chair ended a very instructive evening.—A. Wallington.

WALTON AND EVERTON C.B.S.

Meeting, Kilshaw-st., May 10. Mr. Holmes, chair. N.F. show business gone thoroughly into, and created a very keen (and sometimes heated) discussion. A beautiful solid silver challenge cup was presented by Mr. R. Costello, for competition at the two N.F. shows and October old show combined. Canaries only to compete; six highest birds to count. Cup to be won two years in succession or three years in all. This cup will be known as the "Costello Challenge Cup." Runners-up, both champion and novice, will each receive a medal value 10/6, kindly offered by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, and the Sterling Seed Co. Chairman, Mr. G. Holmes, generously offered special value 5/- for highest points next to medal winners.—A. G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN BRITISH M. & F.B.C.

Annual meeting, March 25, Shields' Cafe, Bigg Market; chairman, Mr. Pettersson, presided over a good attendance. Owing to the medals, etc., not coming to hand, balance sheet was left over. Election of officials, etc.: Pres., Mr. Taylor; Vice Presidents as last year with the addition of Mr. S. Lind-say; Chair, Mr. E. B. Hooper; Vice Chair, Rev. C. R. Appleton; Sec. and Treas., W. Curry; committee all local members. Table show was held; Mr. Houghton judge. Linnet: 1, Almond; 2, Johnson; 3, Bertram; 4, vhc. Hooper; he, c. Appleton. Bullfinch: 1, Almond; 2, vhc. Hooper; 3, c. Pettersson; 4, Johnson; he, Appleton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hooper; 3, Johnson; 4, Appleton. Pairs for Hyb. breeding: 1, Bertram; 2, Appleton. New members elected, J. Wright and M. Hetherington. Vote of thanks was given Mr. Houghton for judging. A hearty welcome to our ranks will be given any British, Mule or Foreign bird fancier in Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland or Westmorland. We give three cups and 8 medals for competition among our members at the shows where our patronage is granted; for further particulars apply W. Curry, Sec., 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, May 8, Mr. W. J. Heath presiding over a moderate attendance. Letters read from Mr. H. Norman and T. Coombes. Mr. R. E. Collins was nominated for membership. Decided to hold young bird show early in July, classification being left to committee and to be submitted to June meeting for approval. Mr. J. Robson judge. Next meeting, judging competition for birds bred 1916 was arranged, three classes (Norwich, Borders and Yorkshires), a silver spoon to best bird. It is hoped members will bring birds and make this, the last meeting till the autumn, a very successful one; decided to ask Mr. P. Rorke to act as final judge.

Mr. L. Howard gave his promised lecture on "British Birds and their Eggs," which proved entertaining and instructive. The lecturer brought about two hundred eggs, most of which he had collected himself, and gave a description of the various birds, where they built their nests and how to find them. The lecture was interspersed with many birdy anecdotes which were much appreciated by the members. The beautiful markings on some of the eggs were very much admired. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Howard for his very interesting lecture. Decided, owing to the unsettled state of some of the members, that the Society do not purchase any more closed rings this year, but leave it to the members to purchase what they require.—G. Griffiths, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, May 13, Lockhart's, High Street; chairman, Mr. Holden, presided over a good attendance. Correspondence included a letter from Mr. Best, Sec. Leeds Roller C.C., re proposed Roller Section to be added to our society. As no support was forthcoming from local fanciers, members decided to let the matter drop for the time. Decided to hold next meeting July 8, at same address, 7.30; also to hold a N.F. show for Canaries and Mules in connection with same, two classes each variety, clears and marked, for Canaries; Mules, one class; fee 6d. per cage. Judge, Mr. Houghton, Gloucester (members please give him a good entry). Table show for British Birds and Mules was held; Mr. J. Maddison judged. Also a judging competition. Mr. R. Tindle gave 11 correct placings, Rev. C. R. Appleton coming second. Linnet: 1, Lindsay; 2, Hooper. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, vhc. Rowan; 2, he, Appleton; 3, Lindsay; c. Cromarty. Greenf.: 1, 2, Hooper; 3, Holden; vhc. he, Lindsay; c. Cromarty. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Hooper; vhc. Lindsay; he, Appleton. Mules: 1, 2, Appleton; 3, Liddell. Mr. Hooper won special most points given by Rev. C. R. Appleton. New members elected, Mr. Blakey and Mr. Espie. Vote of thanks to Mr. Maddison brought a grand meeting to a close. A hearty welcome to local fanciers to attend next meeting, also to those who would like to join. Entrance fee 1s.; annual subs. 2s. 6d. For further particulars apply W. Curry, 26, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle.

WELSH N. COUNTIES F. & F.A.

Meeting, Washington Hotel, Llandudno, May 10. The following were in attendance: Miss Felton, Messrs. J. Arundle, G. Hughes, H. M. Brigg, J. P. Parry, R. Mostyn, R. Sowter, A. Ward, and the Sec. Reports that negotiations for securing the Town Hall, Llandudno, had failed and correspondence relating to same was read. Messrs. Brigg and Sorber reported having inspected the Royal Red Garage, and seen the manager, who had most kindly offered to place the premises at the committee's disposal for holding the show, subject to the charges being mutually agreed, and sec. was instructed to get, if possible, an option in writing, at a price, for use of the Garage on November 1st, with an alternative option for the 2nd November as well, in case it was deemed advisable to divide the exhibits and hold the show on two consecutive days. In view of the Compulsion Act, which might affect certain members of the committee, it was unanimously agreed that everything connected with the show be deferred for one month, pending possible developments. The sec. reported that having been unable to secure a certain special offered at last show, in spite of re-

peated applications, he had on the advice of the solicitor of the Association bought and supplied to the winner a spl. of equal value. The arrangement was confirmed, members expressing the hope that the donor of special would fulfil his obligations by refunding the amount. The accounts of the Association were reported to be now in a satisfactory state, the debit balance on Jan. 1 having been completely wiped out, and a small credit balance was now in hand. G. E. Cragg.

Country Rambles

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual country ramble, May 14, to Dorking, a good number mustered, including several juveniles. From Boxhill, 10.30, we made our way to Rammore Common, and along the lane leading to the common numerous nests were found, Chaffinches, Blackbirds, Thrushes, etc. The little lads were very busy, and in the happy hunting field. When young were discovered they were anxious to arrest them, but upon the advice of their elders they left them unmolested, and showed much interest in the lectures upon the objects. Rammore Common reached, we found very few, Linnets being very scarce; may be a late season. Bullfinches were heard, and Hawfinches were seen, but we were unable to find their nests, although they hovered around. The Cuckoo was heard many times, and the Nightingale was singing in his glory, also the various Warblers. Lunch-time arrived, and all made themselves very busy, amidst many amusing comments. Photos were taken by one of our members, and we again resumed our ramble, reaching Dorking at 5, where tea was provided at the Temperance Hotel. Train left 7.25, and we arrived at Peckham Rye all loaded with wild flowers of many varieties. The day had been fine for the occasion, and everyone spent a happy and enjoyable day.—A. G. Cant, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

LEADGATE.

Linnet singing, Leadgate Victoria Working Men's Club, open to affiliated members, May 20; birds staged 12.30.—G. Forster, Sec.—(Advt.)

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet Club singing contest, May 13, Empire Hotel, 20 birds entered, and there was some good singing: 1, Dobson; 2, Topping; 3, Jones; 4, Pickering; 5, Page; 6, Bentley.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club. Open contest for time and quality, May 6; 35 birds entered; 4 minutes' sing. Time: 1, J. Murphy, 182; 2, F. Murphy, 163; 3, Battersby, 111. Quality: 1, 2, Page; 3, Prescott. Timers W. Meadows, J. Murphy; minutes, Cowburn. Judges, J. Statbam, S. Rigby.—R. Disley, Sec.

BARNSELY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, May 13. A. Wareing, time-keeper; J. Dunk, chalk. Five minutes time sing: 1, Hayes, 4min. 28sec.; 2, Jones, 4.9; 3, Hardman, 4.6; 4, Troops, 4.3. May 14, under a very good company: 1, Norburn, 3.57; 2, Fishwick, 3.43; 3, Wareing, 3.40; 4, Wadsworth, 3.26; nine birds doing over 3min. in 4.—J. Hardman, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnets.—Silver cup for singing contest, Saturday, May 20th, meet Black Horse, Durham. Entrance 1s. per bird. Also match for £2, Bill (2 birds) against Dixon (2 birds), at 1 p.m. Judge, T. Fairless.—(Advt.)

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, May 13. 41 birds faced the timers, 4 minutes time singing, and some good singing was heard. Mr. Blackshear's bird singing very nearly the full four minutes: 1, Blackshear, 166; 2, T. Jones, 98; 3, J. Beard, 66; 4, T. Piper, 59. Open sing, May 14, 30 birds, 3 minutes time singing, but poor singing: 1, J. Beard; 2, T. Jones; 3, Clayton.—J. Beard, Hon. Sec.

PEMBERTON.

Open contest, Dog and Partridge Linnet Club, May 13, for time and quality; 42 birds entered. Time: 1, Alex. Donnelly, 130; 2, 3, Aspy and Bratt, dead heat, 64; F. Murphy, 1. Aspy, 34. Quality: 1, 2, Knowles and Ashcroft, dead heat; 3, J. Glover; 4, Parlington. Timers: R. Fairhurst, T. Wright; minutes, J. Whittle. Judges, R. Ashcroft and B. Ashcroft. Next open contest, May 20, Lion Inn, Bolton New Road, Atherton.—J. T. Atherton, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest for time, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge-st., 56 birds entered and record time of season done by the first two birds:—1, 2, Williams, 166 and 141; 3, Worral, 115. May 14, 31 entered: 1, Barnes, 65; 2, B. Nelson, 61; 3, W. Nelson, 57. Open sing, May 20. The Leeds fanciers will be present, so will members and friends try to be early, so that we may get the first pair up prompt to time.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, May 13, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane; 16 birds sang: 1, 2, Marchall; 3, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. W. Lipman and B. Butterfield. May 14, 28 birds sang: 1, Binns; 2, Wharman; 3, Wigfield; 4, Lipman. Judges, T. Simpson; S. Butterfield and C. Ward.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, May 13, 26 birds sang: 1, 4, Stead; 2, 5, Mescon; 3, Stanney. Judges: Crane, Hayes, Naylor. May 14, 33 birds sang: 1, Buttery; 2, Ineson; 3, Hollingworth; 4, Mrs. Tennant; 5, J. Parker. Judges: Hardcastle, Naylor, and Grant. Contributions due May 28, for annual Whitsuntide contest. W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

BLANTYRE O.S.

Meeting, Mr. Stutler's Hall, May 12, Mr. A. Marshall, chair. Decided to take Burnbank into our boundaries. Next meeting, May 26, this being the closing meeting for taking new members. I should be pleased to hear from fanciers in the district wishing to join. Subs. are now due.—Alex. MacMillan, Sec., Anchorraith Colliery, High Blantyre.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Meeting, May 4, Trinity Schools, Beresford St., Woolwich. Mr. Richards, chair, and a very small number of members attending to discuss CAGE BIRDS and Canary scheme. Decided to hold over till June meeting, sec. to represent the club at meeting of committee. Decided to hold young stock show on July meeting night.—Geo. H. Maclellan, Hon. Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, May 11, Mr. Ridal chair. As the breeding season seems to be indifferent with some of the members it was decided to abandon the F.F. show. Table show to take its place was fixed for July 13. Three classes for each section, as on the syllabus, entry fee 6d., birds to be staged by 8. Judges were appointed.—E. Sisson, Asst. Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting, May 13, Prince of Wales' Hotel, Mr. Jos. Parfitt presiding, and a good number present. Decided to hold F.F. show, July 1, Mr. Bert Hill, Abertillery, judge. Messrs. Morton and Selby are giving us for best bird in show, E. Moulle 2s. 6d. for second best, Mr. Pritchard 2s. 6d. for 3rd best; ss. 6d. prize money per class. Members rally to gether and make this a good show.—Wm. Newell.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

A fine muster attended the last monthly meeting to hear Mr. J. Robson lecture upon "Care of the Young." Mr. Robson dealt with the subject from the time the bird was hatched till it commenced to moult, and gave his own recipes for feeding, both in health and in sickness. Many questions were put to Mr. Robson and quickly answered, and a vote of thanks to the lecturer was carried with acclamation.

ALFRETON C.B.S.

Meeting, headquarters, May 13, Red Lion, Mr. J. Adnitt chair, with a good attendance. Decided to hold our F.F. show (members) on Whit Sat., June 10, classification as last year. We have a dozen money specials for same; Mr. A. Wilson, of North Wigfield, judge. Decided that Sec. write Mr. H. Parker, who still remains in the Derby Royal Infirmary, wishing him a quick recovery from the injury to his hand.—Geo. Sawyer, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting, May 6, Headquarters, chairman Mr. G. Velland. Decided that members must make their entries from the classification in syllabus, and that no notices be sent out for members' shows, as has been customary. Show of British was held, and proved a great success, both in birds and attendance. Owing to the absence of the advertised judge, Mr. Truman, Doncaster, kindly judged, and gave entire satisfaction. His awards were as follows: Linnets (7): 1, J. Dobson; 2, Dr. Cummings; 3, c. H. Hunt; 4, he, Colburn. Redpoll etc. (9): 1, 3, T. Dobson; 2, c. Fisher; 4, Owen; vhc. he, Colburn. Goldf. or Bullf. (9): 1, 3, Dr. Cummings; 2, Colburn; 1, T. Dobson; vhc. Owen; 4, c. Fisher. A.O.V. Harl.: 1, Colburn; 2, vhc. 1, Dr. Cummings; 3, J. Dobson; 4, Chambers and Smith c. Fisher.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

CANARY BREEDING FOR BEGINNERS.

By ARTHUR PRICE.

Showing the simplicity of Canary Breeding, and giving hints for the overcoming of such little difficulties as may arise.

ALTHOUGH only an amateur in the exhibition world, I at my first attempt won first prize at the Crystal Palace with a bird of my own breeding. I bred in my first year 41 youngsters from four hens, and the young ones did well and thrived, and most of them won for me on the Show Bench.

I make all my own cages during spare hours, and when a man takes an interest in the hobby it is surprising how he forgets the time flying, especially when he is cage-making. The boxes I use for the purpose are Colman's 28lb. starch boxes, and I think there is plenty of room in them, for I have used them with success.

I buy the fronts ready made by the dozen, which is cheaper than buying them singly, and while these are on order you can whitewash the boxes and put in the cross-piece necessary to prevent the sand and seed from scattering on the floor, this crosspiece being about 2½ inches broad.

I use wood which joiners call beading for making my perches, first planing off the edges. You can make the cross-pieces above mentioned from the lids off the boxes, and you will find that the wood works up evenly and smooth.

After having got all the requisites, such as nest-pans, drinkers, seed-boxes, etc., you can then watch your birds to see whether the ones you intend breeding with are ready to commence the house-keeping business. This you will be able to see quite plainly, for if the cocks are in full song and the hens fly vigorously from perch to perch you can safely put them together, of course considering the weather.

Begin with Good Stock Birds.

If you are a beginner in the fancy you must first secure some good birds to breed with. What I mean by good birds are those which you know contain some good blood, for without this qualification you may as well not try to breed birds for the show bench, or even birds that excel in size and shape; and remember it costs you no more to breed and rear good birds than it does common ones.

I should advise a beginner to go to a fancier who is a known exhibitor, and if he will look through the advertising columns of CAGE BIRDS he will find plenty of well-known men who can be relied upon.

Having selected your man, write and ask him the price of, say, a buff cock and two yellow hens, of good type and matched for breeding.

Do not mind giving a good price for them, as it will pay you in the long run, and you can have the birds on approval by depositing your cash with the editor, which is by far the safest plan.

Now if you think your birds are quite ready to breed, run the buff cock in with one yellow hen, and after two days put in your nest and a little nesting material. I use moss of my own gathering and a little cotton-wool—no cow-hair, as I think this breeds too much red mite. I find the earthenware or tin nest-pans are the best.

When Housekeeping Starts.

You will soon see your birds making up their happy home, and you then keep a lookout for the first egg, and when this is laid, transfer it from the nest into a box, and substitute a marble for the egg. I use a "Bovril" box for my egg-box, and I find this answers the purpose well, as it contains the necessary compartments, which you can number like your cages to prevent the eggs getting mixed.

When the hen has laid her third egg, place the other eggs back in the nest and take away the marbles; then take away the cock bird. The hen will still go on sitting, and you will be able to use the cock with the other hen, for I use one cock to two hens with success.

If a very good hen that you have will not sit, you must transfer the eggs from her to one or two hens that are going on sitting, that is, if you have any sitting and due to hatch about the same time.

Lots of hens will not sit with the cage-front open, therefore in such cases try a screen over the front from top to the door, but it is best not to use the screen if the hens will do without.

I should have mentioned that I pair my birds up the last week in March or the first week in April, but of course if the weather is bad—for you will be surprised what bad effect the cold winds will have on the birds—I keep them back a week, for it is wise to study a little before losing, say, one or two nests of eggs, as this disheartens a beginner.

There must be a sharp look-out for cases of egg binding, as I think this is one of the worst things you have to contend with. If you see a hen sit in a lump, panting hard and in pain, you must take prompt steps to see to the cause. I find castor oil dropped on the

vent, or a warm sponge just held on the body, will help the hen to part with the egg.

The most important point during the breeding season is to let the birds have plenty of fresh clean water, good seed and egg-food, and last, but not least, perfect quietness, keeping all strangers out of the room, for I have found the quieter the birds are, the better are the results of their labours.

Don't Forget the Green Food

The hens sit thirteen days, and two days before they are due to hatch you must provide them with egg-food. A little will do, and you can increase the amount when the youngsters are born, but let it be fresh and sweet. Give plenty of green food, such as watercress and dandelion, fresh twice a day, or oftener if you wish, but don't neglect to give it first thing in the morning, and, say, five to six in the evening.

I make my egg-food as follows: Take one thick slice of home-made bread to each egg, put through the egg-mill, and mix well together. I find bread beats biscuits hollow.

When the youngsters begin to leave the nest, supply them with crushed hempseed besides the egg-food, and when you see they can digest it alone you will be safe in taking them away from the hen.

If you do not do this you will find the hen, wanting to go to nest again, will pull out the youngsters' tails for nesting material; and, having got your first nest away with success, you will know how to prepare for the second. You must, of course, go on giving the first lot of youngsters egg-food and crushed hemp, reducing the egg-food every other day.

After your second nest is nicely over, your time will be taken up with picking out the birds you think will do for the show bench at first-feather shows. Let the birds have the bath frequently, as it strengthens them. I think, and get them accustomed to the show cage by letting it hang on the front of the cage with the doors up, so that they can run into the show cage.

Twice a week I take about six birds down into the kitchen in their show cages, and place them on the table, and with the constant passing of those in the house the birds get a lot quieter, and not so wild. There is nothing more provoking to yourself or the judge than to find that, on lifting up the show cage to examine the bird, it flutters all over the wires, thereby disarranging its feathers and knocking itself about so that it cannot stand erect.

After the First-Feather shows are about over, you will see your birds begin to shed their feathers, and you will know the moulting season is not far off. This is the time which lots of fanciers look upon with dread, but let the birds again have perfect quietness, fresh water, with one or two drops of essence of aniseed therein, and you need not be afraid.

If you colour-feed you must keep a lot of the light out, so that your bird's colour does not fade, and you must colour-feed if you wish to be in the vanguard of the exhibition world, for I consider a non-fed bird is just like a wall that has been papered and not varnished.

At colour-feeding time your egg-food comes into use again, and with this you mix your colour-food. Use it gently at first, as all birds will not eat it to begin with, but by doing this you will get them used to it, and then you can strengthen it day by day.

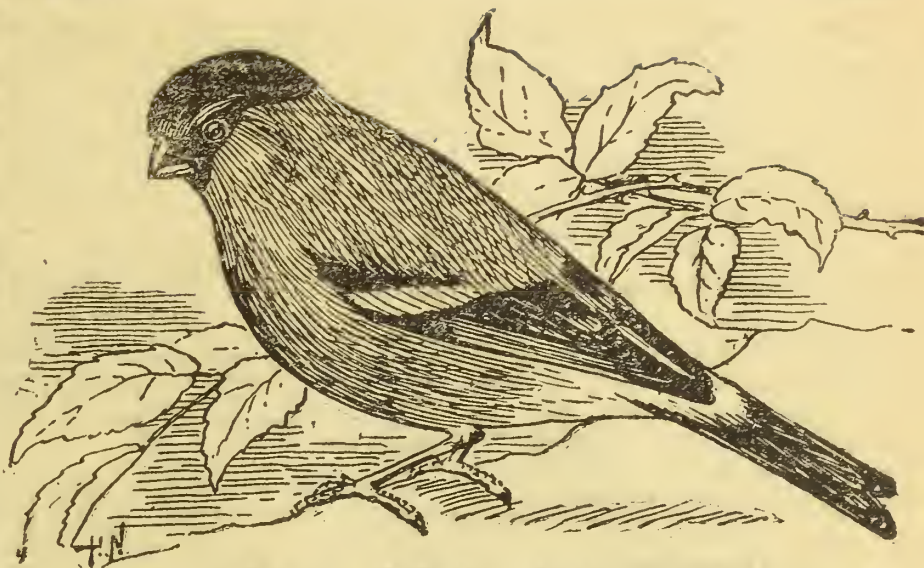
If during this time you see one or two of the birds down, that is, sitting lumpy and half-asleep, give them a little ordinary bread soaked in warm milk, with a little treacle on it, and this should pull them round.

Separate the birds you intend exhibiting, and let them each have a cage on its own, which must be very clean. I give each some conditioning food made as follows: Place one pennyworth of isinglass in a cup, half fill with water, and put into the oven until hot; then take it out, let it cool until it becomes a jelly, and mix it with egg-food, and give to each bird a teaspoonful twice a week. This will have a good effect on the birds.

Let the birds have the show cage again and be in the kitchen. You will find them timid at first, but use is second nature, so give them plenty of use. After the show season I feed on plain canary seed, with a touch of hemp, say, once a week.

After the winter is past—during which I use no heat at all—you will be getting near the breeding season again, and, of course, if you have been successful during last season you will naturally go on the same lines again; but you must also use your brains, and try and remedy any defects you may find out.

I advise all beginners to join an ornithological society, where they will learn a lot to their advantage.



A FINE HEN BULLFINCH.

A Portrait by Mr. Norman of the fine Bullfinch which won 2nd prize at Watford Show for Mr. J. Fisher, Northampton.

The Economical and Systematic Management of Feathered Pets.

By HARRY W. DAVY (Great Yarmouth).

Showing the enjoyment that may be found in the keeping of birds as pets, the small expense attached thereto, and explaining how many conveniences which lessen the labour and add to the appearance of the bird-room may be devised and constructed by the owner of the birds.

THE desire has ever been with me to possess something alive, and my ambition first showed itself in consigning to a glass bottle such members of the fly species as fell a prey to my infantile grasp. But, as the child puts away childish things in the flight of time, so my bottle and its inmates became forgotten in due course, and, like the maiden, I was left all forlorn, but not for ever.

In the establishment that gives employment to your humble servant a man often used to talk about his birds, and this proved a very infectious subject to me, for I took the disease immediately.

Anxious Moments.

The first difficulty that arose was: what about the reception a feathered pet will receive at home by the head of the family? That was a "sticker" for me, but, acting on that not always advisable plan of "action first, thought afterwards," I speculated in buying a second-hand cage and a Linnet from the man of whom I took the "disease."

I threw in a little diplomacy, the diplomacy consisting in taking my newly-acquired treasure down to a relative's, while I paved the way at home, which I soon settled, to my great satisfaction.

Off I scuttled after my property, but found that the temporary trustee did not want to part with the bird. Anyhow, it was ultimately carried off by its proud owner, and installed in its future home, which, alas, it did not occupy for long, as it fell a victim to a choking fit caused by improper feeding on uncrushed hemp seed. I did not then take CAGE BIRDS. My bright little friend was soon succeeded by a Goldfinch mule, who, the first day I bought him, gave out a note that cheered my sorrowing heart, that had not forgotten its first loss.

"Reggie" Gets a "Pal."

After a time "Reggie," as the newcomer was aristocratically named, changed his quarters to a brand new cage—a change that was appreciated by him and me, as it was both larger and smarter. Well, the weeks flew by, till it suddenly entered my head to clean and enamel the old cage. When asked for what purpose, I replied that it was worth a trifle to anyone wanting a cage. When it was finished, I suddenly announced my intention of getting a Redpoll as a companion to the Mule.

The pair proved great chums, for when the cage doors were opened and they were put together it was to their mutual enjoyment, and when separated they would cling to the bars of their respective cages and call to each other. Only a few weeks elapsed this time, when my stock was augmented by three fresh arrivals, namely, a Chaffinch, a Greenfinch, and a Twite, which occupied a position between my two first birds in a large cage by themselves. But, as the cages of my two first were not alike and looked odd, I again speculated in purchasing a cage like the Mule's, into which the Redpoll was put.

By this time my collection began to look quite respectable, and I thought contentment

would now be my lot. But I still coveted a Linnet, which soon after put in an appearance, and was added to the three last.

All went well for a time, until birdie nature began to assert itself in the struggle for supremacy amongst the occupants of the centre cage. This, I thought, was carried far enough, when I one day discovered the Twite hanging down, suspended by the tail from the beak of the Greenfinch. The Twite escaped, but left his tail behind him.

The Transgressor Dealt With.

This determined me to restore tranquility, which could not be effected otherwise than by removing the cause. But how? This was the difficulty. The only way was again to speculate, which I did, this time purchasing a still smarter cage, to which I transferred "Reggie," making its discarded cage the recipient of the unruly Greenfinch.

But still things did not prosper, for no sooner was the formidable antagonist of the Twite gone than he, in his turn, became the aggressor, and at every opportunity commenced a hectoring warfare on his two companions. This was eluded on the part of the Chaffinch, who gave way and kept the proper distance, but the Linnet would have none of it, and so these two kept up a warfare which increased in vehemence as roosting time approached in contesting who should have the best place.

Clearly another change was needed, which could be brought about in no other way than by trying if the Redpoll would prove more sociable than the Twite. Again an exchange was accomplished, which turned out satisfactory, as not a happier trio ever lived together.

In Favour of All Wire Cages.

Nothing more need be said concerning the cage accommodation, excepting that the cages are of the all-wire pattern, which I prefer, as the birds derive the full benefit of the light, no matter in what position the cages are put. The cages are usually hung in a row, the tops of which are about on a level with my head. This I think a good plan, as I have noticed that all birds seem startled at seeing anyone look up at them from a direct downward position, and besides, when on a level it enables one to win the confidence of the birds more easily. At the back of the cages runs a board covered with linoleum; this is better than the bare wallpaper, which they can tear, and, besides, when dirty it can be washed.

To improve the appearance, and at the same time make the surroundings look a bit natural to the birds, I procured some bulrushes, which according to my idea were artistically arranged between the cages. Then, with a piece of wood about six inches square, made to fit the oval top of my centre cage by means of a support at each end, I was able to have a fern over them. Finally, with the addition of a bunch of honesty each side of the said fern, and a bracket or two on the wall supporting plants, the general effect to me was a pleasing one.

(To be continued)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

- Oct. 11-12.—Clapham C.B.A.—(T. J. Rose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.
Oct. 20-21.—Liverpool O.S. (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road.) H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
Oct. 27-28.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
Nov. 1-2.—Cheltenham C.B.S. (A. L. Treasure, 11, Rotunda Terrace.)
Nov. 3-4.—Sheffield O.S.—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)
Nov. 4-6.—Leicester Hand in Hand (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).
Nov. 11.—Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
Nov. 17-18.—Halifax O.S.—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Bartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 24-25.—West Bromwich C.B.S.—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
Nov. 29-30.—Southampton C.B.S.—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Terrace.) J.R.
Dec. 6-7.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Holmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Scotland.

- Nov. 10-11.—Glasgow C.B.A.—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.) C.C., W.S., G.H., R.H., H.J., J.G.

Wales.

- Nov. 23.—Aberdare C.B.S.—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

- Dec. 1-2.—Newtownards C.B.S.—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. C. A. House will judge at the show of the Liverpool B.B.A., Nov. 25.

Mr. A. K. Hunter, sec. Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S., writes that the next monthly meeting will be held May 31, at 7.45, and not on May 24, as published.

We hear that Messrs. C. A. House and J. Wilson will judge the open F.F. show of the Barrow-in-Furness Society, July 8. Mr. House will take Canaries and Mr. Wilson the remainder.

The final arrangements for the Clapham and District C.B.A. ramble, writes Mr. A. R. Coe, were made at a meeting held at headquarters May 16. Friends who wish to join the party should note that train leaves Waterloo 9.55 on Sunday, May 28, Clapham Junction 10.5, Wimbledon 10.10. Book to Eppingham Junction. Lunch at 1.30, Railway Hotel, East Horsley.

We have received the rule book of the Midland Roller Canary Club. Besides the rules of the club it contains the balance-sheet for 1915, showing a cash balance in hand of nearly £15, the rules governing the competition for the challenge cup, the names and addresses of members, and the list of officers. The hon. sec. is Mr. J. W. Thomson, 9, Gorsebrook-rd., Wolverhampton.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged and friends who may not be members of the respective societies will be welcome to join: Halifax O.S., May 20, to Crimsworth Dean, leader Mr. F. Greenwood. Meet, King Cross tram terminus at 2, or 2.30 train from Halifax to Hebden Bridge. Wallasey C.B.S., May 21, to Bidston and Woodchurch; members meet at Headquarters, 9; friends at Bidston Station 10.15.

The Nightingale is now waking the mid-night echoes in certain Cardiff suburbs, says the "South Wales Daily News." In fact, several of these delightful songsters may be heard within a very few yards of the borough.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing in our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

A Bright Summer Visitor.

A correspondent to "The Field," writes that he saw a Golden Oriole at Salcombe, S. Devon, on April 20. The Golden Oriole is an annual visitor to our southern counties, although only in small numbers. It has nested in several places, and would no doubt soon be a familiar object of our countryside if only the "man with the gun" could be stopped from shooting at sight.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers.

I have at last been able to land about two-thirds of usual season's requirements, and believe I am the only importer that has been able to import any new season's pepper. Shipping restrictions make it next to impossible to secure any more. Every endeavour will be made to supply regular customers. Prices, 1 lb. 1s. 6d., 1 lb. 2s. 6d., 3 lbs. 6s. 6d., 5 lbs. 10s., original tins, 22 lbs. 37s. 6d. Hot at same prices. No new trade accounts can be opened this season. Intending customers must place their orders early.—J. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.—(Adv.)

OBITUARY.

MR. WHITTINGHAM (Hoyland).

I regret to have to announce, writes Mr. F. Moore, sec., Wombwell B.F.A., the death of our member, Mr. Whittingham, who succumbed on August 25 to the effects of an operation. By his death the members have lost one who has always been interested in the welfare of the society, and who gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he came into contact, and on the unanimous resolution of the members I have sent to Mrs. Whittingham a letter expressing our fervent sympathy with her in her bereavement.

MR. FESTUS GIBBONS (Leigh).

I regret, writes Mr. R. Disley, Sec., Globe Inn Linnet Club, Leigh, to have to record the death of one of our most esteemed members, Mr. F. Gibbons, who passed away on May 4 after a serious illness. He was interred in Leigh Cemetery on May 8. Messrs. W. Cowburn, Disley, Jones, Holcroft, and Statham attended to see the last of our departed brother, and I am sure all friends around here who knew him will extend their sympathy to his widow on the sad loss she has been called upon to bear.

MR. ALEXANDER PRINGLE (Dunfermline).

I regret very much to inform you of the death of Mr. Alexander Pringle, one of our members, who was fatally injured at No. 11 Pitt. Lumphinnans, Cowdenbeath, on May 9, writes Mr. J. Kennoway, Sec., Dunfermline C.B.S. Mr. Pringle was of a quiet nature, with always a smile on his face, was a keen Border man, and will be missed very much by our members. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to them in their bereavement.

A Chance for a Brainy Organizer.

Mr. Filby having ceased to act as organising secretary to our Wounded Soldiers' Schemes, there is a vacancy at our offices. We want someone with initiative and resolution to take in hand firstly, the duties of seeing that soldier fanciers discharged unfit after "doing their bit" for their country are helped as far as possible in making a fresh start in their hobby, and in the second place to give effect to the labours of the committee with a view of creating a supply of English-bred Canaries which shall be sufficient to satisfy the world's demand. Only when this has been done will it be found that there is no need for the enemy-bred songsters which have hitherto filled the bill. Applicants should write to Mr. F. Carl, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., asking for an appointment.

Owing to the shortage of paper, there will be no Second Edition this year of

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The first edition is nearly gone, and those delaying their applications will probably be unable to obtain a copy.

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The Price of Paper
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WE are inexpressibly pleased at the generous reception by our readers of the announcement made in last week's issue of the increased size and increased price of CAGE BIRDS. Every post has brought expressions of good will and promises of continued support.

We have not space for more than a few extracts from the large number of letters received, but we must thank our readers collectively for their helpful and encouraging letters.

We reiterate our assurance that the moment the difficulty in getting paper is lessened we shall revert to the normal price without detriment to the quantity or quality of the contents of our paper.

Readers may notice that there is just a slight difference this week in the actual size of our pages. It is due to the extraordinary difficulties we are experiencing in the getting of paper, and will, we trust, be only temporary. The difference is only in the margin at top and bottom; the space for matter remains the same.

WHAT OUR READERS THINK.

I think your decision to increase size of CAGE BIRDS, and advance the price to twopence is a wise one. CAGE BIRDS links up the Fancy and fanciers, and without it all would be confusion. W. FAIRHURST, Ardwick.

I am sure no one will grumble at the extra penny being put on CAGE BIRDS. Personally, I think it has always been worth twopence; my only regret is that it is not published twice weekly. B. HUMPHRIES, Eastbourne.

I am very pleased to see you have decided to increase the size of CAGE BIRDS, and charge an extra "brown." No one, I am sure, will grumble at the extra charge, and many will be pleased to see the increase in number of pages. W. LIDGETT, Hon. Sec., Newark C.B.S.

I am glad you are raising the price of CAGE BIRDS, rather than close it down. We can't do without it, and I look forward to it every Friday morning. (HON. MRS.) GWENDOLEN BOURKE, Taplow.

Just a word as to your raising the price of CAGE BIRDS. Surely no one can grumble at the double charge. Personally, I call it good value at twopence, as the information from well-known fanciers, irrespective of anything else, is well worth the extra copper; it is the means of teaching many readers the road to success. Wishing you and your paper all that is good. JAMES BOOTH.

Will you please accept my thanks for the delight I have had every Friday night for many years by your paper? I feel sure that no one will mind paying twopence per week. I shall continue taking it, and shall commence with the same variety upon my return from serving my country. S. T. JONES, Lynton.

I was greatly interested in your article of last week's issue, under the heading of "The Price of Paper and the Price of Our Paper." Having been connected with the paper trade for a number of years, I quite agree with you as to the extortionately high prices of paper at the present time. I must say that I think your decision of increasing the number of pages and the price to twopence per week a very generous one, which should meet with the approval of the Fancy at large.

Granted that we are passing through the most serious time this country has even known. I feel sure that all readers of CAGE BIRDS will not object to the extra penny, so as to keep our paper going to the end of this terrible conflict, and "Till the Boys come Home." J. H. HALTIDAY, Plymouth.

The size and matter of this week's CAGE BIRDS is very refreshing. I am confident that as Editor you have been experimenting in order to keep the cost of production within the possible sale at one penny with a margin of profit.

Permit me to compliment you on (1) courage—willing to face the increase of cost at a season when "adverts." are at their lowest; (2) sound common-sense—in believing the Fancy will gladly pay the extra penny if the paper will maintain its high level of the past, and keep itself to "birdy" matters.

I confess that after several years of reading CAGE BIRDS I have never read a copy so

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

- FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.
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captivating as the May 13 issue. Old hands and new ones are catered for extremely well, and I am sure it would be nothing short of a calamity if your excellent paper were to go under.

There are men in the Fancy who could write to the advantage of us all, but unless you personally write them they are too reserved to push themselves.

We are all conscious of those who write to advertise themselves: there are others who leave their birds to do this business. I hope I may be among the latter, but if at any time you think my humble experience may be otherwise to the "Fancy," send a P.C., and I will endeavour to send you something interesting.

With a lift of the hat, a "Thank you, very much," and a smile which won't come off, in spite of the twopence. (REV.) C. B. JOLLIFFE, Cardiff.

[We have written to our esteemed correspondent, thanking him for his good wishes and for his kind offer to contribute some of his experiences for the benefit of our readers in general, and we feel sure that the publication of the same will be anticipated with great interest.]

I notice in this week's CAGE BIRDS that you are going to increase the price of same to twopence, on account of the great price of paper, and that you greatly regret doing so. I myself am not in the least surprised, and my humble advice to all fanciers is to still continue to support you, and order a copy every week in advance, as I consider CAGE BIRDS is the foundation of our hobby. A. E. MOULE.

Abertillery.

A Curious Theory.

A writer to the "Hampshire Chronicle" says:

"That the birds, the guests of summer, returned north from their southward migration to announce a heat wave that followed a solar disturbance is evident, although the sun at the time did not seem unusually spotted."

On April 20, when the thermometer continued lower than it had been at Christmas, a Swift arrived at Braishfield at noon in battle with the westerly breeze, and the next morning, when a compound sun spot loomed in view, the Cuckoo was calling loud and clear. Then the thermometer commenced to rise.

On the 27th, when the mercury in the thermometer had risen to summer temperature, the Chiff-Chaff was calling from a precociously leaving oak on Crook Hill, and then the two not very conspicuous sun spot groups were central on the visible disc of the sun. Afterwards more appeared.

The Parisian Frilled Canary.

By Mons. P. AUBEC (Paris).

This little-known variety of Canary is herein dealt with, not only from an exhibition point of view, but with an eye to commercial possibilities. The author points out how he made nearly £100 profit from a single pair of birds in one season, and shows that English breeders could make large profits in cultivating a breed to which very little attention has hitherto been given in our country.

WHAT can be more interesting than the breeding of birds? Do they not bring with them the family happiness which is the charm of home life? Rich and poor, workers and those with leisure in abundance, all, or almost all, have birds, and everywhere where there is a bird there is gaiety.

One of the least-known varieties of Canaries, and, nevertheless, the most interesting from all points of view, value, beauty, and health, is the Parisian Frill Canary.

Very few people indeed know this bird, but in my long career as a bird lover I have tried breeding almost all kinds of birds, and I may state that not one has given me the satisfaction of the Parisian Frill. It is, therefore, of this comparatively unknown variety that I am going to speak. Why is this variety unknown? Why ought we to make it known?

The first question was asked me recently by a great lover of birds, an expert on Dutch ornithology, and author of numerous works on cage birds, and on Canaries in particular, Mr. Noorduyt, who told me he had never seen such fine Parisian Frills in Holland as in France. "I am convinced that they have real qualities which deserve to be known," said he. "I know almost every kind of bird. I have visited England, Germany, Italy, Hungary, and Switzerland, and I have never seen birds in those countries like those you have in Paris. I am very pleased to have the opportunity of studying them, and will make them the subject of my next volume. These birds possess great value, not only on account of their size, but because of the length and fineness of their feathers. I am surprised that they are not more known; they certainly deserve to be."

A Mistaken Policy.

Indeed, these birds are not known for the simple reason that their owners do nothing, and have never done anything, to make them known. They are so jealous of their treasures that they allow no one to see them except at the shows. Nevertheless, they ought to be known and become popularised, if only on account of their market value and their beauty.

What other bird, six months after its first moult, can rival the beauty or price of the Parisian Frill? I know of none. Moreover, their hardness and their vigour allow them to be treated as adult at this early age. It is at this time that they are most beautiful, provided that they have not had to go through the rigours of winter cold. Personally, I much prefer birds which have never seen a fire, and which have been reared in the ordinary temperature of the season.

About twenty years ago, when I started bird keeping, I bought two pairs of these birds, for which I paid £12 each, £24 in all, and they were far from the perfect specimens seen at the present time. Although a novice, and having my office work to do, I obtained from these four fifteen young ones, which I sold at the same price per bird as I had paid for their parents. I will leave you, dear reader, to make the calculation, and I may say that every year the returns have been about the same; and I repeat I have always reared these birds in my spare time.

The Parisian Frill is held in high esteem in America, but in England at present it is appreciated by only a limited number of fanciers. If its production were seriously taken up by an expert breeder he could easily dispose of 700 or 800, and still keep sufficient for future breeding purposes.

The man who has a certain amount of leisure, and a connection, or who will advertise well to make such a connection, will be certain of a good profit, for breeders of this variety are limited. Satisfactory profits can certainly be made, and as the variety becomes better known the demand should increase.

£60 for a Frilled Canary.

From November to March there are a number of shows every year where a breeder can find customers. In London, Gaunt, Ostend, Brussels, as well as in Holland, the country of their origin, there are opportunities for their exhibition, and at such shows the Parisian Frill always attracts much attention, and there are very few birds which are not sold at a good price.

Let us quote some figures of sales that have taken place at various shows. These are actual figures quoted by people who have shown birds bought in Paris. Three birds, bought in Paris for £3 12s., £4 16s., and

£5 10s. respectively, were shown in London at one of the Crystal Palace Shows. One was sold for £14, one for £19 10s., and the third was reserved for breeding purposes. A third prize bird, bought in Paris for £6, was resold in Brazil for £34; a first prize bird, at £8, was resold in Brazil for £40; and a winner of a special prize, which changed hands at £12, was resold in Chili for £60.

All these figures have been given us by people who have no object in falsifying the figures, therefore comment is needless. We will not speak of other birds sold to the same parties at equally good prices, although they had not been shown.

The above figures serve to show the success that can be obtained by the breeding of this charming little songster, even while devoting only three or four months of the year to the task, and taking only modest prizes. There are losses, of course, such as failures in hatching, and travelling expenses, etc., have, of course, to be considered, but in spite of all these there remains to the intelligent man a satisfactory profit. He will also render a real service to bird culture, and will have contributed, as far as he has been able, in the popularisation of this beautiful variety.

The Show Points of the Parisian Canary.

The following are the principal qualities which a good Parisian Frill should possess:—Shape and length of body, position, the length of the feathers, and their disposition. Colour takes second place; it may be yellow, white, yellow and green, or white and green, but in each colour the intensity or the disposition of the colours is of great importance.

The shape is difficult to define; it is harmonious above all, without angles, but with that particular slenderness which would seem to indicate extreme delicacy; and yet this bird is extremely hardy; the better the bird is the bigger it is. Length constitutes one of the dominant qualities; the average should be from eight to nine inches, but some will attain even ten inches from the tip of the beak to the tail. The long, curling feathers make it appear larger than it really is, but these feathers are one of the essential qualities.

The feathers of the back, from the shoulders to the rump, should be parted down the middle, falling equally on the two sides, and appearing to be supported by the feathers of the flanks. They are long, silky, and well curled, and appear to be growing the wrong way, forming on each side the two big rolls of feathers called fins or "nageoires"; the more accentuated these nageoires are, the greater is the value of the bird. The feathers on the chest should be nicely curled and growing forward, separated from the nageoires, and taking an opposite direction to all the other feathers. They should curve inwards, and leave in their centre a little hollow, ready to receive a tiny rosette.

Birds which possess all these qualities are very rare, and still more rare are the judges who are clever at discovering them. One must have a long experience to be able to see them all. What a drawback it is to a bird to be badly judged! But when a bird has the qualities given above the competition between fanciers for his possession is very keen, and sometimes fabulous prices are offered for it by those who wish to use it for breeding purposes.

French Frills Cheap.

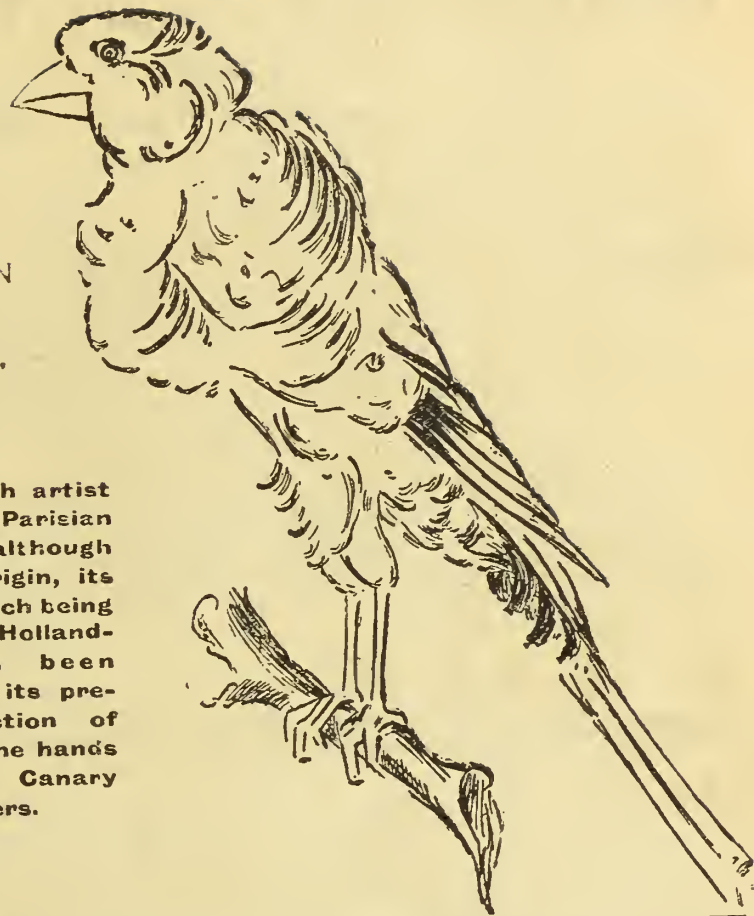
Such a bird, however, has brothers and sisters, and one must not imagine that they are no good. Their face value is less, of course, but they may produce birds which are quite as handsome as their more favoured brother, and these birds may be obtained at a relatively low figure. It is not seldom that such a "Colosse," as Baron du Thiel called it, fetches as much as £16 or £20, and more, but its brothers and sisters may be purchased at from £4 to £6, which is very reasonable.

Persuaded by the eminent Dutch Canary author already mentioned, Mr. Noorduyt, I have sent Parisian Frills to all the bird shows which I have heard of, Liège, Utrecht, Rotterdam, and The Hague, and everywhere I have obtained first prizes. One of them won third prize at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914, and I intended to have, at the exhibition of October, 1914, my revenge for this comparative defeat, but this exhibition fell through in consequence of the war, which was declared in August of that year.

(To be continued.)

THE PARISIAN FRILLED CANARY.

How a French artist sees the Parisian Frill, which, although of Dutch origin, its name in French being "Le Serin Hollandaise," has been brought to its present perfection of feather in the hands of Parisian Canary Breeders.



Some Random Notes on British Birds, With Hints on Their Keeping By DALESMAN.

THE study of British birds, their habits, haunts, and requirements in confinement, is a hobby that should commend itself to everyone of average intelligence.

The birds of our islands can be roughly placed under the following three headings, viz.: Seed-eaters, insectivorous, and predatory. I propose to take mostly the commoner species among the first two of these, and only a few of the rarer varieties.

The Goldfinch is, perhaps, the most popular of all the British finches. His wonderful colour scheme, sprightly habits, and by no means insignificant song make him a favourite with all bird lovers. Unfortunately, in several counties, in spite of rigid protection, he is rapidly decreasing in numbers, owing to the turning into eligible building sites of the waste spaces once covered with thistles and other weeds whose seeds afforded him sustenance.

The nest of this species is a masterpiece of bird architecture, more often than not being placed in the fork of an apple or pear tree, and so decorated with moss and lichen as to be almost invisible a few yards away. His diet consists chiefly of thistle, teasel, hard heads, and dandelion heads. He is a bird that takes readily to cage life, and hence a favourite with the Mule and Hybrid breeder. The Linnet is, perhaps, only second to Goldie as a general favourite; a bird of plain appearance to the uninitiated, but his rich nut brown back, beautifully pencilled breast, together with his graceful contour, stamp him as one of nature's beauties. He haunts the uplands during the breeding season, the nest often being found in a furze bush, and depends chiefly upon the different species of wild rape, such as charlock, ketlock, etc., for his food supply.

The familiar call of the Chaffinch and Greenfinch can be heard on every countryside. The former generally builds its nest in the fork of some high tree; the latter prefers a hawthorn hedgerow for his domestic duties, where the young brood are regaled with almost anything obtainable in the seed and insect world.

The Bullfinch, quite one of our feathered dandies, with his red breast, dignified black cap, and beautiful slate coloured back, is fairly common in most wooded districts, but sometimes gets into bad odour owing to his fondness for the buds of fruit trees. Some of the best authorities, however, are of the opinion that the buds he takes are infested with a grub, so that in reality he is a benefactor to the fruit grower rather than the pest his enemies would claim him to be.

He takes readily to cage life, and is easily catered for with a mixed seed diet, but should have a liberal supply of blackberries and privet berries during the moult in order to keep his breast colour up.

The Brambling, Crossbill, Siskin, and Snow Bunting are only winter visitors to our shores, but are often in evidence on the show bench.

The Hawfinch, the largest of our British finches, is more frequently met with in the south than in northern counties, but we have ample evidence that the species is gradually spreading northward. This bird is of no value as a songster, but is often met with on the show bench. Its diet in captivity should consist chiefly of sunflower, hemp, and Canary, with an occasional mealworm, and a feed of soaked green peas, of which he is passionately fond. By the way, mealworms are a grand conditioner for any of the Finch tribe that can be induced to take them.

Amongst the commoner of our Softbills we have the Skylark, Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, Blackbird, Ring Ousel, Redwing, and Fieldfare (the two latter are only winter visitors).

The wants of the larger Softbills can be easily supplied by one or other of the advertised soft foods, together with a little grated raw carrot, and any live insect food obtainable according to the season. Their cages should be as roomy as the available space will allow, and should be cleaned out as often and as regularly as possible, otherwise they soon become objectionable.

The smaller Softbills are, perhaps, more difficult to cater for in captivity, but many of them make ideal pets if the owner has the time and inclination to attend to their needs. The Robin, the Wren, the different varieties of Wagtails and Tits amongst our native birds, and the Blackcap Warbler, Willow Warbler, Chiff Chaff, Wheatear, Stonechat, Whitethroat, and Redstart form a delightful company of summer visitors, each deserving a chapter unto itself.

Almost all British birds, seed-eaters and insectivorous alike, are partial to the various forms of small insect life that abound in the summer months, such as "green fly" (aphids), etc. In my back garden I have some twenty rose trees that yield a fair supply of green fly during the hot weather, much to the chagrin of the wife and the detriment of my crop of roses, but much, also, to the benefit of the birds. A sprig of rose bush smothered in green fly is a horror of horrors to the gardener, but a thing of joy and beauty for ever to the bird fancier.

The study of bird life and the keeping of feathered pets is essentially a working man's hobby, a home recreation, and a pursuit which may be jointly followed by husband and wife or father and son. Personally I have no greater pleasure than to take my two sons (aged 6 years and 4 years respectively) for a ramble, to point out the many wonders of nature, and to answer as far as my knowledge will allow their many amusing and sometimes awkward questions.

Organizing the Canary Trade.

Report of the Sub-Committee.

MORE HELP FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

The sub-committee appointed by the general committee at the first meeting met at 154, Fleet Street, on May 15, and were greatly helped in their conclusions by the attendance of Mr. J. W. Norris, the hon. sec. of the British Roller C.C.

Each member had made full investigation into the cost of Canary breeding, both on the colony system and in breeding cages, and Mr. W. H. Vale read a short paper which we publish below.

Every detail of expense and output was carefully gone into, and the figures which were agreed to showed conclusively that Canary breeding could be made a profitable industry as well as an entertaining hobby, even though the selling price of the produce were reckoned at the amount which would readily be paid by the dealers. The estimates will be submitted to the consideration of the full committee at the next meeting, Monday, May 22, and we shall have more to say about them in our next issue.

WHAT HAS TO BE DONE.

A paper read by Mr. W. H. VALE, at a meeting of the sub-committee, May 15th.

THE breeding of a cheap class of Canary to take the place of the German-bred ones will necessitate the reconstruction of the average British fancier's ideas of the art of Canary Breeding, and the great point for those persons forming committees, or centres, for the purpose of educating the public on this matter must be the cheapening of production, and getting the greatest number of offspring from a given number of parents, rather than studying the show points and appearances of the birds, and only letting them breed and rear a few young each season.

To start at the beginning of the subject, it was, before the present war, quite possible for a cock Canary to be purchased in any of our market-places for from 5s. upwards, and hens from 1s. 6d. each, these birds being mostly "throw-outs" from the breeding-rooms of skilled fanciers, through being faulty in some or other show point, and although they were not bred to be sold at these figures, yet it should be possible, and it must become imperative to produce birds somewhere near these prices if we are going to compete with the Continental traffic in Canaries.

How this is to be done it is for those persons interested to find out, and explain to others, so that by the exchange of ideas the most economical ways of feeding and rearing the young, and getting them on the market as early as possible may be found.

Young German Canaries were imported to London and sold in couples at 3s. 6d. per couple, and these birds would be scarcely a month old. It is a well-known fact that the commoner the bird, the more prolific they are, and this must be the principle to work on, working on the basis of one cock to two hens, and reckoning each hen to have three nests of three youngsters (a very moderate estimate this) during the season, each nest consisting of one cock and two hens.

These must be produced for 5s. per nest, say, 2s. 6d. to 3s. for cost of feeding up to selling age, the remaining 2s. per pair being left to the breeder to cover cost of feeding and keeping the parent stock during the off-season.

The collecting of the young and despatching to various centres are other parts of the scheme, which could be carried out on co-operative principles, and are quite possible after once getting the idea a start.

TO SOLACE THE WOUNDED.

We have an offer from a lady sympathiser, Miss Wilkins, of Winchester, of a small aviary, one single breeding cage, and one double-breeding cage. These must be applied for within a week by letter to 154, Fleet Street, and applicants must be prepared to pay carriage.

The Hon. Mrs. Bourke, whose kind offer to take charge of the birds of soldiers during the war was published in our paper when it was so generously made writes: "I am not joining in your scheme for providing Canaries for wounded soldiers as I am dealing direct with the men I come in contact with through taking care of their birds, and selling them on their behalf when desired. I am starting them again as they return discharged, and have just paid 25s. for a pair of Yorkshires. Most of the soldiers whose birds were left in my care were keepers of softbills, and are not home yet; worse luck for them."

Mr. W. Napper, whose letter appears in another column, sends a second contribution of six pence as a result of his further saving of seed as explained.

A treble gift comes from an old reader, Mr. E. J. Rippon, of Chelmsford. This generous fancier sends a cash subscription of a guinea, promises birds later, and offers a helping hand in the hobby of bird keeping to any wounded soldier in his district.

A Gift for a Convalescent Home.

We have to thank Mr. J. H. Halliday for his letter offering the complete parts of Cassell's "Canaries and Cage Birds." We shall be pleased to hear from the matron of any convalescent home who would like this work for the interest of the wounded inmates.

The three birds so generously offered by Mr. Crawhall are of a class which will appeal to advanced fanciers, and we should like to receive offers for any or all of these. They should raise quite a nice sum, which could be expended to great advantage in the purchase of cheaper Canaries which would give quite as much pleasure to a wounded soldier as would exhibition birds. They will go to the highest bid received up to Tuesday next, May 23, or to one of the more experienced of the wounded soldiers as may be decided. Bravo! Mr. Crawhall.

Thanks to Mr. Thornton.

SIR,—I thank you very much for your kind letter, and Mr. Thornton for the pair of birds, which I received safely on Sunday morning. I wish your fund, and your paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success. The shops here do not take long to sell out their weekly stock of CAGE BIRDS, and if you don't get it on Friday night you are lucky to get a copy on Saturday morning, unless you order it beforehand.

J. BATCHELOR.

Pembroke Dock.

Our Fund to date stands as follows:—

Amount already acknowledged	£14 11 0
Mr. E. J. Rippon	1 1 0
Mr. M. S. Runchman	0 10 0
Mr. W. Napper (sale of seed)	0 0 6
	£16 2 6

GENEROUS GIFTS FROM READERS.

SIR,—I am a mere novice myself, but if I have any success I will be pleased to let you have a young bird for your scheme, which is a very honourable undertaking.

WM. THORBURN.

Glasgow.

A Treble Gift—Money, Birds and Instruction.

SIR,—I enclose cheque for £1 1s. for the wounded soldiers' scheme. Later I may be able to spare a pair of my Norwich, but could not do so this season as I have paired up. I should also be pleased to give advice to anyone in my district if required. I wish the scheme every success.

E. J. RIPPON.

Chelmsford.

For a Soldier in Hospital.

SIR,—Seeing the letter from P. Brown (Bandsman), Orchard Hospital, Dartford, I visited the hospital, and found him to be a deserving case. He has seen seven years with the Colours, and five on reserve, and was invalided home from the Dardanelles. He will never be himself again. I will give him a double breeding cage, fitted complete, and all such information as lies in my power. I hope others will follow, and present him with a pair of birds. There are several wounded soldiers in this hospital trying their luck at breeding. I will also give help with birds later on.

S. RICHARDS.

Dartford.

The Cream of the Fancy.

SIR,—I have three spare hens which I am not breeding with this year, and will give them for you to sell for your Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

No. 1, variegated yellow, bought from Mr. Bailey, and bred from his celebrated uneven mark. She had a cross moult, and is hardly in condition yet. Three years old.

No. 2, clear buff, six years old, bought from Mr. H. W. Walsh, Halifax, for £4; she is mother and grandmother of many winners. My N.Y.C.C. Cup winner, 1914, was a grand-son.

No. 3, clear buff, six years old, bought from Mr. F. Allen, Cleckheaton. Won eight firsts for Mr. Allen before I bought her, and has won several honours for me, including 1st Scottish National, Hull, and Whitehaven.

You may either give them to wounded soldiers, or sell them for the benefit of your fund for what they will bring.

THOS. C. CRAWHALL.



'STANDS LIKE A GUARDSMAN,'

A fine Yorkshire Canary, winner of 1st Prize, Special Prize, and Diploma of Merit at Holborn Hall Show for W. A. F. Stuart, Shepherd's Bush.

SIR,—I have "Cassell's Illustrated Canaries and Cage Birds," and I would willingly give it for any purpose that you may think of. It is in the original parts (52) mostly uncut, and I should think would be most suitable for a convalescent home for wounded soldiers. If you would kindly let me know I would forward them, carriage paid, to any address you think best.

J. H. HALLIDAY.

Prize Winners to be Sold for the Fund.

SIR,—Five shillings does not seem much for the Green Roller hen offered by Mr. Stephens, especially considering the object of the gift, as I presume she comes of a good stock. I do not particularly want the hen, but I will guarantee you 7s. 6d. for her. (Sell her for that, or more, if possible).

I shall be happy to send 10s. to the fund (which I now enclose), and will give two pairs of young Yorkshires from my prize birds at half the price at which Mr. R. L. Crisp or Mr. J. Robson may value them, at the Young Bird Show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., to be held July 5.

M. S. RUNCHMAN.

Bourne End.

More Money from Waste Seeds.

SIR,—I have again been saving the seed sweepings from my little lot of cages since I last wrote, sifting, washing, and drying the reclaimed seeds, as described in that letter. I am able, in consequence, to send you another sixpence herewith, and can, more than ever, see an upward tendency in this idea, presuming, that is, only 2,000 or 3,000 bird-keepers are doing the same thing. Please tell them not to hoard the sixpences, lest avarice seizes upon them, but to forward sixpence each right away, and again when an other lot of sweepings have been dressed, and so on. This way of working would, I am sure, in the aggregate, prove a regular and steady income towards your fund.

I take this opportunity of congratulating you upon the colour plate of Greenfinch Hybrids. When I wrote, in 1894, that "there is still a wide field for hybridisers," in my introduction to Vale's little book on hybrid birds, I certainly had little idea that such magnificent results were possible with the common Greenfinch.

W. NAPPER.

SIR,—Having read your scheme in CAGE BIRDS re Canaries for wounded soldiers, I write to say that if Bandsman Brown can wait until the end of the season I will make him a present of a pair of Norwich. If not, I will give the same to another wounded soldier who would be glad of same.

A. THORPE.

Measham.

Going at any Advance on 7s. 6d.

We have received scores of offers of six shillings, and many of seven shillings, for the Roller hen kindly donated by Mr. Stephens. As these offers are so numerous, we beg those who so kindly made them to accept, collectively, our thanks. The highest tender received is a guarantee of 7s. 6d. from Mr. M. S. Runchman, and as Mr. Runchman says, "sell her for that, or more, if possible," the hen will go to the highest offer above 7s. 6d. received not later than Tuesday next, May 23.

We have to thank Mr. Runchman also for his generous contribution of 10s. to the fund, and for his further offer, which we publish this week. The idea is ingenious, as well as generous, and through it, not only should our fund benefit, but someone will have the chance of buying prize birds at a valuation placed upon them by independent experts.

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Correspondence.

The Postponement of Liverpool British Bird Show.

SIR,—Kindly allow me, through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to thank those fanciers who have written sympathising with me on the postponement of the show, also for their kind offers of support when things are normal. Mr. Gomersall, of Buxton, has sent me 5s. towards the initial expenses incurred, and to him also I beg to offer thanks.

J. W. METCALFE.

Southampton Secretary Off to the War.

SIR,—I should feel obliged if you will kindly announce in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that I have joined the Army, and, therefore, am unable to continue as secretary of the Southampton C.B.S. Mr. G. J. Slade, of 34, Milton Road, Southampton, will take over the reins for the present, and all correspondence should be addressed to him. I desire to express my thanks to all the members of the society for the assistance they have rendered me during my term of office, also to yourself for the courtesy you have extended to me in the use of the columns of CAGE BIRDS.

W. L. PAGE.

A Talking Budgerigar.

SIR,—I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS for the last two years, and seeing an article, a short time ago, on "A Talking Budgerigar," I may mention that I possess one, a very fine green cock, which I took from the nest when about a fortnight old, and hand-reared. It is now about eight months old, and begins to talk very distinctly; it says, "Pretty John," "Pretty boy, John," "How do you do?," "Pretty little dear bird." It imitates the song of a Canary most correctly, the reason for this being that a Canary was kept near it. It flies from the cage to one's finger, and will sit on one's head and shoulders. The fact may be of interest to some of your readers, for a bird of this description is one of the most delightful pets imaginable.

C. W. W. CHURCH.

An Exemplary Sire.

SIR,—In answer to T. Williams, I might say that I have a Yorkshire cock Canary that I have bred with for the past three seasons, and every time the hen comes off to feed he sits on the eggs, and will not come off until they have had a few words, then she puts the "Hali Nelson" on him, and off he comes.

B. HUMPHRIES.

SIR,—I feel I should like to write you in reference to the letter, re "An Exemplary Sire," in this week's CAGE BIRDS. I have a Green Roller cock, mated up to a Roller hen. She hatched five young ones on Tuesday last. The cock has been with her during the whole time of incubation, and he has daily taken his turn to sit on the eggs, so as to allow her ladyship a flutter round and stretch herself out. When she felt disposed to return, he would quietly leave the nest for her to resume her maternal duties. Now the young ones are hatched he is as enthusiastic as his wife in feeding the offspring, continually on the lookout if their babies are asking to be fed. Both of them stand on the nest side and quietly disgorge the egg into the young ones beaks. JAMES BOOTH.

Two Canaries from One Egg—Both Doing Well.

SIR,—I have hatched two birds from one egg. On Thursday last when I went into my bird room I saw a Norwich hen was hatching eggs, and I gave her some egg food. She came off the nest, and I saw that two birds had hatched, and that the third egg was hatching. On looking closer I was surprised to see a head coming through each end of the egg, so I took the nest out, and with the quill of a tail feather helped to break the shell, as the bodies seemed to be jammed in the centre. They hatched all right, and are both doing well. The hen only laid three eggs and hatched four birds.

A sister of that hen also laid three eggs and two of them hatched. I took the third egg out, and with my penknife cut the top off the thick end, and was surprised to find two birds in this egg also; they were ready to hatch, but both heads were at the thick end; they seem to have jammed in the shell and died. I showed this egg to some of the bird breeders, and also to some of the prominent men of the place.

I have bred five pairs of Scotch Fancies, eight Norwich pairs, and five mule pairs, and have got at present six young Fancies and 17 Norwich. I have only hatched about half of the fertile eggs, owing, I think, to the cold weather that we are getting here. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for about six years, and have most of CAGE BIRDS' colour plates in my bird room on the wall.

JOHN FULTON.

A Famous Greenfinch Dead.

SIR,—Many of my fancier friends will be sorry to hear I have lost my Greenfinch, "Northern Star"; he died very suddenly on May 4. It was like parting with an old and very dear friend, for I am an exhibitor, but, first and foremost, a birdlover. I have no doubt it would surprise many if they only knew the strong attachment that can grow up between a fancier and his birds.

W. FAIRHURST.

An Open Young Bird Show for Wales.

SIR,—I have to thank Mr. J. S. Jones for the kind offer of the special for best Yorkshire shown by a member. Re the last part of Mr. J. S. Jones' letter, he has only written me when he wanted hen Canaries in exchange for British birds, and I sent him one of the best hens I had. If he were still a member and wanted to know anything special regarding the Society's doings, I would have made an effort to write him.

A. H. C. LEGG.

Nine Border Canary Eggs in a Clutch.

SIR,—I am a beginner in the Canary world as a fancier, this being only my second year, but I have had a very remarkable clutch of eggs from a Border hen. She has laid nine eggs. I am told this is a record clutch, and as I am a novice I should like to know if it is so. Breeders of Borders may think, as I did, seven or eight was a record lay, and I could hardly believe my own eyes when I saw nine in the nest. I am hoping to figure as a prize winner in the shows a little later on, as I am breeding only from good-class birds.

B. C. ALLAWAY.

Young Bird Show for Swansea and 20 Miles Round.

SIR,—The Swansea C.B.A. intend holding a young bird show on the second Saturday in July, open to any club members within a radius of 20 miles. Prize money on the sliding scale, entrance fee 6d. per cage. Will secs. within the radius oblige by applying for schedules and full particulars to I. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk Road, Swansea? A hearty invitation to attend our next meeting, May 20, or any other meeting, is given to secs. or members of any club within the radius. We hold our meetings fortnightly at the Elysium, High Street.

I. H. FORD, Sec.

"Magic" Canary Eggs.

SIR,—On reading the correspondence pages of your helpful paper, CAGE BIRDS, I was agreeably surprised to see Mr. Jackson's letter, as only last Sunday, May 7, I took an egg from a Yorkshire hen that had been sat on for 17 days. I placed it in a window bottom, and was surprised to see it balance itself on the narrow end. It was one of four, the other three having hatched. I expected, on breaking it, to find a dead youngster, but no; all the substance had gone to the narrow end, more than half the shell being empty.

B. H. LIVESLEY.

[It is, of course, easy to understand that an egg that had been dried up during 17 days' incubation, would stand on the end at which the dried contents had gathered, but the egg mentioned in our issue of May 13 had only been incubated seven days, so the same explanation would scarcely apply.—EDITOR.]

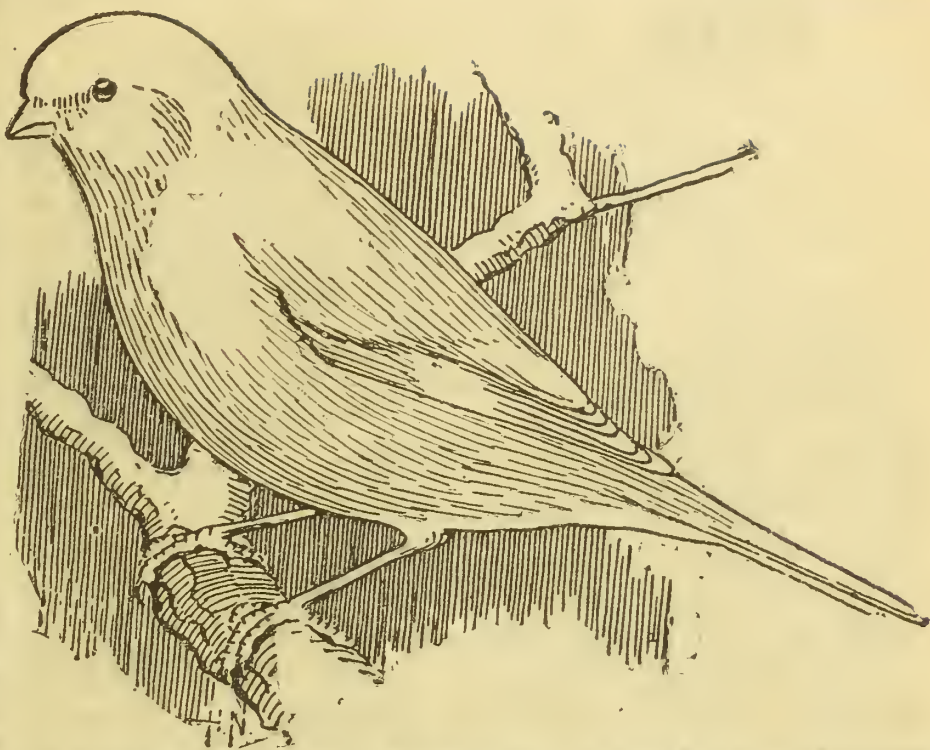
How to Make Them.

SIR,—Re the above in your correspondence columns, I have an egg that stands on end, and, place it how I will, it stands on end, but the reason is simple; the whole of the egg inside the shell has dried up and has settled in the small end of the egg. The next added eggs any fancier may have, if he stands them on their small end in the window the sun will dry them up, and he will have more magic eggs.

A. H. C. LEGG.

SIR,—The type of egg described by your correspondent is not in the least rare. Instead of being fertile, as your correspondent imagines, he will find they have the contents dried up into a small hard mass, which has retreated to the small end of the egg, and thereby transferred practically all the weight of the egg to a focus at the small end of the egg, which causes the egg to appear to stand up end-wise by the force of gravity. It is a moot question whether such eggs are ever fertile, but certainly they can never hatch. The most uncommon experience I ever had with this type of egg was finding a nest of the Hedge Accentor, apparently hard set, with the hen assiduously sitting on a clutch of four eggs, every one of which was of this type. That was getting on for forty years ago, so our wild birds have long been addicted to this common trouble of the Canary fancier.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.



This beautiful clear yellow Norwich hen is the property of Dr. C. Peterson Weekes, of Bournemouth. It has won first prize each time out, her wins including 1st and special for best Norwich at Bournemouth Show, 1st Southampton, and 1st Cardiff.

Out-Climaxing the "Climax."

SIR,—I notice in "Twitterings" of this week's issue of CAGE BIRDS a remark made by Mr. McMillan, re my drying cage, the Climax published in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1916. I much appreciate the remarks he has made, as very often two heads are better than one, and progress is often made through fair criticism. It is a great pity that a few more of us do not express our opinions on birdy matters in general; we should all be the wiser for it.

I may say that when I made the Climax, I studied every detail minutely, and I thought of a door at the side, as suggested by Mr. McMillan, but I thought it would greatly weaken the side of the cage, besides being of very little advantage. When the cage is in use for drying the wire door should be up so as not to open the front more than sufficiently to allow one's hand to go through easily, so as to place the bird upon the bottom. Another item is that when the cage is in use as a spray cage the water would have a tendency to find its way through the crevices of a door at the side, therefore it would be a disadvantage rather than otherwise. One word re your ANNUAL, quite apart from my article on the "Climax." The other articles are fine, and very instructive. No fancier who earnestly intends to be a successful breeder and exhibitor should on any account be without one.

A. E. MOULE

Four Eggs in Three Days.

SIR,—I am, like Mr. Jones, of Canada, a novice in the Canary breeding hobby, and also, as in his case, one of my Border Fancy hens laid two eggs in less than 24 hours.

She is a third season's hen, and I introduced the cock to her on April 4; on April 10, when I looked at the birds, at 6.30 in the morning, there were two eggs in the nest. I know for a fact that she had not laid at 4.30 on the afternoon of April 9.

She laid four eggs, and brought off three young; the fourth egg was clear. The three chicks are now eighteen days old, and are just on the point of leaving the nest. In this, my first season, I have six young out of four nests. One nest of four eggs was unfertile, one hen crushed two chicks the day after they were hatched, and another hen picked two chicks out of the eggs prematurely.

CICELY M. LONDON.

The Constituent Parts of Bird Seed.

SIR,—Replying to your correspondent, re analysis of seeds contained in my article, published in CAGE BIRDS, I would say that the difference in the total of any analysis mentioned and the full hundred points is accounted for by the husk and other indigestible fibre, which, although forming part of the original bulk, is of no value as food. There must naturally be a certain amount of waste, and I trust this simple explanation will satisfy your correspondent.

I might point out that in quoting the analysis of any feeding stuffs it is not usual to account for the full hundred points, but to state the proportions of those constituents which are of value. Take, for instance, the

analysis of any horticultural fertilizer, which very often is found to account for only 40 per cent. or 45 per cent. of the bulk, and gives no clue whatever as to the nature of the balance. Yet such an analysis is "guaranteed to meet the requirements of the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906," and is accepted by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries as being quite sufficient, although quoting only 40 per cent. of the bulk.

I should like to say that I deeply appreciate the letter of your correspondent, as it proves he has taken sufficient interest in the matter to make the enquiry. I am pleased to offer the above explanation, and shall be glad to answer any further enquiries to the best of my ability.

Further to my article I should like to add an important point re maw seed. Some fanciers are afraid to use this seed in quantity, being under the impression that it contains the same narcotic properties as opium, which is obtained from the same plant. However, it is an established fact that maw seed contains none whatever of the narcotic principle of the plant from which it is obtained, and can therefore be used with perfect safety.

A. G. HUNT.

"Cuckoo, Cuckoo."

SIR,—It seems a pity that two old men, both apparently fond of bird life, and with one foot in the grave, so to speak, are unable to discuss the common Cuckoo in cold type without acrimony. If Mr. Craig had complained of my remarks, as I am constrained to complain of his, I could find pleasure in admitting frankly any mistake or misbehaviour I may have been guilty of.

Ever since this blooming interloping Cuckoo mix up was forced into the song of the Canary discussion, Mr. Craig has done his best to remind me that I am all behind in the matter, etc.

The fact is he wants to make out that the "chucking" out by the nestling Cuckoo was entirely his own discovery, and is wild because I have been able to prove otherwise. Just as I finished in the dispute over "the song of the Canary," so I finish on the Cuckoo. What I have said, I have said. There are still many things about Cuckoos not generally known. Mr. Craig could have told us that the common Cuckoo is found in nearly every part of Europe and Northern Asia, and that its winter home is Africa, etc. He could also have said something of the many other kinds of Cuckoos in the world, and especially of the American Cuckoos, which build their own nests, affectionately rearing their own young. Mr. Craig is evidently not so far ahead after all.

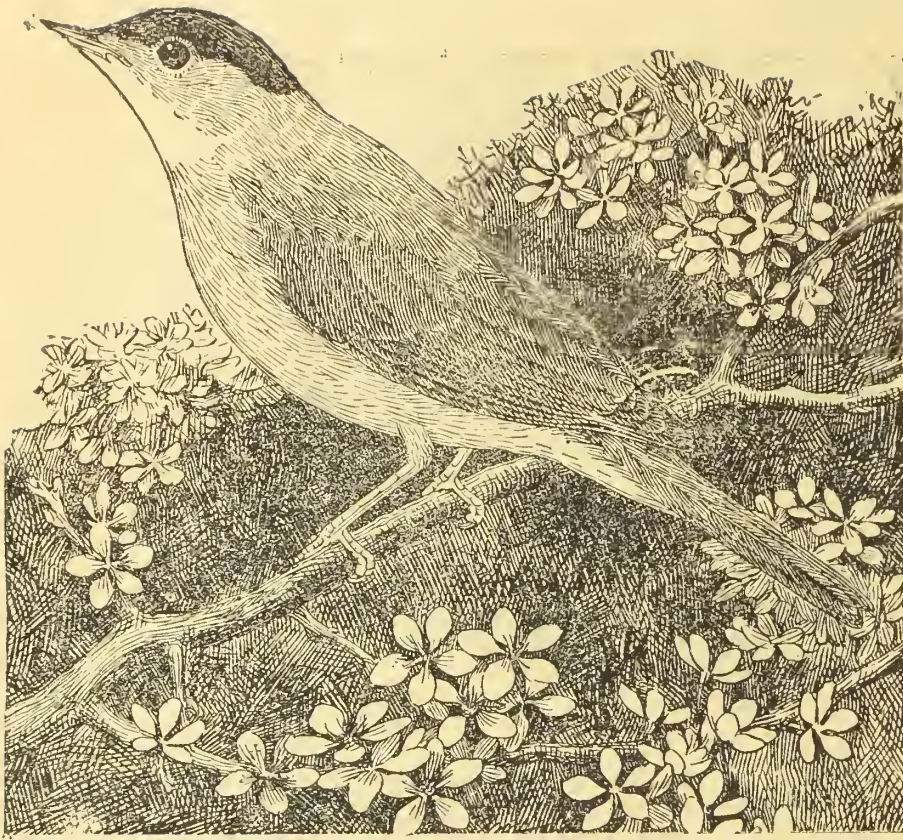
W. NAPPER.

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CORRESPONDENCE

(Continued from page 271.)

Will Mules Breed?

SIR,—I should be pleased if any readers of CAGE BIRDS could inform me if it is possible to breed from a Goldfinch-Canary Mule hen, as I heard of a man at Lincoln pairing a Mule hen with a cock Greenfinch cock, and getting three young, but I doubt it. I should be pleased to hear if any other fancier has ever heard of a similar occurrence.

E. FORRESTER.

[This is a question which is continually cropping up, and there are some who say it is certainly "possible" to get young from a hen Mule. While there would seem to be a stray case here and there which is authenticated, yet by far the greater number of reputed hen "Mules" which have shown fertility have been simply Canaries more or less heavily marked. It is quite a common supposition among those with little experience that all Canaries are entirely yellow, and that any bird with dark markings is a "Mule."—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

Goldfinches and Hemp Seed.

Eleven Years on Hemp Seed Alone.

SIR,—Whilst visiting the neighbourhood of Matlock at Easter time I learned about the death of a remarkable Goldfinch which occurred three weeks previous to my visit. Having seen the bird before, in August of last year, I was greatly interested in it, and on meeting the owner during my recent visit, almost my first inquiry was about his one and only feathered pet. Mr. Wain bought this bird eleven years ago from a neighbour who caught it, with others, and, being no fancier, he fed it according to his own judgment, and during the whole period of eleven years gave it nothing but plain hemp seed. The bird was always in the best of health, and was an incessant songster. I have often noticed the controversies in your valuable paper concerning the keeping and feeding of the Goldfinch, who has such a way of dying suddenly at an early age, and I would like to know what other readers think of this particular kind of feeding. I have heard it said that hemp seed is fattening, but this bird was never affected that way.

W. SHIPLEY.

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A Word for Softbill Keeping.

SIR,—I must congratulate your artist, Mr. H. Goodchild for his excellent portrait of my Yellow Wagtail in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, it seemed so natural and life-like. The keeping of Softbills has always been a strong fascination of mine, and as a hobby I consider it both interesting and instructive, especially the keeping of the graceful family of Wagtails. Though we are as yet in a minority as compared with Canary breeders, I hope the day is not far distant when we shall at least see the Softbill classes at our shows come up to the level of our Hardbills. Some doubt existed last season as to my Wagtail being a hen, as it was then in its winter plumage, but to the initiated it was certainly a cock. It is one of the finest of the many yellows I have ever possessed, and should I have the good fortune to moult him again, I expect he will reward me with some more "red cards." I notice you had R. J. Robertson, Glasgow, instead of Aberdeen, a comp's error, no doubt, and not a very serious mistake in such a fine issue. Wishing your paper every success.

R. J. ROBERTSON.

New Sec. for Border City O.S.

SIR,—I have reluctantly been compelled to give up the secretaryship of the Border City (Carlisle) O.S., after a tenure of office since its inauguration, and communications in future should be addressed to Mr. Geo. Davidson, 7, London Road Terrace, Carlisle, who has consented to act as secretary until such times as I or someone else will be able to take up the reins of office again.

The annual show of the Society has now become one of the principal shows of the country, and every endeavour should be made to carry on as in the past. This can only be done with the full co-ordination of all the local fanciers, working in harmony, and as the Border City O.S. is the only "live" society in the district at present, and gives a good classification and nine silver cups for open competition, it should become as great in the north as the big London societies are in the south.

At present thousands of men have shifted to the neighbourhood of Carlisle from all parts of the United Kingdom, and amongst this great mass of workers must be many in the fancy. In fact, I, personally, have been in touch with fanciers from Leeds, Bradford, London, Cheltenham, Glasgow, and other places, and I am sure, if any help is needed by any of them to keep their hobby going in this locality, if they communicate with Mr. Geo. Davidson or myself we will be pleased to help them to the best of our ability. I am sure also the members will be pleased to welcome any of them at their meetings, the second Wednesday of each month, at the King's Head, Fisher Street, Carlisle.

I thank you for past favours, and wish all past supporters of our shows success in the present breeding season.

JOHN C. BELL.

THE DELIGHTS OF CANARY BREEDING.

By
M^{rs} A. HINTON.

How a lady bred prize-winning Border Fancy Canaries and made a start in Mule Breeding.

I AM writing as the result of about nine years' experience and accumulated observations in the delightful hobby of breeding and rearing the Canary. This pursuit has been one of my labours of leisure for the above period.

A friend presented me, in the first instance, with a pair of Norwich Canaries, telling me that the cock was upwards of ten years of age. I named him "Old Grandpapa," and that season paired him to the hen, who was said to be some years younger. She went by the name of "Little Muddie."

In every way he was a model father, and that summer they brought up several birds. To my grief, Little Muddie died in the autumn. The aged couple were so devoted to each other that, the day before she died, Muddie rested her head on "Grandpapa's" breast for several hours.

The following year I mated "Grandpapa" with a large green hen, named Angélique, after a French lady who presented her to me. They had three lovely birds. "Josie" was one, a large green cock, who now, at the age of seven years, is looked upon as the head of the large family which originated from "Grandpapa."

There were two daughters—"Ann," who died, and "Elizabeth," who paired the following year with a yellow cock, and has brought up large families.

When a Border is not a Border.

"Grandpapa" had a third wife, a bright little London Fancy, and to her descendants the honour of some good Border Fancies are due, a great-great-grandchild having taken a first and special at a show. "Grandpapa" lived to be twenty-two years of age, and about fifty of his descendants are now living. A genealogical tree is kept, and a diary of all their proceedings, by which means I am certain from what nest the birds proceed, as well as of their age and parentage.

The birds are for the most part inbred; each is given a name and is known by it. The old stock are always kept, but the young ones of each season are occasionally parted with; so that they may have the credit of saying that, to some extent, they are self-supporting.

They generally breed between thirty and forty young in the season, mostly in the ordinary breeding cages; but three very tame sets are allowed to use the large aviary with the partitions between. These sets have wire baskets hung on, and felt nests inside, a little moss being given as an inducement to build.

The eggs are never removed, as I think the hens must feel some satisfaction to see them come one after the other. It is my aim to make them happy and as natural in their habits as possible. My hens are only allowed two broods in the year; if their powers are taxed too heavily they seldom live very long.

The trays during the breeding season are taken out three times a week, and when the young are a fortnight old they are removed into a clean nest in the nursery division, so that the hen should not pull their feathers out, as some mothers are inclined to do. I am confident that the tamer the birds are the more successful are the results.

Likes and Dislikes.

A careless father is paired the following year to an ideal mother, and vice versa with the hens. It is best to give a proved hen to a young cock. They are not allowed to choose their own mates; so in order not to hurt their feelings they are separated before any attachment springs up among them. I give one instance of this. "Grandpapa's" son (from his third wife), named "Wee Tim," was left in the aviary on account of his being a very gentle bird; he made choice of a large hen, and was allowed that spring to mate with her.

The following season no inducements would get him to pair, and I found out the reason later on—his favourite was in the next breeding cage, and she continually cried to him. I moved him into another room, but he moped, and that year he would not pair. The next year a wife was selected as like his favourite as possible, and they did very well.

Some Canaries have so great an antipathy to each other that they cannot be brought to pair, and when this is seen they should be separated at once. If our birds are familiar with us as they should be, they will exhibit their confidence in our sympathy and make their wants known to us; I have always found that if there is anything amiss with their nestlings they attract my attention by signals that cannot be mistaken. My hens are fond of pulling my hair as the spring comes on,

and then I either give them mates from my aviary or part with them to friends.

I am convinced that success depends upon perfect cleanliness, and great attention in all respects to their health. Mine are constantly under supervision, and the first signs of drooping leads to their removal from the large aviary to a small cage. I have had a few cases of asthma, and except in a very bad case have found most beneficial results from the cure prescribed in CAGE BIRDS, which I have taken regularly for years.

I am seldom troubled with the red mite—only a few in the breeding season. I resort to a lump of camphor dissolved in methylated spirit, and brush this well all round the woodwork. As I have before said, I am an advocate of perfect cleanliness, air and exercise.

I find my pets are very docile, and enjoy a fly out. I never catch them, but throw into the aviary some favourite seed, niga, or a very few hems, and they make a rush for that at once. They have a little nourishing food during their moult—bread and milk, with maw seed once a day.

Their ordinary food is plain Canary and Rape. When setting I give chopped egg with bread crumbs three times a day, and some put in their tin the last thing at night, as I find they feed their young in the early hours of the morning.

They have green food, if possible, two or three times a week, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress. It is better for them to have a little constantly, than a great quantity now and then, as they are apt to eat over-eagerly of it when given seldom. Variety in their food is necessary for all birds.

I collect for winter consumption plantain for the Canaries, thistle and knapweed for my Goldfinch and Linnet, and privet berries for the Bullfinch. These dainties they welcome, and I am sure they help to keep them in health with seed good and sound; birds not exposed to draughts or sudden changes of temperature rarely have much the matter with them. A bag of hemp is always kept for them to eat from the hand, which means that amongst so many they only get about six hemp seeds each a day. I believe the Canary is never fat if in health, as his constant singing and activity keeps him in condition.

They have a bath every morning, cold in the summer, tepid in the winter. I give them dried sea-sand, because I think that the saline properties are good, and instead of giving them sugar they have pieces of cuttlefish hung in the aviary.

As the birds get into years they fly on my hand and take seeds from my mouth; sometimes some of the younger ones will follow their elders in doing the same.

I must tell you a little about a very tame bird, a grandson of old "Grandpapa." He is named Punchie, and is quite the children's friend; as he has an inordinate love for any dainty I can always get him to fly on their hands for a tit-bit.

He is a great lazy fellow, and has only paired twice, and each time had one large bird. His wife, "Myrtle," often would watch him eat the egg-food, and as he did not come up to feed her would fly down to him in quite a temper and send him up to the nest. He is allowed a cage to himself; of a morning he will fly on to my cup, waiting patiently for a piece of soaked bread.

It may interest readers to know what results from breeding came from a few of the families, so I will give you those of two seasons from old "Grandpapa's" eldest son by his second wife.

Joseph, the green cock, was paired to his half-sister Coquette, a bright little buff hen with evenly marked wings. They had five little ones—Bartie, a fine, deep yellow-splashed cock; Pretoria, a green cock; and three clear hens.

The second season "Joseph" was wed to a large green hen called Shamrock, and the result was a large clear-yellow cock, called Barney O'Hea, and two green hens.

I keep a diary of the results of each year's breeding, and find that, generally speaking, the finest harmony is produced from opposition. I mean by this, that to breed a fine-coloured yellow bird without a spot or splash one should select a buff hen from a clear stock and mate her with a clear yellow cock. To get fine-coloured pied birds, select a yellow cock and mate with a rich green hen.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

The Roller Canary: Its Feeding and Training for Song.

By JESSIE LAWSON (Preston.)

THE Hartz Mountain Roller Canary, as its name implies, is of German origin, and previous to the war these Canaries were exported in large numbers to England, as the demand for them was very great, on account of their beautiful voices. In appearance they are small and insignificant, resembling the ordinary common Canary of long ago. Their colour is either yellow, brown, or green and yellow variegated. Now, of course, the exportation has ceased, owing to the war, as, naturally, one is not allowed to, or would not wish to trade with, the enemy.

Therefore it is expedient for us to breed good "Rollers," and at the present time Roller breeding is the most important topic among bird fanciers. What we aim at is perfection and purity of song, which is their great charm.

A good Roller should do nothing but roll, and I will enumerate the best rolls, some of which a good Roller always has.

The "water roll," "lisping roll," "whizzing roll," "bass roll," "hollow roll," "bell roll," "gurgling roll," "glucking roll," also there are various other rolls and whistles.

Their song should always be quiet and subdued, with no shrill notes. They should have good length and variety of notes; one should be able to count up to 80 or 100 during their song. If a Roller "chops" it is of no value.

A good singer can be purchased at £1 or 30s. Before the war I bought one at 15s. which turned out to be a bargain; it sang most beautifully until it was taken with paralysis, and even now it sings a little.

They are as a rule more delicate than other birds, and ought to be kept in an even temperature during the winter especially, but they do not need any artificial heat if they are covered up at night.

Their food should be two parts of Canary seed to one part of summer rape, with a little egg food occasionally, and green food frequently. A lump of sugar covered with glycerine is very beneficial to their voice.

Bird rearing is a delightful and interesting hobby for anyone; it teaches us all to have

patience and perseverance. Now is the time for young birds to be hatching, for May birds are the best, and the bad weather which continued so late this year has delayed the nestlings.

The feeding of them is of vital importance, for on their feeding in the early stage depends their health in the future. Very often a bird improperly fed when young appears quite healthy and well until about nine months old, when it develops some incurable complaint, such as paralysis or consumption. Either of the following diets are excellent.

Egg and biscuit mixture: Take half the yolk of a hard-boiled egg, put it through a zinc sieve, and mix with it an Osborne biscuit, or stale bread crumbs. When the young are three days old, add a little of the white, and increase the quantity of biscuit until equal. Give it to the birds fresh daily. This quantity will feed several nests of young birds.

Bread and milk: Take a stale piece of bread and pour enough boiling water over it to moisten it, also a few drops of boiling milk, and sprinkle on a little raw sugar. Spratts canary food, bought in 3d. tins, and requiring mixing with water, is given in addition to the bread and milk.

Green food should be given when the nestlings are three days old, and the best is watercress, or, when this is not procurable, dandelion leaves. Lettuce contains too much opium. Always wash and dry before giving the green food.

Some people believe in rearing their birds on dry biscuits, which, naturally, do not contain enough fat to keep the cold out of the young birds. A lady I know told me she was bringing up her young birds (which were in an aviary) on a cream cracker, so I told her my opinion, with which she disagreed, and said they were doing very well indeed.

But a week later found them dead; the weather had been too cold for them, she said, but the birds had no chance to stand a little cold, because they had not been given any heat-producing food.

(To be continued.)

IN PRAISE OF THE GOLDFINCH.

By LADY HELEN FORBES.

I NEVER walk in my garden and see the weeds which, I regret to say, flourish in that good soil with a hardy impudence, without wishing that I had an aviary to profit by what is otherwise so grievous.

How beautiful the golden tassels of the groundsel, the star-eyed chickweed, the fat, green shepherd's purses, and the brown-green spikes of the plantain would look thrust between the bars of a cage, and how useful they would then be!

Better than the Dust Heap.

Instead of being outcasts and things accursed, which I must say they show no signs of minding, they might be welcome—in moderation—and gathered carefully in baskets rather than hastened to the ignominious dust-heap.

I once kept birds, never many at a time, but always with the greatest affection, so that their frequent and untimely deaths were real grief to me. My whole youth was enlivened by their singing from the cages poised in the sunny windows of my schoolroom, so that to speak and write of birds is to bring back to me a whiff of my early youth.

My early ambition—never realised, early ambitions never are—was to possess a real aviary, with nest boxes and swinging rings, full of beautifully plumaged and tuneful birds. One lady I was once taken to see as a child had a possession of this sort, full of Indigo birds, Waxbills, and Nonpareils, and for years I ardently desired one like it.

Goldfinches, however, were always my favourite birds; they are as pretty to look at, in fact, less gaudy than the more generally popular Canary, and their song does not go through one's head with an equal piercingness.

Tho "Thistle-finch," as he is sometimes called, becomes very tame, more so, I believe, than most English birds, and he is harder than a foreigner. He also has not the evil and disheartening habits of the Bullfinch, who eats himself to death as cheerfully as any dyspeptic millionaire.

I had a Goldfinch which was the joy of my

heart for about four years. He was a very tame little bird, and I had chiefly tamed him myself, always an achievement to a child.

I loved "Goldie" dearly, though I fear he had no particular affection for me; and it was a dreadful day for me when one fine morning he escaped from his cage and flew away into the open air. I was so fond of him that I used to keep a little diary with chronicles of his small doings; I have it still, and very trifling it is, but my childish description of, as I called it, the "black, and also red, letter day" of the bird's memorable flight is most graphic and moving.

I am glad to say that after several hours of great unhappiness for me, we caught the precious Finch in the garden and brought him home in triumph. I was only twelve then, and luckily "Goldie" lived till I was about fifteen and more philosophical. The entry in my diary at the time of his demise—"And so there's an end of poor Goldie"—has little in common with the passionate grief and excitement which moved me when he flew away.

Gone, but not Forgotten.

I do not remember loving any other of my birds as I did "Goldie." I had soon afterwards a foreign bird of unknown name and fierce aspect, which escaped like "Goldie," but unlike him, never came back. He was seen for months afterwards round the house with the wild birds, evidently on perfectly good terms with them.

I never cared much for Canaries. I only remember one, a Crested hen, with a very long body and neck, whom we called "Gagool," as inhabiting my schoolroom, and her only merit was her sex and the fact that she could not sing. Another bird we had at the same time, or a little earlier, was an accomplished Redpoll, which drew up its water in a little bucket and opened a box every time it wanted its seed. He worked very hard literally for his living, but he never sang, except for an odd note rather like a Peewit's. I also owned several green birds of the Parrot species, but found them uninteresting.

I do not recommend birds as pets for children, for if they become cherished pets there is such trouble and sorrow when they die that it scarcely seems worth it. And as birds are short-lived at best, where they are kept there are more tearful children than is needful. If they are not cherished by their youthful owners they are very apt to be forgotten, and this increases the normal tragedies of bird life, already so numerous.

"COCKIE."

A Story of a Sulphur-crested Cockatoo.

By MISS DYDDGU HAMILTON.

I AM a patient, law-abiding citizen, so much so, indeed, that rather than turn active, or even passive, resister, I have for years past paid double education rates, and submitted myself to re-vaccination no less than seven times during the small-pox scares. Even now I sit placidly writing by dim candle light while our all-powerful Borough Council, attempting to "convert" the electric current, succeeds only, judging by the profane language I hear, in unconvincing the ratepayers of this district.

Cockie and the I.R.D.

When, therefore, some little time ago, my servant announced that a young man from the Inland Revenue Department had called for the third time about the licence, and that he threatened to "take proceedings" immediately if I declined to see him, reluctantly I took my feet off the fender and descended to the front door, where awaited me a meek-looking young man, hat in hand.

"Dog licences should be taken out on the 1st of January," were the unexpected words with which he greeted me. "Indeed!" I answered vaguely, wondering what he could be driving at. "It is now the 23rd of March," he continued, eyeing me sternly. "I believe so," I said, after a hasty glance at the newspaper I held.

"And you have no dog licence," he pursued, looking at me, as I thought, more and more threateningly. "Why should I have one? I am not a dog," I replied, beginning to wonder where this peculiar young man had escaped from. "But you keep a dog, and—" "Not since I left Taviton Street," I hastened to assure him. "My dog died there, and he is buried in the garden."

The Officer of Excise smiled an incredulous smile as he observed: "Dead dogs don't bark."

"No, indeed—at least, I have never heard one," I answered as soothingly as I knew how, for by this time I felt sure that the poor man's brain had been turned by the death of some favourite dog, whose spookish bark still haunted him.

But my remark had no soothing effect. On the contrary, the meek youth's eyes positively flashed as he went on: "The constable on duty here tells me that he constantly hears a dog barking in this house both by day and night. The penalty for not taking out a licence is £5, and if—"

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But, as he raised his voice in anger, he was interrupted. "Bow wow wow, bow wow!"—such a fierce and noisy barking, and only too obviously proceeding from my dining-room.

With an air of triumph the irate Inland Revenue officer pushed open the door and looked in, whilst I, grasping the true inwardness of the situation at last, sank down on the stairs, overcome with laughter.

For the supposed dog, whose unlicensed barking had caused such commotion at Somerset House, was no less a person than "Cockie," a large White Cockatoo, whose powers of talking and imitation are quite remarkable even in a bird of his talented kind.

The Greater Sulphur-crested Cockatoo is a native of Australia. He is a bird of great wings, and strong flight, and, as one saith, "he hath the voice of a fiend, for he hath an horrible voice."

That is when he gives vent to his natural yells and screams, or to the imitation of railway whistles and motor hooters, at which feats he is an adept. Otherwise he speaks in a more human, less Punch-and-Judy-like voice than that of either the Grey Parrot or the Green—his chief rivals in popular favour.

The Grey Parrot excels the Cockatoo in the number and variety of the sentences he can remember and repeat, while the Green Amazon beats him at laughing, crying, and the mimicking of conversations between two different persons—a man and woman, or woman and child, the bird speaking in the voice of each alternately. The Cockatoo is more playful, more intelligent, and much more excitable than any Parrot.

Not Loved at Home.

In his own country the Great Sulphur Crest is an outlaw, and is granted no protection, not even in the breeding season, on account of the terrible havoc he commits among the crops of maize, which he devours with equal gusto whether it be freshly sown and sprouting or ripening in the ear.

He is a bird very commonly seen in England. Being beautiful, hardy, and long-lived, he is largely and frequently imported, and is therefore cheap. But the great number of these birds presented by their owners to the Zoological Gardens and other public institutions testifies to the fact that they are found to be

too big and far too noisy to be kept as pets in private dwelling-houses.

Cockie was never really my bird, though he lived in my house for over a year, and when I first saw him I thought that not even a white-robed angel could appear more glorious to look upon than this snowy beauty.

However, I was not very long in discovering that if he did indeed bear any relation to an angel it could only be a fallen one, though for many weeks his doting mistress could see no fault in him, and would hear no word against him, so that I had to bear my sorrows in silence.

Cockie began his misdeeds on the Sunday after his arrival. With his huge and powerful beak he forcibly bent apart the iron bars of his cage, and twisted and tore them out until he had made a space large enough to squeeze his great body through. Then, with a shriek, and a hideous burst of laughter, he flew round and round the room, finally alighting on the chandelier, from whence he sent down showers of black dust upon the spotless cloth and smoking joint.

In vain we tried to remove him. "J'y suis, j'y reste," he proclaimed with beak and claws. There was nothing for it but to wheel the dinner table through the folding doors into the next room, leaving Cockie in possession of his coign of vantage.

At length a practised hand succeeded in catching him, and in tethering him by the leg to a stand, and then, for a while, we had peace. Cockie preferred the stand to his old cage, and on it he performed the most wonderful gymnastics and dances, spreading his great white wings and waltzing round as gracefully as any skirt dancer, or twirling head over heels round the perch with amazing rapidity.

A Sense of Humour.

It is a moot point whether Parrots and their kind understand the meaning of the phrases they repeat. I have no doubt whatever that Cockie comprehended the drift of his remarks, and that he had a keen sense of humour.

On one occasion, when an enthusiastic advocate of teetotalism had been holding forth to me for a somewhat lengthy period, and I had begun to fear that I should soon be unable any longer to stifle the yawn I felt imminent. Cockie, who, contrary to his usual custom, had been very still during the interview, suddenly called out, in tones clear and distinct as those of the human voice: "Good-bye; I must be off now to the public-house—the public-house." He repeated the last words twice over, so that there could be no shadow of doubt as to what he said. Never, before or since, has he been known to pronounce those words.

When the chimney caught fire in the room where Cockie's cage stood, the roar of the draught, and the blazing masses of soot falling on to the tiled hearth terrified Cockie, and he ran up and down his cage, calling out, "What's the matter? What's the matter? What is it all about?"

On another occasion I had had an urgent call to an outside case in the hours when I should have been found in my own consulting room. On my return my housekeeper—a kindly old soul, who had taken a warm interest in all my doings ever since the days of my early struggles—met me at the threshold with the good news that there were two new patients in the waiting room. "The lady came about half an hour ago, that's her brougham opposite; the gentleman drove up in a handsome ten minutes after." "I will see the lady at once," I said, turning the knob and entering the room as I spoke.

Libellous Cockie.

A smartly-dressed lady was looking at a volume of "Punch" on the table, while an elderly clergyman sat with an air of fixed melancholy, gazing into the fire. At the noise of my entry Cockie faced round, and, instead of his usual greeting of "Hulloa!" the malicious bird, inspired, as I cannot but believe, by the Evil One himself, announced in a voice of startling distinctness, ending with a diabolic chuckle, "They've been kissing. Ha, ha!" I stepped back hastily, and closed the door.

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Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

T. H.—Answered by post.

RATHER SLOW (Disinterested).—The cock was evidently not quite forward enough, but, possibly, by this time with more bright and spring-like weather, he may have improved naturally. If not, give the pair every second day, in addition to the staple seed diet, a small teaspoonful of egg-food, with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure, maw and sesame mixed in it, and on the alternate days give instead a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle and broken groats. For green food give a young freshly gathered stool of dandelion daily; cut through the root just below the surface of the soil, clean off the soil, and give the whole plant to the birds. See that it is gathered from clean, wholesome ground. This treatment and a little patience is all you need.

FIRST CLUTCHES CLEAR (Not Downhearted).—The probability is that you mated the birds before the cocks were quite ready, which was the cause of the eggs being clear. The Yorkshires are also clearly a little backward. Treat all three of the pairs, assuming neither of them have gone to nest by this time, the same as advised to "Disinterested," in this issue, which will be all that you need do. Of course, if either of the hens has gone to nest and laid again before this reply reaches you, let matters take their own course as regards that pair, and do not give them the treatment.

NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE (W. W. C.).—(1) If the Norwich hens have quite ceased moulting there is no reason whatever why they should not breed successfully this season, but they will be rather late. You omit to say how long it is since they ceased dropping feathers, but if it was before this month began the birds should be ready for mating by the end of the month. Treat them the same as advised to "Disinterested," in this issue, and you should soon find them in good form. (2) You undoubtedly mated the Yorkshire hen too early, or she could not have had two clutches already, and this is doubtless the reason of the clear eggs. Treat for two or three weeks the same as advised for No. 1, and if she is then anxious to nest again you may let her do so, and with the season more favourable she may meet with more success. (3) One more nest should be the limit for this hen this season, especially if she rears any young.

NOISY WHEN BREATHING (A Loyal Reader).—The bird is probably afflicted with bronchial trouble. See that it is kept free from the exciting causes of the complaint, viz., cold draughts; sudden extremes of heat and cold; exposure to heated and vitiated air, such as occurs in the vicinity of burning lights in the evenings or high up near the ceiling; and a dusty atmosphere. Do not allow the bird to hang in a window by any means. Having adopted these precautions give every second day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. On the alternate days in the first week add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the second week instead of this give five drops each of tincture of lobelia, ipæacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and sweet spirit of nitre. If not well by the end of the fortnight stop the medicines for a week, then resume, and give the squilla mixture every second day for another fortnight, omitting the aperient altogether.

MAKES SQUEAKY NOISE (Novice, Catford).—If the bird is really a last season's youngster it must either have been very badly treated in the way of environment or otherwise inherited a very strong predisposition to bronchial trouble, and in the latter event it would be most inadvisable to breed with her under any pretext whatever. Even in the former case you should not think of breeding with her unless she quite throws off the complaint, or you will simply be building up endless troubles among your stock in future years. Treat her the same as advised to "A Loyal Reader," in this issue, but give the rhubarb aperient for three consecutive days and every second day afterwards for the remainder of the first week, and then give the squilla mixture for a fortnight without missing a week. Give a young freshly gathered stool of dandelion daily, or failing this a liberal supply of chickweed, or a few flower heads of groundsel daily for a week or two.

COCK NOT SINGING (A Nicklin).—Possibly the cock is a little backward though this is not certain. As he was singing so vigorously before you mated him, it is possible that his silence since is merely an idiosyncrasy, and you may find him all right when the hen gets a little forward with nesting. There are certain individuals of this type, and they often succeed well enough at breeding. In any case you will do no harm, and possibly much good, by treating the pair the same as advised to "Disinterested" in this issue. Beyond this nothing, I think, will be required but the exercise of a little patience, and you will probably find things develop all right.

A CAPER (E. Newman).—The symptoms may be due to a catarrhal cold, a consequence of the late spring weather, or to some digestive derangement, but you give me no clue as to which is most likely.

Anyway, see that it is not exposed to cold draughts, the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, nor hung high up near the ceiling. Then every second day for a fortnight give in addition to its usual seed diet, a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and finally sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days add to the water 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Give a few crisp, young leaves of dandelion daily. It is most unlikely that the bird is troubled with a worm.

SWELLING AFTER LAYING (E. V.).—The swelling is undoubtedly due to some internal derangement, probably connected with ovarian trouble, and the production of eggs will always be attended with considerable risk to the bird. You can do nothing to cure the condition, but only ameliorate it by preventing her nesting as far as possible. She may prove useful as a foster parent if you have any other hens fail in their duty, and as you may quite safely utilise her in this way you should allow her to go on sitting on the solitary egg with that end in view. Afterwards she may prove useful to run in a flight cage or aviary in which you keep the young when first wean d.

CAUSE OF DEATH (A. G.).—Only a post-mortem could satisfactorily and definitely explain the actual cause of death, but judging from the symptoms you name I should say that in all probability it was due to broncho-pneumonia, as a consequence of the violent fluctuations of weather we have had lately. Its previous condition probably had nothing to do with the actual cause of death.

MANY TROUBLES (E. M. T.).—No wonder you are puzzled, so am I, at this multitude of troubles occurring with precisely the same treatment as produced excellent results last season. A combination of unfortunate circumstances seems to work against you and it must be evident that the birds are not in the same condition as when the former treatment was so successful, and the large rape seed, the exceptional weather conditions this spring, and the fact that you seem to have mated the birds very early in comparison with the nature of the season, have doubtless contributed their quota to the general effect. Of course, I may be wrong in thinking there was a screw loose in the management, but still, as your hens appear now to be in just that condition when I consider the use of dandelion as green food positively dangerous, I should certainly not consider it wise to use it. I note also that you give seed pods of chickweed and shepherd's purse, and unless you mean dried seeds gathered last season, I don't see how you can get these yet, unless grown under glass. As regards the continued treatment, so to speak, of egg-binding when the hen does not lay, after the steam pressure has built up, one can only keep the bird in a very warm place, give a stimulant such as a little brandy in the water, or by the back, and trust to nature to relieve the patient. You must not suppose that in a case of real acute egg-binding the hen can recover and become normal without being relieved of the egg. In all save the most rare and abnormal

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Bell's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/4); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/4); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Avaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Rowden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cane Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Bird, and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

cases it is merely a case of a race between the expulsion of the egg and death, and one is sure to win. For the rest of the season I would advise you to cut down the supply of the large rape to a minimum, and discard the use of dandelion altogether as a green food.

FAILED FIRST ROUND (Novice, Wolverhampton).—Did the cock sing at all, either before or after mating, or did he chase the hen about during the nesting process? I ask this because I feel rather disposed to think that you have had two hens mated. Make yourself quite satisfied on this point, and if the birds are a true pair treat them the same as advised to "Disinterested," in this issue, but give the hen only two small leaves of dandelion whilst she is separate from the cock. If, however, both the birds appear in quite good condition and full of vigour there is no reason why you should keep them separate more than a day or two. Meanwhile separate only by a wire slide, so that the cock can see the hen and feed her through the wires if so disposed.

SWOLLEN FEET, ETC. (M. W.).—(1) Place a little peroxide of hydrogen in a small shallow vessel and hold the affected foot in this until the liquid ceases foaming. Then dry carefully, and paint with a camel-hair brush dipped in a mixture of one part collodion to one part salicylic acid, and hold bird until this is dry. Three or four days later soak the foot in a warm solution of common soda to remove the collodion, and repeat the former process. Repeat this as often as necessary to prevent the feet suppurating at intervals of three or four days each time. (2) The Yorkshire is probably affected by the severe changes of weather we have had. Give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, and add 20 drops of chemical food to its water for a few days when it seems to become puffy. But the most important thing is to see that it is not exposed to cold draughts, and is kept in a comfortable temperature.

A POOR VOCALIST (Novice, A.T.).—This style of song you describe is rather what one might expect to get from a lusty, vigorous hen, and I should not be surprised if you ultimately discovered that you had made a mistake in the sex. Still, the fact that the bird has not yet stopped moulting may, perhaps, be accountable for the song being what in an undeveloped condition and you may treat as follows for a month or so and note result. The fact of the bird not hearing any accomplished songster would not prevent it coming into full song by this time, but the song would have been of an uneducated type. See that it is in a bright and healthy position, not exposed to cold draughts nor wind and extreme changes of temperature. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats, and also a morsel of banana, or, when available in good condition, a small spray of some green salad. In the drinking water add ten

drops of lemon juice, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and in the next week give instead 20 drops of chlorinated Food. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the dosage of the first two weeks in the same order.

ROLLER'S TOURS (Roller Fancier).—(1) Judging from your description, I should say that both the tours you refer to are good Gluck's tours, the one following the hollow rail being a hollow glucke, and the one at the end a water glucke, but in the latter case, as you mention, the bill roll being heard at the same time, which I take it means that the two sounds appear to run concurrently, it may possibly be a bell glucke tour. Either of these tours, especially when well performed, are valued points in the Roller's song. Seeing that you are so placed that you cannot get to any contests or meetings where you could get these matters cleared up to your satisfaction, you could scarcely have done better than enter one or both of these birds in a Roller contest, when you may very probably have seen an expert description of their song tours, and the value in points, in the report of the contest among our show reports. By using this means of education your isolated position as regards congenial fanciers need be no bar to you getting a very good knowledge of the song tours of your birds. (2) Answered in No. 1.

SUBSTANCE ON NORWICH (Puzzled).—Your pseudonym aptly describes my condition concerning the position of the substance, which you say is a little to the left of the vent when you hold the bird and blow up the lathers on the abdomen, but you omit to say whether the bird is held with its feet towards you. If you held the bird with the head towards you I should imagine such a substance was due to some displacement of the gizzard. On either side it may be due to some congestion in the intestinal tract. Add ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day for a week, and then report result, and also make it clear which side of the abdomen the substance is situated. There is a possibility of the bird breeding successfully in spite of either of the above troubles, but this can only be proved by actual trial.

ROLLER-YORKS (Galway).—(1) Yes, the Roller cock and Yorks. hen will make a quite suitable pair of birds to breed youngsters with an improved type of song on the ordinary singing Canary. You would find this subject dealt with in an article in the forthcoming CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. (2) The young cocks from this cross, if trained under the Roller cock, assuming the latter is a well trained singer himself, should develop a fair type of Roller song and notes, but you must not expect them to have difficult Roller song tours in anything like the perfect condition of pure-bred Rollers. Thanks for kind remarks about this page. Don't apologise for troubling us. Only too pleased to be of assistance at any time.

IRRITABLE NORWICH HEN (A.P.S.).—You ought to have described the constant pecking in some way. It may amount to nothing more than the bird preening its plumage, which it is quite natural for any bird to do. If there is any suspicion of the tin cage being infested with red mites remove the birds for a few hours, and plunge it bodily in a copper of boiling water, and keep it immersed for a few minutes, then dry it and return the birds. The operation may be repeated with advantage a week later. Do not overlook doing the food and water vessels at the same time, and also see that the nail or hook on which the cage hangs is free from the pest. You may add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. If the constant pecking is not stopped in, say, a fortnight, please write again and describe the bird's behaviour as clearly as you can.

TWO NORWICH HENS (F.E.L.).—I am afraid these hens will be of very little use to you either for mule breeding or mating with Canaries; certainly, none at all without a very great improvement. You do not say how old the birds are, and that may possibly make a great difference. Anyway, see that they are not exposed to any direct draught going between doors or door and window. They would undoubtedly have done much better in a room of fairly equable temperature but without any fire at all than in the kitchen, but the best thing to be done now is to leave them where they are, and keep them away from the fireplace so that the temperature may be as equable as possible; of course, still keeping the aforementioned points in view. In addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it to each bird every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle and broken groats. Look out in sheltered nooks and corners for a little early dandelion, and give each two leaves daily as soon as you can find it. In the drinking water every second day for a week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the next week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Then miss a week, and repeat the two weeks' dosage in the same order.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WILL THEY BE FERTILE? (F. Litchfield). It is impossible to say if the eggs from your pair of Bullfinches will be fertile. As a rule they seldom prove to be so, and I think you will be fortunate if they hatch out, although one never can tell; general rules regarding live stock are continually being broken. Do not worry about the hen Bullfinch paired to the Siberian Finch not going to nest, there is plenty of time yet; be liberal with dandelion heads, and keep them supplied with nesting material—it encourages them.

WHAT IS WRONG? (T. C. Munro).—My opinion is that all your birds died from liver trouble caused by injudicious feeding, but as you give me no information regarding your treatment I am unable to say where your error is. Had you written to us directly the Goldfinch was out of health, we might have assisted you to save him. When you get in a fresh stock send to this office for the Nutshell booklets dealing with the different species you purchase, and follow the general treatment advised. Freshly caught birds should have an aperient when well on to seed.

BIRDS WITH FITS (Glyndene).—Fits in birds arise from several causes, the most common is improper feeding. To give quantities of hemp, linseed, and sunflower, without letting the birds have sufficient exercise to carry off the stimulating effects of such feeding, is only courting trouble. I would advise you to leave out the hemp and linseed in your

seed mixture and only allow a few sunflower seeds daily. Give an aperient occasionally, and a little soaked rape and teazle. Keep them well supplied with green food during the summer months, and give sweet apple or a tender leaf of thrip top during the winter. If any of the birds are of a nervous disposition, be careful how you handle them, such birds are easily frightened into a fainting fit, which sometimes proves fatal.

FORCING A FINCH TO MOULT (Anxious).—I am sorry to have to refuse you the information you ask for, for although known to many, it is not a method that commends itself to anyone having a true regard for his birds. You may get a bird to moult a few weeks before the usual time by change of position, say, from an outside place to an inside one, or vice versa. In some cases a finch can be used in the season by keeping him back—that is withholding forcing seeds and foods in the early part of the year, so that he is late before he opens, and if carefully handled he will sing well into the autumn.

HAND-REARING RING OUSELS (Parker).—You cannot do better than follow the methods employed in the rearing of Song Thrushes and Blackbirds. Take the young just as their eyes begin to open; if left later they are shy and sometimes refuse to gorge. If you do not take the nest, put them in a box or basket lined with soft hay, and cover the young with a piece of flannel, as warmth is necessary to success. If you have the choice, secure them late in the evening when the parents have packed them for the night. Give them their first meal early in the morning and continue it every morning at the

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Avaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Siskin," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Tit," No. 23 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

same hour. Feed every hour for the first few days, later lengthening to every two hours. The food should be the following:—Equal parts biscuit powder (finely crushed best quality puppy biscuits answer admirably) and hard-boiled egg; add to this one part good ants' eggs or insectile food. Take a small quantity of this mixture and make rather sloppy with warm milk, and feed the young ones with it, using a small flat stick with the edges rounded off. Do not cram them, just nicely fill the crop. Occasionally give any small insects you can procure or larger ones cut up. Every other day add a pinch of fine grit to the soft food. Separate them as soon as they are able to feed themselves.

FEEDING A BULLFINCH (F. H. Pink).—If your Bullfinch is healthy I would not advise any alteration in the diet, excepting to decrease the quantity of Canary seed, as it is no use wasting it. Is it of good quality, sweet to the taste and smell? The proportion advised is not excessive, but then birds like humans have their likes and dislikes. You should now be supplementing your food diet with wild food, such as dandelion heads, seedling chickweed, and grass, also shepherd's purse, all of which can now be gathered, and there will soon be plenty of others.

KEEPING REDPOLLS (A Beginner).—Redpolls are easy to keep in confinement, and are therefore quite suitable for a novice; they become very tame and make charming pets. Feed on equal parts Canary, rape and teazle, and give a few grains of hemp about twice a week. In addition to these offer a spray of chickweed, shepherd's purse, or groundsel, and let them bathe on all suitable occasions. Our Nutshell booklet on the Siskin, Redpoll, and Tit, would interest you, and give you several "tips" on management.

GOLDFINCH WITH FOOT TROUBLE (Goldie).—Examine your bird's foot very carefully, it may have a hair wound round part of it, or perhaps it has strained it when clinging to the wires of the cage. You cannot do better than immerse it in warm water (not hot) and then gently massage the leg and foot, slightly greasing the finger and thumb with vaseline. If you detect any soreness add a spoonful of boric acid powder to the water.

JAYS IN CAPTIVITY (V. S. Crappell).—The few attempts that have come to my notice of breeding Jays in captivity have ended in failure. The trouble is that they either eat the eggs as laid or destroy the young when hatched. I do not think it would be much use anyone hoping to succeed with them unless the aviary was a large one, say, 20 to 30 feet long. (2) You could keep a pair as pets in a six feet cage. As a staple food give soaked Melox or biscuit meal, with a spoonful of meat meal in it. Scraps of all kinds from the table are acceptable, and occasionally they should have a small bird or mouse, besides mealworms, beetles, and other large insects.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

GREY PARROT PLUCKING ITS FEATHERS ("Barrowian").—I can suggest no remedy that you supply me with details as to how long you have had the bird, and how you have fed and treated the bird generally. Also how long has it been addicted to feather pulling. In the meantime, put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in its drinking water every third day.

PARROT WITH ABNORMAL BEAK (Joey Fairclough).—There is only one thing to do, and that is to pare its beak down to normal size with a pair of nail pinners, but I consider you should get a vet. or some experienced fancier to do it for you, as it should not be cut sufficiently far back to make it bleed; however, if this should happen, a touch of Friar's Balsam should soon stop any bleeding. A continuous supply of cuttlebone and a chunk of wood always in the cage should prevent a recurrence of the abnormality. Give it pieces of biscuit smeared with cod liver oil emulsion, this will help to keep its strength up; also figs fruit and shelled nuts.

PARROT ABOUT SIZE OF BLACKBIRD (New Reader No. 28).—It is a cock Cockatiel, a denizen of Australia, and its value is about 10s. 6d. This species does not make much of a talker, at least, they are mostly kept as aviary birds, many being bred annually in outdoor aviaries. A few of them,

which have been caged young and made great pets of, learn to say a few words and short sentences, but these are the exception and not the rule. There is no reason, however, why your bird should not call itself "Joey," "pretty Joey," and utter other similar sayings.

SMALL GREY AFRICAN PARROT (Campbell).—It should moult during the next three months, but the first moult of young birds in this country is often irregular and protracted. In addition to the mixed seeds, keep a tin of canary seed (best large) in its cage; it can have shelled nuts (Barecelona, monkey and walnuts) in variety. The cooked vegetables should be unseasoned. Do not give any more boiled egg. Once a week put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in its drinking water, and three times weekly well colour the drinking water with chemical food. Do not omit regular supplies of grit and cuttle-bone. Parsley is not deadly to Parrots. Outdoor life will be good for it, but do not subject it to chill winds.

BUDGERIGARS NOT NESTING (Esperance).—It is really well, I think, for your birds that they have not nested during the severe weather, or you would have been sure to have lost some of them. Yes, they are moulting, but this need occasion you no anxiety; it will soon be over now the weather is getting decent, and they will soon be in breeding form again, and once they start nesting will continue right up to winter. Our winter is the natural nesting season for these birds in their native country. Keep some turves of grass in the all-wire part, and water this occasionally, say about noon, and you'll soon see the Budgies tumbling about amid the wet grass, taking their tub in a natural manner. I am of the opinion your birds will go to nest almost at once, as soon as the moult is over. The nesting season can hardly be said to be over for these birds on November 30th.

DIAMOND SPARROWS NESTING (E. S. Cobham).—The dietary named is sufficient for the present, but if they hatch out young simply millet sprays, also a little of some good insecticide mixture, and live ant eggs and gentles, which, together with such flies, etc., as the adult birds are able to capture in the aviary, should make the successful rearing of the young almost a foregone conclusion. Hay, grass, and a little moss will suffice as building material, and a nest box, fashioned like a square cube, with a hole at one side, and a large rush nest should be fixed up for them under cover, though it is quite possible that they may build a natural nest in the bushes.

COCKATEL LAYING SHELL LESS EGGS (D.I.P.).—This bird is evidently quite out of condition, and in a debilitated state. She should be caged separately away from her own kind till she is in good condition again. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water, and on the other days well colour the drinking water with chemical food. Also give her pieces of biscuit, stale bread or plain cake, and lightly spread, whichever you can induce her to eat, with cod liver oil emulsion; she should get a piece so spread twice

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/12); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockateils" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Goulden Finches," No. 16 "Araculants," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Parrills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

daily. If you cannot get her to eat this, then you must smear the C.L.O. along the edges of her beak and in her mouth by means of feather. She must be kept warm and in as regular a temperature as possible. Treat so for a month, and then report progress; the above treatment is in addition to the ordinary dietary.

THIN AND PULLING ITS FEATHERS (R. J. H.).—Spray it twice a week (not on cold days) with tepid water containing a little quassa essence. Give the cod-liver oil emulsion twice a day, spread thinly on anything it will eat, and continue this till it is in better condition—fleshy, but not fat. It will do quite well on a seed mixture of canary and sunflower, as it refuses other kinds, but it would be better for cats if it could be induced to take them. Nuts in variety, such as monkey, Spanish, and walnuts, can be given freely. Katsins and muscels can also be given. Unless there is some internal trouble at work, the above regime should soon result in an improvement in its condition. But keeping it interested, with little opportunity for ennui, allowing it plenty of exercise, and keeping it in a warm, well ventilated room, where the temperature is pretty even, will count for a great deal. It will be a work of time, and you must persevere but the bird certainly ought to begin soon to improve in condition.

AMAZON WEAK ON LEGS (W. B.).—Give it biscuits, nuts, stale crusts, and a little plain cake, in addition to the seed and fruit diet you are now giving. The leg should be bathed with tepid water, dried off with a soft cloth, and then painted with Jacob's Oil—this should be done daily. I should certainly decline to do further business with a dealer who refused me information about my purchase. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's fluid magnesia in the drinking water daily, till the voidings become watery loose, then stop the magnesia for a time and only give an occasional dose as necessary to keep the bowels moving freely without undue looseness. When not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with chemical food. As soon as you find the birds eating biscuits, etc., then lightly spread such with cod liver oil emulsion and continue this till the bird is quite strong again. If your bird really has some septic affection then the probability is that it will not recover, and if it is a new purchase such may be the case.

ROSEATE COCKATOO WITH COLD (H. M.).—The bird has been treated with thoughtless carelessness by those who took charge of it for you, as it is a hardy species, and will stand considerable rough treatment with impunity. Get a mixture of ipecacuanha wine, exymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; for use take one teaspoonful of the mixture to one fluid ounce of water, and see that the bird has a good drink of it during the day. It almost does more harm than good to attempt to drench birds with drugs, they drink only by sips; to put even half a teaspoonful of liquid in a bird's mouth at once would throw it into a convulsive choking fit. Put a little honey and borax in its mouth once or twice daily, it will help to clear the throat and make it easier for the bird to eat. Till it is eating heartily again prepare the following: One teaspoonful

of condensed milk, one-third teaspoonful cod liver oil emulsion, and three tablespoonfuls of boiling water; well stir, and when cool supply to the bird. A few pieces of soft bread can be put in the above, and as soon as you see it eating this the quantity can be increased; at the same time, the milk is merely given as a medicine, and as soon as you notice the bird picking up and eating its ordinary food again, it should be gradually discontinued. As soon as the bowels have been well moved by the castor oil, I should not continue its use; where a strongish laxative is required Dinneford's magnesia and water in equal parts is far better for birds. Note: The bowels must move freely, yet they must not be watery-loose, and you must supply the laxative as required to keep them so regulated. Keep the bird warm. While there is a chance for its recovery, I can express no decided opinion; it was evidently pretty far gone when your query was penny. I shall be pleased to hear how it goes on.

BUDGERIGAR PAINTING (Caiston).—I am assuming that you keep these birds in a cage and that consequently it does not get much wing exercise. Hang up a millet spray in the cage, out of reach of the perches; pickling out the seeds, while clinging to the spray will enforce more exercise and benefit the bird. Keep a piece of cuttlebone continually in the cage, hanging near one of the perches. Also sprinkle a pinch of flint and shell grit over the sand each time you renew the latter in cage tray. Till the bowels have been well moved give Dinneford's magnesia and water in equal parts, in lieu of drinking water, and afterwards give the magnesia and water once a week for a month at least, this will not hurt the healthy bird. As regards the ailing bird, catch it up, and if it is thin give two drops of cod liver oil emulsion direct to the beak daily for a time. A little frame lettuce is the best winter greenfood, but the fleshy stem running up the centre of each leaf should not be given. Their cage should stand in some light position where it will be quite free from draught, and they would be better in a warm room where the temperature is fairly even, till the ailing bird recovers tone. When fit an unheated room suffices for them. See how they go on for a fortnight, and then report progress with full details. When not giving the magnesia put one-third teaspoonful of hyo-phosphates in the drinking water. Budgies are small drinkers and one fluid ounce of water is ample for their daily needs. You must not use a metal drinker when supplying drugs.

GREY PARROT IN MOULT (A. W.).—There is not very much wrong with the bird, but for the next two months put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Give it fruit daily, banana and apple are very wholesome; you can give whichever it prefers, or change them about if it will readily take both. I am not much in favour of ready-made mixtures, and you will do well to bring the dietary into conformity with that given in the booklet on the Grey Parrot as soon as may be. Watch carefully against draught during the remainder of the winter. If any other adverse symptoms should develop do not delay but write again at once, giving full details.

BUDGERIGARS IN OUTDOOR AVIARY (Esperance).—The samples of grit you send are of no use for cage birds. The flint grit and shell if pulverised as small as German rape seed, would do. Such dealers as Trower's, Spratt's, Rudd, Walsh, etc. (see "Cage Birds" for addresses) would supply you with a packet of the right kind if you stated that it was for Budgerigars. Dry garden mould will do for the aviary floor, if you put a light sprinkling of sand and grit on top of same. I hope the position of husks will be clear to you on diagram sent. Three are to be placed in the outer part, with their openings facing the light, only the back just under the roof; three are to be put inside, two in similar positions in each back corner, and one between them but about twelve inches lower down. I have marked the flaps and door in most convenient positions so far as I can gather details of arrangement. The lower flaps should be flush with the floor of the aviary to allow of free scraping out. The door through which to renew food supplies you can have in any convenient position to suit the feeding arrangements, and you can have a similar one in the outer part if it is called for. When it is necessary for you to get inside, the best plan is to fasten a large dust cloth securely over the end, which will lie about you while you are getting in, and cover up the door while you are within; but, as a matter of precaution, the door should also be closed. You must have six husks for three pairs, and there must be no odd adult birds in the aviary. Three breeding pairs are the full number for your accommodation. Keep the old mortar rubbish there; they will go to it when they need it. As soon as you can get it free from frost, supply seeding and flowering grass ad lib.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Identity of Bird (C. Latham).—The bird was doubtless a Little Tern. It is a summer visitor to us, arriving at the end of April and staying until October or later before taking its winter flight to S. Africa. Small breeding colonies are to be seen in several places along the Welsh coasts, and it would be only a short flight for such a bird to visit Tredegar, where you saw it. The yellow feet and bill, and its small size, would distinguish it from the Common Tern, which has red feet and a red bill, and is 14 inches in length from beak to tail, while the Lesser Tern is only 9 inches.

A. J. Rose.—Thanks for cuttings received. Statements in Advertisements (Straight).—Your letter contains neither your name nor address.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., J. College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. Ogilvie.—Budgerigar diet of liver disease of an advanced nature.

A. E. L.—Metoperitonitis, due to rupture and infection from the ovula.

Lady Samuelson.—Meiba Finch succumbed to an acute attack of bronchopneumonia. It is a very fatal disease, and not amenable to treatment.

Anxious.—Congestion of the lungs, complicated with disease of the liver.

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TREADLE circular saw and drilling machine; also good road racer bike, exchange for Yorkshire Terriers or Canaries: Higgins, 11, Bentinck-st., Hulme, Manchester. (452)

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WILL give good value in boots, clothing, bedding, draperies, jewellery, cutlery, etc., or household goods of every description required, in exchange for birds, dogs, puppies, Parrots, etc., or any variety of livestock: Manager, Livestock Exchange, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (456)

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SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London.

Aquarium.

NOTTERJACK toads, snakes, lizards, green frogs; see price list; silkworm eggs, 2d. 100, 1/3 1,000; price lists: De Ven and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (445)

SCORPIONS, beetles, snails, newts, tritons, etc., Japanese fantail fish, 4/-; Goldenrope and Catfish, 6/-; snails, wood, etc.; price lists: De Ven and Co., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (445)

AQUARIUMS, all about stocking aquariums with plants, rockery and fish, and much helpful advice on the feeding and management of the occupants, will be found in "Nutshell No. 21," 2d. post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C. (2d. from agents, a list of whom is published frequently)

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WANTED, guinea pigs, 12/- dozen, half or full grown, large or small quantities: J. Howard and Sons, England's Largest Livestock Dealers, 28, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

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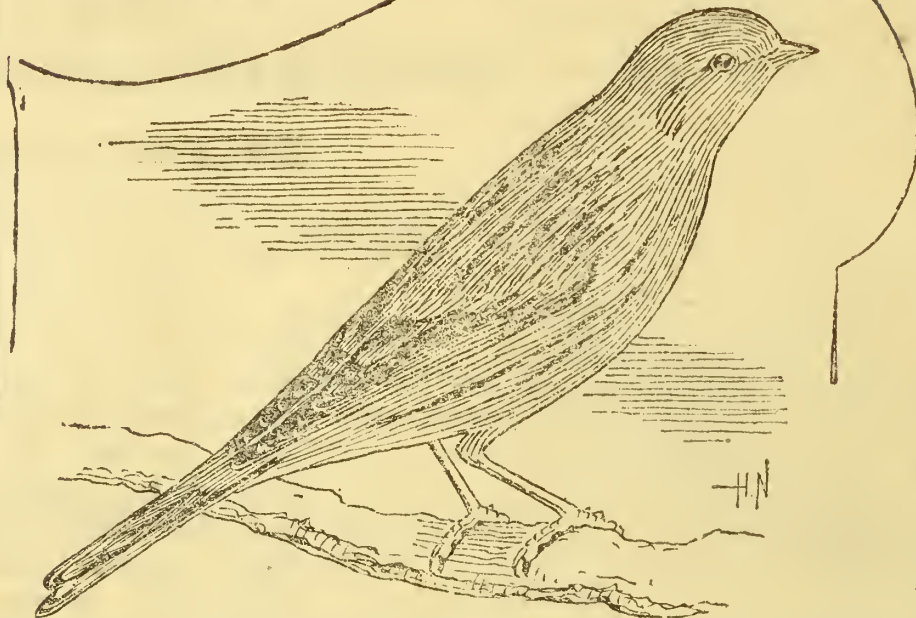
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A Pretty Green Border Canary, winner of 3rd prize at the London and P.O.S. Show for Mr. B. J. Daw, East Ham.

PENYGRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting, Butcher's Arms May 18, Mr. Hughes chair. The attendance was small considering the important items on the agenda, and I am sorry to say the meeting did not proceed as smoothly as desired. Decided to have Mr. S. J. Nicholas (Swansea) as judge. Next meeting, June 1, 6. Hope to see a better attendance than of late.—W. R. Williams, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Meeting, City Arms Hotel, May 3, before a very good attendance. Mr. F. J. York, opened by saying that although over military age, he hoped ere long to be doing his bit "somewhere in France." Decided to have a ramble to Tynstfield in June or July, and a hearty welcome is extended to fanciers or friends, and those who care to go should kindly notify the Sec. on or before next meeting, June 7. Judging by past experiences, the ramble should prove most enjoyable. Judges for table shows selected, and other matters relating to same dealt with. Mr. Tilley was elected a member.—James A. Withers, Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, May 16, Mr. W. B. Adam (President) chair, and a good turnout. New members admitted: Messrs. F. Ritchie, and J. Frame. Sec. read letter from Mr. Napier, secretary of Colinton and Corrie O.S., intimating his inability to secure any grounds to have a ramble. Decided that for this year we have no ramble, and Sec. was instructed to write Mr. Napier a letter of thanks for his efforts. Agreed to hold F.F. show as usual, July 15, at 2, Norwich and Crests, 5 classes: Border Fancy 4; Scotch Fancy and A.O.V. Can., 1 each; and 4 classes for Mules. Several sps. have already been intimated, and it is hoped members will make it a success.—J. Chaiton, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting, Carlton Hotel, Mr. P. Brailly, vice chairman, presided. Resolved that we apply for the patronage of the Southern Border Fancy Club for our open show. Sec. was instructed to purchase stationery, etc. Messrs. Brailly, Howard, Pearce, Wiseman, Rev. C. B. Joliffe, and Mr. Phelps promised to act as stewards at the young bird show. The remainder of the evening was taken up with questions, which proved very interesting and instructive; those members who were not able to attend missed a pleasant evening. The Rev. C. B. Joliffe will read his paper at the next meeting, June 10; will members please attend? The title of the paper is—"What advantages can the Society offer to its members?" Meetings are now held on the third Tuesday in each month.—E. Thomas, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting, Oldham Hall, May 11, Mr. Ewan chair. Two new members were elected. Specials for N.F. shows were decided. Lists will be forwarded to each member during the coming week. Several new specimens were offered and accepted for the N.F. shows. Mr. Metcalfe gave his lecture re colour-feeding. Mr. Metcalfe, who was in capital form, dealt with the subject as only the lecturer can. His chief points were: Breeding for colour and size in the male. Green, he said, was the foundation of colour; also he dealt with the mixing of the colour food and strength at which to offer it to the birds, how to fasten the colour, etc. Many questions were asked and suitably answered. The members present showed their appreciation by passing a very hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, the meeting being thoroughly enjoyed by those present. T. R. Jones.

Country Rambles

GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND.

Ramble, May 13 to the estate of Mr. Scott Miller at Broxburn, thence to Kenmuir Woods and Cambrilange. At the meeting place, Tollcross Car Terminus, quite a crowd turned up, the following clubs being represented: West of Scotland, Springburn, North West, West End, Parkhead, Canning, Shettleston and District, and some fanciers who are not members of any club but have promised to be some members of our next meeting.

Arriving at Broxburn, as Mr. Miller had been called away on business, his poultryman, Mr. Reid,

took us round the exhibits. First to be interviewed were the kangaroos. The female is at present carrying a young one in her pouch. Then the Rheas, a handsome pair, kept in a large paddock along with some famous Black Sheep, most of them having from four to five horns. There are also some Brown Sheep from St. Kilda. The Wild Australian Dogs kept in large spacious kennels, and other kinds of animals, were visited, among which were the Racoons, the female having a litter of lovely youngsters; a Raven in a large aviary; pens of beautiful Bull Terriers, and lovely Yokohamas. The Duckwing cock we were told has not been beaten on the show bench, and has a tail about 18 in. long. Next came the Parrot aviary, with many gorgeous specimens, and a handsome pair of Californian Quails. There are also some handsome tufted ducks and frilled geese. The small Foreign bird aviary afforded all a great treat. This aviary is built against a retaining wall and has a glass roof. The inside is filled with trees and a house for sleeping accommodation during severe weather. Its frontage is facing almost direct south, which gives it the sun all day. Bidding Mr. Reid good-bye, we made for Kenmuir Woods, tramping through a field of rhubarb to get to the banks of the Clyde. The scenery at Kenmuir is lovely. We tramped for miles up hills and down dales until we came to Carmyle, where a halt was made at the Old Mill Tavern. Another start was made, and on we walked until we reached Cambuslang, whence cars were taken to the city and tea at Sloan's Arcade Restaurant, everyone telling how well he had enjoyed himself.—M. Craig, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest, Black Horse Inn, Durham, May 22. A large company assembled to hear the singing for the cup. Fairless judged and gave satisfaction to all. 1, cup, 3, Reed; 2, Boyd, time-keeper, Million.—McKinley, Sec.

BARNSELEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, May 29, under a very good company, for 4 min. time ring, Shepherd timer, Dunk chaffers: 1, Pishwick, 3 min. 4 sec.; 2, Jones, 3-40; 3, Wainwright, 3-50. Lark sing Whit Monday, 15, entrance, members only, first bird in window at 1.30.—J. Harwood, Sec.

ATHERTON.

Lion Inn Linnet Club; open contest, May 26, for time and quality. 34 birds staged, and some very good singing. Quality: 1, Page; 2, Murphy; 3, Statham; 4, Page and Rigby, dead heat. Time: 1, Donnelly, 1-11; 2, Knowles, 1-13; 3, R. Fairhurst, 1-17; 4, T. Fairhurst, 1-19. Timers, J. Murphy, Haliwell; tappers, H. Grime, J. Batt; judges, J. W. Jones, S. Rigby, minutes, H. Sankey. Next open contest, Globe Inn, Leigh, Sat. May 27.—H. Grime, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road; open contest for quality Linnet singing, May 20; 15 birds sang: 1, Bett; 2, 3, T. Ward; 4, shared by Jarrar and Stead. Judges, Crane and Hayes. May 21, 28 birds sang: 1, Entery; 2, T. Innes; 3, B. Farrar; 4, Stead; 5, Bett. Judges, Headcastle, Crane and Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club; grand contest, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, 20 birds sang. Our host added 3-40 for the best 3 birds: 1, Stock, 3-40; 2, Wigfield; 3, Wharmby; 4, Marshall. Judges, A. Lorrman, S. Butterfield, T. Bamfield. May 21, 19 sang: 1, Binn; 2, Wigfield; 3, Wharmby. Judges, Messrs. C. Ward and J. Summers.—W. Lippman, Hon. Sec.

Some Notes on Migration.

By WAYFARER.

THE migration of birds is a subject of never-ending interest to all students of wild bird life, especially just now, when thousands of feathered creatures have recently completed their journey to our shores from a warmer climate. The autumn migration is, however, the one of special interest to us, inasmuch as we are able to see and mark some of the doings of the wanderers.

We watch the Swallows and the Martins gather in enormous flocks, sunning themselves in the early sunshine of the cold autumn mornings, or perched in long rows on the telegraph wires by the roadside; or we see a restless company of Pipits or Wagtails flitting about our fields and meadows a day or two before passing south, and these movements are interesting as being part of the migration.

Residents nearer the sea have even a better opportunity of studying the subject; they see the gathering flocks, not of one species only, but of many. Birds of quite opposite habits will fraternise freely at this period, the Finches with the Owls, the tiny Goldcrests with our largest species, the graceful little Willow-Wrens with the bold Shrikes; they are all equally affected, all anxious to reach a distant land.

Migration across the sea is not the only movement of bird life. In some countries (Switzerland, for instance), migration takes place from the mountains to the warmer valleys. In others the birds journey from the woods to the open fields, some from the coast to the inland districts. In our own land we have numerous instances of this migrating movement.

Nearly every species is more or less affected by it; the familiar Robin comes from the woods and the country-side to the homestead; the Blackbirds and Thrushes that nested in our shrubbery in the spring have gone by the autumn, and others of the same species have taken their places; the Grey Wagtail migrates from the mountain stream where he has spent the summer months to the brook by the low-land village; the Dunlin moves to the coast from the heaths and moors, the pretty Twite comes down from the mountains.

The common Skylark is affected curiously; enormous flocks pass over the seas, others move about the country, influenced in their movements by the vagaries of the weather and the food supply.

Most birds pass to the land their predecessors had wintered in before them; but some, like the Snow Bunting, wander aimlessly about, driven hither and thither by the severity of the weather; their true home is the north, and they do their best to get there, but are as frequently driven back. Yet, keeping as near the snowline as possible, they subsist upon any seeds, buds or berries exposed to view. The route and destination of birds going to distant lands is worth a moment's notice.

Migration has been going on for ages, and in the far distance the movement was simply a movement of resident birds, and certain well-marked routes were used, as they are at the present time in the continent of America.

As the world gradually changed, the migration extended to lands farther south, but the routes used are still retained. The journey would increase as the cold extended, and in the summer the birds would strive to return to their northern homes.

In this way well-marked routes would be passed from parents to children, and now we see some species making journeys of long, weary miles across boisterous seas, when by a little deviation in the route they could pass comfortably from country to country.

As an instance, many birds cross the North Sea, when by a slight change of route they could journey by the coast line in their migration from Northern Russia. By following such old roads birds must lose their lives in numbers; hundreds must perish by the way.

In spring they come from the south, from Africa, and the South of Europe. In autumn the majority journey south, but many pass from east to west. Some follow the coast-line and strike across the open sea, others take the mountains or some great river as their guide and landmarks. Some fly by the light of day, others during the night, and at such times many crowd round the lanterns of our lighthouses.

The subject is full of interest; the cause is undoubtedly the supply of food, but this does not explain all. Why does the bold Shrike, an apparently strong, bony bird, leave us when the summer sun is still shining, while some of the tiny Warblers who subsist almost solely upon small insects stay till the early frost compels them to go?

Club Reports.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Meeting, May 17, Mr. Hunt's shop, Ocean Road. Chairman, Mr. Dixon, presided over a good attendance. Young bird schedule was drawn up. The question of prize money was left over until next meeting, June 14. New members elected: Messrs. Pearson, R. Stephenson. We invite all fanciers to join the society.—J. W. Watson, Sec.

WEST STANLEY (Patriotic).

Meeting, May 11. Decided to run another show, Feb. 17, on the same lines as last, which was a great success. Receipts for our last show were £33 15s. 9d., and we helped 74 cases with our money, so we have done some good in the Fancy to those who have given their all in this terrible war.—R. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Meeting, May 6, Dun Cow Hotel, with a good attendance. Decided that officers remain the same as last year, and to hold N.F. show July 1, with one of our members as judge. 1s. per class will be added to entry fee as prize money. Decided to hold annual show Jan. 15, 1917. Judges nominated for same: Messrs. T. Dixon, J. Hands, W. L. Smith, and T. O. Crawhall. Proposed to hold a dance later on in aid of Society's funds, half profits to go to the local Soldiers' Comforts Fund. Subs. to remain the same as last year, viz., 3s. 6d. Mr. J. Taylor was made a member. Members and intending members kindly attend next meeting, June 3.—R. Ward, Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

On May 28 a ramble will take place, conducted by Mr. Bowdoin, of Stockport, and to make the ramble more interesting he is giving something to the one that gathers the best selection of grasses and seeds on the way. A hearty invitation is given to anyone that would like to join us. To meet at the Stockport Fire Station not later than 6 o'clock. Next meeting, June 5. N.F. table show of Nor. yell and buff; Yorks. yell and buff; Nor. green or fawn; A.O.V. Can., and Mule or Hyb. Mr. Raynes judge. Mr. Mitchell is giving 2s. 6d. for best bird. Other business will be arrangements for N.F. show, July 1, so let's have a good turn-up. J. Green, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, Station Street Cafe, May 20, Mr. Waters presiding over a good attendance. Four specials offered by Messrs. Machin, T. Davison, Snowball and Brown for N.F. shows were accepted with thanks. One special each of the first three was awarded to shows on June 3, July 1, and July 29, for most points. One class for each variety of Canaries at all the shows, and in addition, 1st show, class for Linnet (H.M. or F.M.); 2nd show, Gold; (H.M. or F.M.); 3rd show, A.O. Brit. Finch or Bunting (H.M. or F.M.). Judges for 1st show W. F. Swan (Canaries) and J. Rishborough (British). Entrance fee 2d. per cage, birds staged at 6-45; judging at 7. James Potts (S. Shields) nominated for member ship.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

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By WILLIAM FAIRLIE.

The principal show points of some of the more generally kept varieties, the rearing of the young, and the preparation of the birds for the show-bench.

HAVING decided to make the pleasing and instructive hobby, Canary breeding, your pastime, the first thing to do is to provide suitable cages to keep the birds in when purchased. There are a great many varieties of cages, both for singing and breeding. Where a bird is kept for singing purposes only, I should recommend a square cage, with the back, top and sides made of wood, the front part only being of wire. This kind of cage will be found the best for all ordinary purposes, as it protects the bird from a direct draught, a thing which must be jealously guarded against.

In buying birds, the best plan is to go to a respectable dealer's establishment, or to some well-known breeder; you are then sure to be well served, as these men have their reputation to keep up, and will always warrant what they sell. When ordering birds from a distance, to be sent by post or carriage, always have them on approval.

Points for Purchasers.

Of course, the prices of birds vary according to quality and breed, but I should strongly advise the beginner to buy the best his pocket will admit of, as it costs no more to keep good-quality birds than inferior ones; besides, it enhances your fame as a breeder of good stock, which is a qualification for the selling of your surplus birds.

In selecting a bird, always see that it is in perfect health, lively in its movements and free from panting when breathing, and that there is no wheezing in the throat or chest, as it is a loss of time to attempt to breed with unhealthy birds, the result being, as a rule, unfertilised eggs or the hens becoming bad sitters or feeders. Should any birds be reared at all, as they get older they mostly become affected with the same diseases as their parents suffered from, which, if not eradicated, become hereditary.

The Norwich Canary is what might be termed a chubby bird, although of late years they have slightly increased in size. In colour, it varies from a pale lemon to a very deep golden yellow, and is a sound-constituted bird, very lively and active, rather slender in build, but with a full neck and chest; it has a loud and melodious song.

The head should be broad and flat on top, the wings perfectly V-shaped and no overlapping; the feathers should be tight and compact and of a silky texture; in carriage it should stand semi-upright, and be lively and quick in action. Size, too, is a consideration, providing the bird retains all the true points of the Norwich and is not too coarse in feather.

Male Yellows with Buffs.

The general rule is to pair yellow with buff. It is quite immaterial which bird is the one colour and which the other, but all clear birds should have a perfectly clear underflue. The yellows produce the colour and silkiness of feather, whilst the buff adds tightness and compactness. A cross with a good green now and again is very beneficial to the strain, and should always be resorted to, as the greens are the fountain-head of colour.

There are two kinds of Crests in the Norwich variety, the dark, and the grey or grizzle, the dark being most fancied and the most valued. The crested bird is rather full-bodied, with plenty of feather, and has a large and flat skull—a desideratum in this variety, as the bigger the skull the larger and fuller the crest will be. The saddle and back should be broad, and the feather tight and close, the body-colour being clear and bright. The crested birds are, however, always inferior in colour to their confrères, the plain-headed variety.

A good crest should have a well-defined centre, the feathers all lying perfectly flat and drooping gracefully over the beak, eyes, and down the back of the neck, and without the slightest perceptible break. Crests vary in shape and size; there is the oval crest, the circular crest, and the shield crest. It is advisable now and again to cross with a Lancashire Cobby to produce size and feather.

The head of the Yorkshire should be round, narrow, and of medium size, and the eyebrows must not show the slightest tendency to overhang; the neck long and straight, with no indentation to be seen between the shoulders; in fact, from the top of the head, along the back to the tip of the tail, there should be a straight and unbroken line. The body should be long and slim in

build, the feather compact, tight and fine in texture; the bird should be rather long and straight on its legs, and very lively and businesslike.

The Green Yorkshire is valued for the purity and brilliancy of its colour, and should be without any black feathers in the back; this makes a very good cross when colour is desired. The dark feathers in the tail should be very glossy, the colour of the body feathers a brilliant green and even all over, and birds of this colour should bear the same characteristics as the clear varieties.

At Pairing Time.

A great many of the failures which occur every year are through breeders being over-anxious to pair. A week or so before pairing, the birds should be given a more nutritious diet than their ordinary food, such as stale bread-crumbs or powdered biscuit mixed with hard-boiled eggs; the egg should be grated through a small sieve. Also a few grains of hemp, and a little niga seed, and water-cress given every other day will be found very beneficial. This extra nourishment brings them on to lay much quicker, and greatly assists in fertilising the eggs.

The birds having been paired a few days, you may look forward to the hens building their nests. The hen generally lays her eggs between five and eight in the morning, and these, as a rule, are four in number, but sometimes five; they are generally laid one every morning, but sometimes a hen may miss one morning and lay the next.

The best plan is to take the eggs out of the nest every morning as they are laid, and put them carefully in some dry bran in a box kept for the purpose and divided into sections, these being numbered to correspond with the cages. Put the eggs back again into the nest in the evening of the day the third egg is laid; by this means the young birds will generally hatch out at one time, which is a most desirable thing, as birds which are hatched a number of hours before the others of course get more food, and consequently grow and get much stronger than those hatched later.

In Case of Egg Binding.

If, on the morning you expect a hen to lay, you find her at the bottom of the cage with her feathers ruffled up and breathing very hard, she is most probably what is called egg-bound, and must be attended to at once.

Get a little castor oil and warm it at the fire, and apply a little to the vent, placing the bird gently back again on the nest. This will generally relieve her of the egg in about an hour; if not, she should be held over a jug of boiling water for about ten minutes, the steam being allowed to penetrate all round the abdomen.

By this method the egg will sometimes be laid in the hand, or it will drop in the jug, or very soon after she is placed in the nest. Great care must be taken in handling the bird, that the egg may not be broken by any pressure of the hand before it is laid, for if the egg is broken in the oviduct, it will certainly kill the hen.

Many breeders run two hens with one cock; this is one of the advantages of using the double breeding-cages. In breeding on this plan, it will be necessary to hang two nest-pans in the cage, one at each end, leaving the sliding partition open for the cock bird to pass to and fro. It sometimes happens that the hens will not agree at first, for a little jealousy springs up between them; but the cock bird will very soon settle matters between them, and in a few days they will become perfectly friendly to each other, and go about building their nests.

When the young birds are hatched, take a look at the nest the first thing every morning, to see that the young ones are all right and that none have died; a good supply of egg-food should always be kept in the cage, and should not be allowed to turn sour, or it will be certain to produce diarrhoea, which, if not noticed in time, will kill off the birds quickly. A little green food should always be placed between the wires for the hens to feed with, care being taken to remove all stale pieces from the cage.

When fully fledged, the young birds get a bit restless and stand on the edge of the nest-pan. A watchful eye should now be kept on the hen, as she will be thinking of going to nest again, and some hens pluck the feathers from the young birds to line their new nest with. This must be avoided by

giving the hen plenty of nesting material, and by placing the young birds in a nursery-cage hung on the wires of the breeding-cage; the parents will then feed them through the wires, and the cock will look after them when the hen has gone to nest again. A little egg-food and a little crushed seed should be supplied to the young birds to peck at and to teach themselves to feed with.

When they are about six weeks old they can generally crack seed themselves, and should be gradually weaned off the cracked seed on to the ordinary canary and summer rape seed and egg-food, and placed in a flight-cage or aviary to grow as much as possible before the moulting season sets in.

The best time to begin giving colour-feed to either old or young is before they are actually in the moult; as, when the feathers begin to drop, it is a sign that the roots of the new feathers have displaced the old ones, show-

ing that the new growth had begun its operations some time previously, and that the birds should have been colour-fed, so as to get even colour throughout.

In commencing to colour-feed young birds, it is necessary to begin doing so early. The first nest should be ten weeks old, the second eight weeks, and the third six weeks old, when put on the feed.

For old birds it is more difficult to find out the exact time, as they will have to be watched more closely. If they are given the feed about the middle of July, especially the cock birds, you will most likely get the best results. The hen birds, if to be colour-fed, will require more watching, as they may be feeding their last nest of young, in which case it will have to be delayed till the young are fledged.

(To be continued.)



A CELEBRATED GREENFINCH.

"NORTHERN STAR"

This champion Greenfinch, "Northern Star," the death of which was recorded in our last week's issue, was exhibited with great success by its owner, Mr. W. Fairhurst, of Ardwick, Manchester. Among its many prizes were firsts at Liverpool, Ardwick and Manchester, Halifax, Leicester, Warrington, Carlisle, etc.

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How to Fit it Up.

By STANLEY DARE, Bridgeton.

IT is about eight months since I wrote last to CAGE BIRDS, saying that I had returned to civil life once more, and that, although I had sold all my birds previous to joining up, I decided to take up the fancy again with even more vigour.

In that letter I made a suggestion that Roller fanciers should put their shoulders to the wheel and finally oust the German import from our isles, and whilst I am conceited enough to think a good few fanciers acted upon my suggestion, I am not satisfied that the idea has been knocked far enough home, and this is what is surely needed.

I cannot describe how pleased I felt when I opened my CAGE BIRDS on Saturday morning and read the account of the Fleet Street meeting, and Mr. W. H. Vale's paper. I shall be like a hen on hot bricks until I get the next number. (Cheer oh! Are we down-hearted? No; not if it costs 3d.) I'll wager that there is not one reader of CAGE BIRDS that would miss his copy on Saturday, even though he had to choose between it and his breakfast.

If a man or woman loves his or her birds they will certainly give them the best of treatment, and to be able to do so they need to be constant readers of CAGE BIRDS, and thereby give the birds the full benefit of the "two heads are better than one" policy.

Now to come back to earth, as it were, meaning Rollers and Germany; if there is anything connected with that God-forsaken country that I sympathise with it is those dear little mites of Canaries that were there at the outbreak of hostilities.

I have no doubt that some of my fellow readers will have seen the aviaries, and know the conditions under which Rollers are bred

in Germany, but for the benefit of those who have not been there I will endeavour to give a brief outline of the methods, and to those who are interested I would say, copy the following system and you will be surprised how easily you can pay the extra bit of rent necessary for the room to accommodate the birds.

In the first place strip off all wallpaper, and then dust the walls well with finely powdered camphor tar balls. Now proceed to limewash well, giving one thick coat only, and don't forget to put plenty of size in the wash, and a little carbolic. Put a good sprinkling of Jeyes' fluid all over the floor, and then a good layer of limewash the same as you used for the walls and ceiling.

Leave this upon the floor for a few days, and in the meantime you can be arranging perching accommodation, or a few shrubs, tubs, etc., or any kind of resting places that your fancy takes. Around the walls, at about two feet apart, place good sized nesting boxes each to hold two nests, in which you have placed the usual nest pans and linings.

If your room is a good height you could put another row of nesting places higher up than the first, and all round the room. So the size of the latter is 12ft. by 9ft. and 10ft. high, you would then be able to put up about 24 boxes, and use about 12 pairs of birds, say six cocks and 18 hens.

Having proceeded so far with nesting places, perches, etc., take some good hard soap and scrub the floor well. Allow it to dry well, and then cast down a layer of gold sand. Place a seed hopper at each end of the room, and hang tins of sharp grit where will not get fouled. Build an inner door half-inch wire mesh net to allow you in and out, and cover up the window with similar netting, but leave yourself the means of opening and closing window a little according to the weather.

Having placed a few big bundles of nesting material and, of course, your birds, you have a small "German" bird room of your own complete, with the exception of a big organ, but this omission can be overcome by introducing a good schoolmaster, and you may proceed with all good luck and best of wishes.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

- Oct. 11-12.—Clapham C.B.A.—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.
Oct. 20-21.—Liverpool O.S. (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road.) H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
Oct. 27-28.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
Nov. 1-2.—Cheltenham C.B.S. (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
Nov. 3-4.—Sheffield O.S.—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)
Nov. 4-6.—Leicester Hand in Hand (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)
Nov. 11.—Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
Nov. 17-18.—Halifax O.S.—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 24-25.—West Bromwich C.B.S.—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
Nov. 29-30.—Southampton C.B.S.—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.
Dec. 6-7.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Scotland.

- Nov. 10-11.—Glasgow C.B.A.—(W. Hutchison, 167, Hospital St.) C.C., W.S., G.H., R.H., B.J., J.G.
Nov. 11.—Muirkirk O.S.—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Wales.

- Nov. 23.—Aberdare C.B.S.—(J. M. Shelby James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

- Dec. 1-2.—Newtownards C.B.S.—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

"W. H. F." in "The Field," says that at Salonika the Tree Sparrow is "certainly commoner than the House Sparrow."

I was much interested to see the excellent portrait of my yellow Norwich hen in this week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Dr. Weekes. There is one little error in the description; I live at Southampton, and not at Bournemouth, as stated.

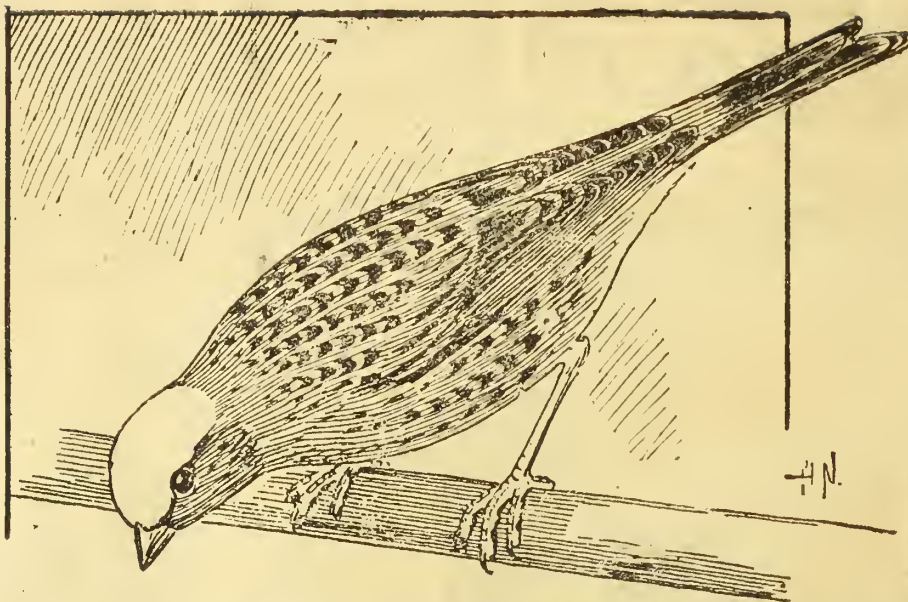
Cod liver oil is being used very largely for rearing youngsters. Liverine, Ltd., Grimsby, who are manufacturers of the oil, make a very good food which contains 15 per cent. of the necessary oil. It is being sold by seed dealers in 2d. packets and 1s. 6d. bags.

Muirkirk show committee has held its annual general meeting, writes Mr. James G. Torbett, secretary, and all last year's officers were unanimously re-elected. It was decided to hold the annual show on Saturday, Nov. 11, the proceeds to go to the War Relief Fund. As the surplus of the last two shows, amounting to £15 7s., was handed over to this deserving fund, we can surely hope for the support of fanciers.

A Fine Result.

Mr. Hutchinson, sec. of the West Stanley F.F. and C.B.S., writes that the receipts of the recent patriotic show held by the society amounted to £33 15s. 9d., and that from the funds help was given to 74 wounded soldiers.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.



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OUR PAPER, "CAGE BIRDS."

Its Price and Contents.

We are pleased to have again to acknowledge many expressions of goodwill and of sympathy in the difficulties under which we are placed for a time in consequence of the shortage of paper. We have not the space to publish the individual letters, but we would call especial attention to the letter from our old reader and contributor, Mr. Dan McArthur, published in our correspondence columns this week.

We need scarcely say how fully we agree with Mr. McArthur in his statement, that there are thousands of our readers who simply keep birds as pets, and are entirely outside of trade considerations in the pursuit of their bird-keeping. We are quite sure that they have experiences to recount which would be of great interest if only they would put them on paper. Our columns are open, and we hope that the suggestion of our worthy friend frao Bonnie Scotland will be widely acted upon.

Many people are diffident in committing their ideas to paper for publication, and fear they would not be of sufficient interest to others. It is just such as these who have really the most interesting things to tell if they would be persuaded to tell them, and we hope that the outcome of Mr. McArthur's letter will be that we shall have the pleasure of publishing many accounts from those to whom he specially appeals.

Friendly Dippers.

A correspondent to the "Manchester Dispatch," says that although it is a common belief that only one pair of Dippers frequent any particular stretch of water, yet under a bridge over a river in Wales two nests are to be found, and a photograph of them has been taken.

A Rare Robin in Manchester.

Mr. W. W. Pettigrew, superintendent of the city parks, says the "Manchester Guardian," has observed in the Southern Cemetery, among other curious variations from type, a golden Robin, perfectly golden coloured except for a slight bronzing on the breast.

Watcham, Not Hatcham.

In your report of the Crested C.C. meeting, writes Mr. A. J. Watcham, you give my name as "Hatcham" for the new auditor. Although a very appropriate name for a Canary man, I shall esteem it a favour if you will make the correction. [We are glad to make the correction as desired, and may, perhaps, be pardoned for saying that Watcham seems for an auditor even a more appropriate name than Hatcham. As for the poor printer, who has to take the blame, we would say that it happens all too frequently that he has to guess at proper names that are not written distinctly.]

Ramsden's Pure Peppers.

Traders should place their orders immediately. My last employee joins His Majesty's Forces at end of June. This, coupled with the difficulties of transport, will make it almost impossible to execute large orders promptly later on. Traders and other large buyers should therefore order now. The retail postal trade I hope to be able to carry on by means of female labour, but customers should order well in advance. Retail prices: 1 lb. 1s. 6d., 1 lb. 2s. 6d., 3 lbs. 6s. 6d., 5 lbs. 10s., original 22 lb. tins 37s. 6d., post, or care paid. Not same price—J. W. Ramsden, 11 Josephine Avenue, Brixton.—(Advt.)

Jail Birds.

The Glasgow "Bulletin" in its issue of May 18 has a photograph of two young Thrushes in a nest built in a cell window of Linwood Police Station.

Bit of a Shock, Though.

A story is going the rounds that playing over Harrow golf links a golfer drove a ball into a hedge. Subsequently it was discovered in a nest in which there were several young birds. The birds were uninjured.

"It's an Ill Wind—"

Starlings and Sparrows, says "The Times," are the two creatures which conspicuously profit by the war. Every house that is blown to bits by shell fire provides an endless choice of fascinating nesting-places for Sparrows among the chinks of the ruined walls; and never did Starlings have such opportunities for unmolested housekeeping as in the remains of these poor battered churches.

Canaries of a Past Century.

(Communicated by J. ROGERSON.)

I AM sending an extract on "The Canary Bird" from my book "The Bird Fancier" of 1842, in the hope that it may prove as interesting to other present-day fanciers as it has been to myself.

This bird has its name from the Canary Islands, situated on the western coast of Africa, from whence they originally came. They were first brought into Europe in the beginning of the sixteenth century, and have ever since been domesticated with us, and from their beauty and powers of song, deserved favourites.

An Odd Explanation.

Their primitive colour was grey, darker on the back and sides, and greenish underneath; but from the change of climate and domestication, and mixture with other birds there is now a great variety of colour. The most valued are those of a beautiful bright yellow bespangled with an intermixture of jet-black spots, with little or no white about them. The next are the Mealy, so called from the mealy kind of colour which seems to cover all the feathers, so that there is no other colour perfect; yet in breeding, their young ones are often as finely coloured as the best.

The Chestnut, which are the most uncommon, and the white or yellow with the head, wings and tail, black-yellowish, dun or grey, are also highly esteemed. The mottled ones are little thought of unless they are marked in a pretty and regular way. The least esteemed are those that are white or yellow with irregular black and brownish spots, or are part ash colour, buff or grey; these last, though of a bad colour, are often in other respects as good birds as any. Those with the upper part a dusky grey, or Linnet brown and yellowish-green underneath, with dark brown eyes, are the strongest birds and most resemble the primitive race. The yellow and white with red eyes are the most tender.

Forefathers of the Rollers.

Canary birds vary much in their notes, some singing soft and low, others loud and clear; some have a long song and a greater variety of notes. Those are the most prized which introduce in their own song passages from that of the Nightingale, or which imitate the notes of the Woodlark. They are remarkable for correctness of ear and for the ease with which they learn and remember musical sounds. For this reason, in bringing up young birds, and also after the first and second moulting, care should be taken to keep

Just as Well.

In giving a list of Hoopoes shot between 1842 and 1902 in the Orkney Islands, "P." in a letter to "The Scotsman," says: "I doubt if any other county in Scotland can show a record as to the visits of this very handsome bird equal to that of the Orkneys."

"When the Wind Blows

the Cradle Will Rock"

Each spring the accounts of curious nesting-places are of such frequent appearance in our daily newspapers as to attract but little attention. One, however, which is recorded in an article "Birds and Flowers at the Front," from the special correspondent of "The Times," is worthy of special notice. It is as follows: "But the chief discovery has been the quaintest Treecreeper's nest, close by the house, built, not in a hole in a tree, but slung, more like the nest of some sort of warbler, among the leaves where the branches of a tree are webbed together with ivy. It is an absurd place for a Treecreeper's nest; but the boldness of the birds in visiting it with their mouths full of building material leaves no possible doubt of its identity."

HOW IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

"From my advt. in CAGE BIRDS I could have sold my birds over and over again. I had letters from all over the British Isles, and replied to all who sent stamps. I think CAGE BIRDS a grand paper."—F. COLLINS (Cambridge).

"Allow me to add my evidence to that of others showing the value of advertising in CAGE BIRDS. Owing to joining direct for service in the R.E. I decided to sell the whole of my stock, and have now completed the disposal of birds. Some have gone to Scotland, and a few to Wales, but the majority have been purchased by London fanciers. The cash received has been invested in War Certificates, and so the money is doing its bit also."—F. W. HAMILTON (Southfields).

"I should like to let you know that it was impossible to answer all enquiries from the small advertisement of my Norwich last week. I sold all in one lot."—S. T. JONES (Lynton).

"Please thank those who applied for the six Norwich Canaries I advertised in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I had enquiries from all over the country, and have replied to all those who sent stamps."—J. GIBBONS (Wolverhampton.)

them alone that they may hear nothing bad, or at any rate only such as you wish them to imitate. They may be taught to repeat correctly two or three airs from a flute or bird organ, or even a few short words.

The "Colony" System Seventy-five Years Ago.

The rearing of Canaries requires care and attention, but they may be brought up as strong and healthy as in the country from which they came. Those reared in large aviaries, where they enjoy fresh air and have plenty of room for exercise, are most robust and vigorous. If you have a room for breeding them let it be towards the sun rising, for they require warmth, and sunshine in the room in the morning makes it warm in the room all day. The room should not be overstocked; if it is pretty large ten or twelve pairs may be kept, but it is always better for those intended for pairing to be kept together seven or eight days in a small cage before being turned into the room. Twice or more females than males may be kept.

The Problem of Sex Breeding.

The most usual way of breeding them is in cages, for the purpose made large, so they may have room to fly about. The time for pairing them is the middle of March, and the breeding season lasts till September. Those that are chosen for breeding should be stout and healthy birds; the males not more than from two to five years old. It is found that young males paired with older females produce more males than females. Those with bright colours and regular, distinct spots will be most certain to produce handsome young ones. When both parents are crested birds, the young are apt to be bald or otherwise disfigured. Long and strong claws and blackish and rough scales are signs of an old bird.

They breed four or five times in the year, and commonly lay four, five, or six eggs. They generally begin to lay seven or eight days after pairing, and sit thirteen days. As soon as they have hatched the eggs, besides their common food give them a mixture of white bread soaked in water, and then squeezed, and a quarter of a hard egg, white and yolk, mixed up very small. This must be kept in a small vessel, and in another rapeseed which has been boiled and then well washed to take away its acidity. Fresh food should be given every day, and particular care be taken that the rape seed is not sour, for if it is it will certainly kill them. They should remain with the mother till they are fledged and can feed themselves.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

—By—
C. A. HOUSE.

The Giant Lancashire, the upright Belgian, and the chubby Norwich, are all said to be represented in "The Bird of Grace and Beauty," as seen at the show-benches to-day.

THIS is not a scientific article, nor one of a highly technical character, but a plain, practical one, in which the writer will endeavour to show how, by the constant and continual selection of the highest and best forms by the breeder's art, the Yorkshire Canary of to-day has been evolved from the coarse, ungainly, slovenly bird which was known as a Yorkshire Canary some half a century or more ago.

The breed named after the county of broad acres is not one of the oldest; in fact, it may almost be said to be one of the most modern, as the London Fancy, the Belgian, the Lizard, the Lancashire, and the Norwich were all known and, comparatively speaking, largely bred before ever the Yorkshire, as the Yorkshire, was known.

How it first made its appearance is, like many other things, somewhat obscured by the lapse of years, and the fact that of the early days of the Canary Fancy, as a Fancy, we have few reliable records.

This is not to be wondered at when one considers that it was not until the twentieth century was out of its swaddling bands that we had a journal devoted solely to the chronicling of the doings of the breeders of Canaries and other cage birds.

The "Bar Sinister."

Some records of the past tell us that the Yorkshire was evolved from the crossing of the Lancashire and Norwich varieties, others that it is the result of a blend of the Lancashire and the Belgian, whilst others aver that the original Yorkshire was simply the wastrel Lancashire. As the Irishman said, "There cannot be smoke without fire," and for the purposes of this article we may, I think, take it that there is a modicum of truth in each of these divergent claims.

In the ages that are gone the stronghold of the Yorkshire breed was the villages and towns immediately on the border of the two great Northern counties, and in those days, and those immediately preceding them, it seems very possible that the Yorkshire and the Lancashire were practically one and the same bird; but the Yorkshiresmen wishing, like the Lancastrians, to have a breed named after their own county, took the finest and slimmest of Lancashire birds, and, by careful selection and mating, made them somewhat different from the originals. The style was undoubtedly introduced from the Belgian, which also supplied the fine head and neck and neat whip tail, so characteristic to-day of the bird of grace and elegance.

Not content with effecting improvements in the contour and carriage of their birds, the early Yorkshire breeders wanted to make them more attractive still, and thus resorted to the Norwich to obtain colour and quality of feather.

In those days the Norwich, as it was naturally produced, was far more a bird of colour than it is to-day, for the breeders of the rich-tinted ones often dipped into the Lizard blood to improve both quality of feather and richness of colour.

This would account for the shortening of the Yorkshire compared to its progenitor, the Lancashire. I cannot remember the bird itself more than forty years back, but I have known and talked with fanciers who could speak of fifty and sixty years ago.

Old Time Yorkshires.

From them, and from illustrations which I have seen of the early Yorkshires, that is, in the days when the breed had become established, it was a smaller bird than it is to-day. The Lancashire undoubtedly is a bolder, stronger, and more massive fellow than his ancestors of the time of which I write, and bears now the same relative shape and size to the modern Yorkshire that his forefathers did to the forerunners of the slim and graceful ones.

Some years ago there passed to that bourn whence none return one of the oldest of the old Yorkshire breeders and exhibitors, Mrs. Luke Belk, of Dewsbury. Mrs. Belk had in her possession an illustration which I believe was the first ever produced, in a newspaper, of a Yorkshire Canary. The originals were a pair of birds owned by this lady's husband, and had some renown as winners of copper kettles, which were the principal prizes in those days.

These birds were much smaller than the Yorkshires of to-day. When I say smaller, I mean they were less both in substance and length, and they were not so upright in



A prize winning
Yorkshire at the
Crystal Palace
Show of 1875.

carriage. Except that they were not so neat in the head, they were somewhat similar to the Border Fancy of to-day, although rather more robust and rotund.

Judging from my conversations with Mrs. Belk, and my sight of the drawings of those old-time champions, I should say that in those days the Belgian had been used to get the fineness, but that the after introduction of the Norwich, which most probably was made from the hen's side, had destroyed the erectness of carriage which one would associate with the grafting of the Belgian stock on the original Yorkshire.

In those days, as now, there were turbulent spirits in the Fancy, men who, not content with improvement by natural selection and evolution, sought to change the breed by the introduction of more alien blood. They wanted something larger. This craving led to the reintroduction of the Lancashire blood, with its attendant looseness of feather, heavy, flat heads, strong beaks, and broad shoulders. Such was the bird at the time when I first remember it forty years ago.

Just previously to this the Fancy had been given the first edition of the late R. L. Wallace's Canary Book. This, the first work published dealing with the Canary Fancy from a general Fancy standpoint, was published in 1875, and was followed three years later by "Canaries and Cage Birds," the Canary section being from the pen of that most versatile and brilliant writer, the late W. A. Blakston.

The Real and the Ideal.

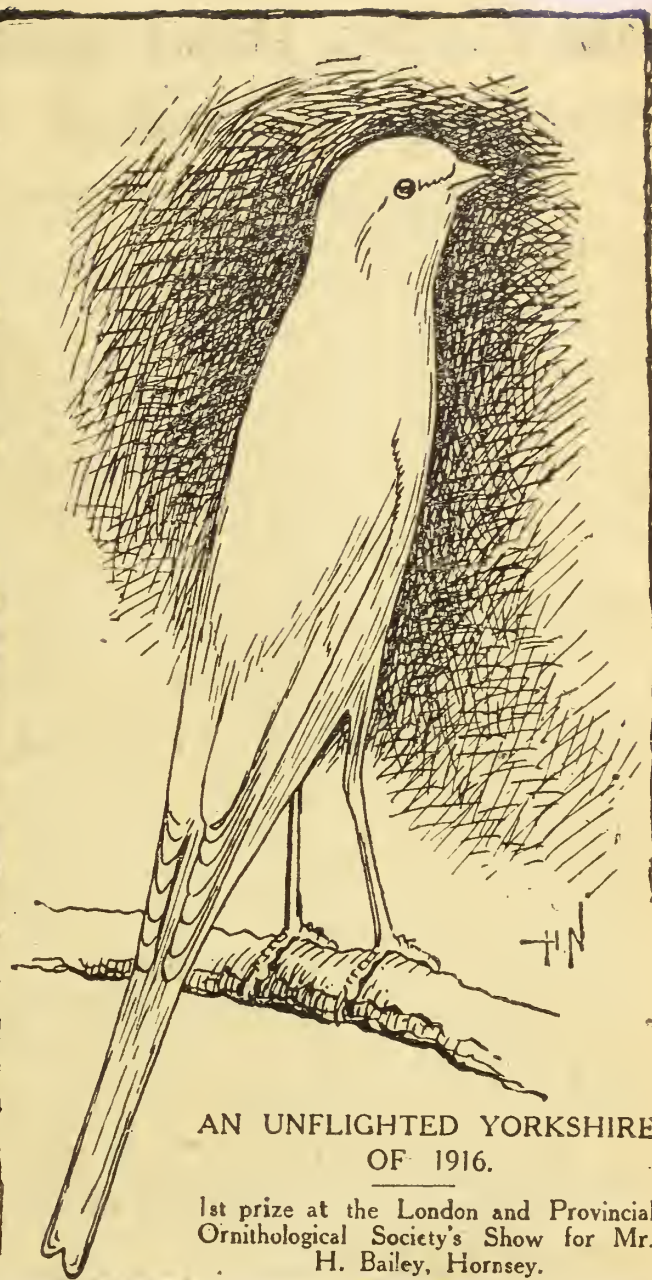
Although only an interval of three years separated the publication of these two works, the illustrations of the Yorkshire Canary in each were vastly different. In both the drawings were quite unlike the winning birds of the period, the artists presumably sketching from an ideal and not from life.

Certain birds were sent from Yorkshire to the artist for Blakston's great work. I know, but the plates given were not portraits of the same. If it were otherwise, how comes it that the type which breeders are striving to perpetuate to-day is that given in this work of nearly forty years back?

Those of my readers who remember the Yorkshire at the time mentioned will, I think, agree with me that they were not, except in the imagination of the artist, the fine slim birds which were portrayed as representative of the breed at that time. The old idea that a Yorkshire should pass through a lady's wedding ring was the lofty ideal at which breeders of the day aimed but never attained, and this has not yet been attained even by the more keen and scientific breeders of the twentieth century.

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THE OLD AND



AN UNFLIGHTED YORKSHIRE
OF 1916.

1st prize at the London and Provincial
Ornithological Society's Show for Mr.
H. Bailey, Hornsey.

THE NEW.

NICKNAMES OF WILD BIRDS.

From an interesting article in the "Nottingham Guardian," by Mr. Arthur Sharp, we extract the following:—

It is extremely interesting to note that in different localities people have given various names to birds which are particularly conspicuous by some distinctive trait or mark of plumage. Some of these local appellations have a peculiar interest as showing how some country dwellers have observed the little oddities of our feathered choristers, and given them pet names, or nicknames, which have been handed down from one generation to another.

Whilst many of the appellations have little or no meaning beyond the sudden fancy of some rural observer, or beyond expressing some distinctive feature or characteristic of a particular bird, others possess certain legendary value that is a welcome addition to British folk-lore.

Amongst the familiar small birds of the hedgerow the pretty little Chaffinch is happily blessed with quite a delightful list of appropriate names. Every boy worth calling a boy is well acquainted with this perky little fellow and its beautiful cup-like nest of moss and lichens, so fragile, yet so wonderfully fashioned beyond the skill of mere man.

This little warbler is commonly known as "spink" or "spinky," in many places, whilst in Wales it is often called the "pink," owing, no doubt, to its familiar call of "pink-pink!" In Northumberland it is sometimes termed the "apple-sheeler," and in other parts as the "sheelie." "Weetie" is yet another pretty name by which it is recognised in the north country, and is evidently derived from its cry of "weet! weet!" which it is said to utter on the near approach of wet weather. "Pinky," "scobbie," "flax-linnet," and "French Linnet," are amongst other names by which the Chaffinch is known in different localities.

That wee pretty warbler, the Wren—and what a delightful little song it gives us!—can boast broadly of a host of names. "Jenty" or "Jinty" is a popular term in parts of the Midlands, given, no doubt, on account of the little jerky way in which it flirts its straight-up tail when sitting on a tree-branch; for a similar reason it is called "stump tail" in various districts. "Jenny

Wren" is another familiar name, and one that is most appropriate. Then it is termed "cutty" in Wales, and "kitty-ma-wren" in the North of England.

Have you noticed that pretty yellow-green bird flitting about the low hedgerows and the banksides during spring and summer, or swinging on the lower branches of some tree, trilling its long-drawn-out cadences: "A—little—bit—of—bread—and—no—c-h-e-e-s-e!" It is the Yellow Bunting. Although so familiar, many people fail to locate its cunningly hidden nest beneath the hedgerow or in a tussock of grass. Many of us, however, are familiar with the curiously-marked eggs of this warbler. What peculiar zig-zag markings and blotches they have, as though someone had been sketching upon them with pen and ink and sketching in a careless and zig-zaggy manner! Owing to this peculiar feature it is known in some parts as the "scribbling lark," and also as the "yoldring."

The Mistle Thrush, so often heard singing its loudest in early spring, prior to a storm, is often called the "Storm-cock." "Sycock" is another name it rejoices in, and it used to be known as the "Mistletoe Thrush," which has evidently been construed into the latter-day name of "Mistle Thrush." There is a tradition that this bird first brought over the seeds of the mistletoe from Normandy, hence its name. In the North it is occasionally spoken of as "Jeremy Joy," or "January Joy," probably from the fact that it often sings at that early period.

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The Chairman's Views on the Organisation: Thanks from the Wounded, and Further Offers of Help.

A grandly representative meeting of the Committee was held at CAGE BIRDS Offices, 154, Fleet Street, on Monday, May 22, when there were present Messrs. F. Carl, G. Crabb, T. East, H. J. Fulljames, H. W. Gutierrez, J. Jeffrey, H. J. Kybert, G. H. Maclellan, J. W. Ramsden, J. Robson, T. R. Trower, and W. H. Vale.

Mr. Carl was elected Chairman of the organisation, and after thanking the committee for the compliment, explained the objects of the double scheme of affording assistance to wounded or otherwise disabled soldiers in making a fresh start in their hobby, and of so organising the breeding of Canaries in England that we should be able to supply from our own resources the world's demand for singing birds.

He said that the two schemes, though related, were distinct the one from the other. The success of the charitable part depended upon the goodness of heart of the British public, especially that portion of the public who were readers of CAGE BIRDS. Much had been done even in the first week or two, and already many men who had done their bit for the country had reason to thank those who had at once come forward with their gifts either in money or in kind.

The success of the wider scheme of capturing the world's trade in Canaries for the benefit of English Canary breeders depended upon the endeavours of those he was proud to see around him, and of those who had offered their help and advice though unable to attend the meetings of the committee.

There was much to be done, but he was sure that there were no obstacles that were insurmountable. No effort of his own would be spared, and the work of himself and staff was at the disposal of the committee. Efficient organisation and well directed efforts could accomplish wonders; he would just mention as an instance the National Egg Collection, which he had started for the purpose of supplying new-laid eggs for soldiers in hospital. In the first week of its existence the contributions of eggs amounted to thirty-six. In Queen Alexandra week more than a million were collected through the organisation, and during Easter week the eggs sent in reached the enormous total of nearly a million and a half.

The National Egg Collection was simply a charitable organisation, and the eggs collected represented gifts from all parts of the country, the remotest villages contributing their share. What had been possible in the name of charity was surely probable as a matter of business, and patriotic business at that. He was sure that in time the organisation of the supply of British Canaries could be made a profitable undertaking, and though at the beginning there would be difficulties, and perhaps not much to show, yet difficulties were made to be overcome, and results would increase until perhaps the success might be as far ahead of original anticipation as had been the case with the National Egg Collection.

The members of the committee as already constituted were all men of great practical experience in the rearing of Canaries, and among them were long-headed men of business, whose business experience would be of inestimable help. He had no doubt of the success of their endeavours, and he appreciated the honour they had conferred upon him by electing him their chairman.

The report of the sub-committee who had enquired into the cost of production of Canaries and the amount of profit which might reasonably be expected was read, and an interesting discussion ensued, during which everyone present gave his views. As a result the figures given by the sub-committee are to be revised in some degree, and will then form a basis upon which recommendations will be made.

It was decided to appoint a treasurer and establish a banking account, and it was agreed that Mr. R. L. Crisp be invited to fill the position of hon. treasurer.

It was agreed that for the present at least the committee should meet weekly at CAGE BIRDS offices, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., the next meeting to be on Monday, May 29, at 7.30, at which meeting an account of progress to date will be prepared for publication in CAGE BIRDS of June 5.

Our Fund to date is as follows:—
Amount already acknowledged £16 2 6
Mr. W. Crowell... .. 0 5 0

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The highest offer for the Green Roller hen kindly donated by Mr. Stephens for the benefit of our fund for restarting wounded soldiers in their hobby is 8s. 6d. from Mrs. Nutter, of Nelson. If Mrs. Nutter will kindly forward a P.O. for the amount we shall be pleased to ask Mr. Stephens to send on the hen as promised.

Some Letters of Thanks.

SIR,—Thanks to the generosity of the readers of your valuable paper, and one kind lady, Mrs. Wolferstan, in particular, I am the recipient of a pair of lovely birds, viz., Norwich Crests. I am more than delighted with them. They have already nested, and you can guess I wish them luck. Well, sir, I hope all the boys will be as pleased with theirs as I am with mine. I wish your paper the success it so richly deserves, and again thank Mrs. Wolferstan and all connected with the scheme.

ROB. SMITH.

Grantham.

The Submarines Missed These.

SIR,—I write to inform you that I have received quite safely the pair of splendid green Yorkshires, the kind gift of Mr. Rensignol, of Jersey. It is hard for me to express how grateful I am to you for your efforts on my behalf, but you may rest assured that everything done for me has been greatly appreciated, and I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

R. NORR.

Bedminster.

An Ilkeston Soldier Returns Thanks.

SIR,—I received the pair of birds from Mr. Thornton this morning, May 19. I shall be pleased if you will, through CAGE BIRDS, thank both Lieut. Pyman and Mr. Thornton for their kindness. I have written thanking Mr. Thornton for sending them. Good luck to CAGE BIRDS, and I hope your scheme will be a huge success.

J. A. LUCAS.

Ilkeston.

Some Suggestions from a Huddersfield Reader.

SIR,—We must all unite in thanking you for the wonderful way in which you are striving to materialise a scheme for the production of British-bred Canaries, and to oust the German Canary trade from our midst.

It will need the assistance of every individual member of the Canary Fancy, and I hope that all will seize the opportunity now and be determined to do their best to help you and your colleagues to bring this important undertaking to a successful issue.

What Germany has done, we can do, and do more. First of all we must consider the question of giving material assistance to the disabled soldiers, and obtaining sufficient funds by public subscription for the maintenance of the scheme. It will mean perhaps several years of hard work before there is a profitable return.

Much has been said already, and various means have been suggested for the furtherance of the scheme, but as time goes on fresh ideas will formulate that will be a benefit to all concerned.

For the inexperienced breeder, the method most likely to produce a maximum amount of birds, at a minimum of cost, is to put a Norwich cock to two Roller hens. The young from this cross are hardy, make excellent songsters, and are above all prolific breeders.

For the more experienced, it would be advisable to take up any of the well-known varieties of pure-bred birds. Invaluable advice could be given by the experienced men that would be a great help to the scheme.

After the breeding season I would suggest there being a receiving centre, a place fixed upon where the birds could be sent to be classified, and after breeders have been supplied for the following season, let the surplus go to the dealers for export.

Why not form a Canary-breeding Society, and call it the British Canary-Breeding Association? A small subscription could be charged for membership, committees formed, and the system if thoroughly organised would be bound to be a success. As has already been suggested, it would be necessary to work it on co-operative principles; it would be expected of everyone concerned to work jointly without a thought of individual profit.

If I lived nearer the metropolis I would willingly offer my services as organiser, but it wants someone within easy reach of London.

E. FAIRHURST.

With regard to the three Norwich hens offered by Mr. T. C. Crawhall in our last issue, Mr. Crawhall writes that he has given the No. 1 yellow hen to Quartermaster Sergt. J. H. Cockayne, of the R.F.A., who was wounded in the first battle of Ypres, and is permanently lame. Mr. Crawhall's letter is reproduced below.

SIR, Since writing making my offer of the three hens I had an enquiry from a wounded soldier (B.Q.M.S. J. H. Cockayne, 2nd Reserve Battery, R.F.A., 1st Reserve Brigade, R.F.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne) for a yellow hen, and as he is now in Newcastle I invited him to come over to my place. He came over last night, and I gave him the yellow hen I offered.

Q.M.S. Cockayne was wounded in the leg at the first Ypres battle, and is permanently lame, though able to do lighter work in the Army still, and as he is in a position to pay something I have asked him to send what he thinks to your fund. He has been a fancier all his life, and I sincerely hope that he may be able to rear a nest of youngsters from the hen. Up to the present the season is going very well for me. I have hatched 41, of which 38 are alive and doing well, and I hope that after the moult I may be able to offer you something more for your fund. These will be younger, though I dare not say better than I have offered this week.

THOS. C. CRAWHALL.

Knocked Out But Not Finished.

SIR, You will see by this letter I am in hospital. I had the misfortune to run up against some German shrapnel at Ypres, so I got it in the thigh and groin, but I am almost lit again, and I expect will shortly be in the line once more. I have been reading in CAGE BIRDS of your grand scheme of helping our wounded men to start in the fancy. I am a time-expired artillery man, but rejoined at the outbreak of war. I kept a few pairs of Yorkshires, and was just about to embark on some classical stuff, but I had to part with them when I rejoined. I would be thankful if you would put me on your list for a re-start, or if some of your readers would sell a small stud cheap at the conclusion of the war. I wish CAGE BIRDS and all the fancy a successful year. Enclosed is a small group taken in the hospital grounds, with your humble marked X.

Sgt. HUGH CATHCART, R.F.A.

[The photograph is of a group of wounded soldiers and their nurses, taken in the grounds of the Beaufort War Hospital, Fishponds. It is only postcard size, and there are fourteen figures in the group. We regret, therefore, that the faces are too small to permit of satisfactory reproduction in our columns, for we should have been very glad to publish a very interesting little picture.—Editor.]

SIR,—Re your fund "Canaries for Wounded Soldiers," I have an Alexandrine Parakeet and cage, costing me 35s., for which I can show receipt. I also have a talking warranty with the bird. If you can sell it I will give any surplus over £1 to your fund.

Wolverhampton.

W. TAVENER.

Who wants a Cycle frame? SIR,—I have a lady's cycle frame, 22in., to dispose of. It is in a good condition, it has two brakes, and these with the handlebars cost 7s. 6d. a short while ago. I think the frame complete will be worth all out 12s. 6d. If anyone wishes to bargain for it, they may send their offers to you, and half of the purchase money will go to the fund. I will give further assistance later on.

E. FAIRHURST.

SIR,—I promise you a good Norwich cock later on after the breeding season. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for 12 years, and have got much information out of it.

A. SCOTT.

SIR,—I have 10 double and single breeding cages I will part with if you have any wounded soldier for them; stained and varnished outside, painted light blue inside, all ready for use (might want washing out). I will sell the 10 cages for £1, that would be about half price, all complete with nest pans and hangers, drinkers, sliding partitions, etc. I cannot afford to give them, but will accept this low price to help some poor cripple, and I hope you will get a bigger offer so that the surplus may go to your fund.

M. CROWELL.

"CAGE BIRDS" ROLL OF HONOUR.

A. E. Raper, Gorton.

SIR, I am sorry to have to report the death of one of our members, Albert Ernest Raper, of Gorton, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles, June 4 (previously reported missing). Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and relatives in the loss of their loved one.

J. GREEN, Hon. Sec.,
Manchester and N. C.O.S.

SOME NOTES FROM A SOLDIER FANCIER.

Mr. A. Knaggs, Gushboro, kindly sends us a letter received from a soldier member of the Gushborough Priory T.B.S., now in Egypt, a portion of which we have pleasure in publishing for the interest of our readers. It is as follows:—

Dear Friends,—When I look back upon the pleasant times we have had together I think I am justified in addressing you as such. Since you last saw me I have become a traveller on a very extensive scale, much larger than I ever dreamt of. I am going to try and give you a brief outline of the bird life as I have seen it out here, and in the places I have been to.

The first that interested me was at Malta, where we stopped for a while. Natives came crowding around the vessel in small boats, selling all kinds of things. Canaries in wicker cages I noticed most of all. Some of them were singing, and others I could see at once were hens. That little deception is not confined to us English fanciers altogether, it seems.

The price of them was very small indeed; I forget exactly what it was now. The crew bought some of them and fed them on hemp seed alone. They seemed surprised when I told them the birds would eventually go sick and die if fed on that alone. They thanked me, and began to look around for some white seed at once.

When I landed at Mudros I was struck by the desolate appearance of the place. All rocks and crags and a brown, dusty soil that seemed to turn our men the same sickly colour. The number of Larks I saw was enormous, and there were a few Linnets and Wagtails as well, but as far as I could see there was no vegetation whatever such as birds seem to delight in. There were little lizards as sharp as lightning, snakes about two feet long that seemed to be half dead, and centipedes that appeared to be seeking something to sting with their numerous legs, each one of which carries a sting, so I am told. The people seemed to be one hundred years behind the times, except in making bargains, in which they were one hundred years ahead—of us, at any rate. It was here that I first met a few of my old acquaintances, which is a very pleasant experience I can assure you out here.

When I was drafted up to the Peninsula we were sent straight up to the reserve trenches or gullies, and at daylight next day I was able to see what kind of a place it was. I found it very mountainous, and covered with brushwood, varying from one foot to eight and ten feet in height, an ideal place for wild birds in time of peace.

I noticed a lot of big Mistle Thrushes, and a few Blackbirds, and once more I saw flocks of Linnets flying about. I may add now that later on, when the guns of both parties used to cease fire as if by mutual agreement at breakfast time, I have watched a cock Linnet drop his wings and sing for all he was worth not ten yards from our dug-out. He seemed to take full advantage of the little bit of peace. And when the big guns started banging again the little flock would rise up, startled for a moment, and then settle down again quite unconcerned. But let a shell burst near them, and they were off to fields afresh at once. A lot of them must have been killed at different times by artillery fire, because dirt and stones and pieces of shell fly all over the place, but they would not be driven away altogether, as I saw them as unconcerned as ever on the day we evacuated.

When I got off the Peninsula to an island named Imbros, along with the rest of the men from Suvla, I took quite kindly to the place, as I had begun to get a letter or two from home, and I was able to thin the red mite out a bit with some stuff the wife sent me for that purpose.

I was strolling over to the beach one day when I walked into the finest flock of Goldfinches that it has ever been my lot to see. If I had been an ardent mule breeder (which I am not) I should have turned green, I do believe. As it was I stood among them admiring the fine blazes, etc., of the best of them. They were quite tame, and went on feeding without taking the least notice of me so long as I stood still. Wagtails were common, too, Linnets also, and another black and white bird that I don't know the name of. I saw quite a lot of bird life on that island altogether.

I was next shifted to the place where I am at present, namely, Egypt, the land of camels, Arabs, and fine horses, to say nothing of sandy desert, oranges, tomatoes, eggs, and numerous other things.

I have not seen many birds yet, but I may do so later on. I received a note from my wife that you sent informing me that I had won the novice special, for which I thank you most heartily.

JOHN WESSON.

Correspondence.

Neighbours for Fourteen Years.

SIR,—On paying a visit to my old friend Mr. John Green, of 31, Hawthorn Street, Audenshaw, near Manchester, I was agreeably surprised to find his cock Goldfinch and Yorkshire cock Canary still in the land of the living.

For fourteen years these two birds have hung side by side in their box cages, and they still look well, their appearance not suggesting they bear such a weight of years; in fact, the Goldie would take some beating if put on the show bench to-day. Surely it must be a record for two birds of these respective species to be close neighbours for such a long period?

You may be sure I asked particularly as to his method of treating these birds, and I found he gave them all the year round a generous seed mixture, plenty of groundsel in season, and fresh water twice a day, frequently during the warm weather three times a day.

Any local fanciers will be welcome to call and see these birds, but they are not for sale. I hope they may live another fourteen years, and sing well for my friend and his wife.

WM. FAIRHURST.

Readers, "Step Forward," Please.

SIR,—I am sorry you are at last compelled to raise the price of the only "birdy" paper, but it must have been anticipated by most of your readers, and there will be few indeed who will stop taking it because of the price. After all, it is a temporary measure only, and it is better than reducing the size or increasing the advertising rates, for advertising keeps the money moving. At a time like this, when we are trying to capture trade from the Huns, a trade paper is absolutely essential, and you must keep the flag flying. Apart from the purely commercial aspect, there is the social side of CAGE BIRDS. You have thousands of readers who are only bird-lovers, and to whom the many delightful articles are meat and drink. It might be a good plan to utilise as many unpaid contributions as possible during the war from such readers. There must be a wealth of pleasurable experiences to be gleaned among them, and if they got an invitation to "step forward" they might come out of their shells, and furnish some good "copy." This week's issue is splendid reading, and the previous week's coloured plate was a fine eye- tonic, though it gave me some coveted qualms into the bargain. I wish you continued success at the new price.

Edinburgh.

DAN McARTHUR.

Predatory Wrynecks.

SIR,—I have always respected the beautifully marked Wryneck as a well-conducted bird, but from a letter written by a Hampshire reader to "The Spectator," it would appear to be as bad in its way as its "mate," the Cuckoo. I am sending you the cutting in the interests of readers of CAGE BIRDS who may not be subscribers to the "Spectator."

GENERAL READER.

"I have this morning watched a performance on the part of a Wryneck, which, as it is not recorded by any bird book in my possession, may perhaps be of sufficient interest to justify publication. Last year a pair of these birds noted some nest boxes in my garden as likely building sites, and kept three of them vacant for some time: I watched them eject bit by bit the entire nest of an unlucky Blue Tit, but to my disappointment—I never really sympathised with a house agent before—they departed elsewhere after about a week's hesitation. This spring they have reappeared and resumed the same tactics. A few days ago they made an attempt on a box occupied by a pair of Nuthatches, but were defeated, either by the efforts of the owners, who, though alarmed, struck at the intruder repeatedly, or by the small size of the entrance, which had been reduced by a mud wall built after their fashion by the Nuthatches. This morning my eye was caught by the sudden appearance from another box of a Wryneck and a Great Tit, locked in unequal combat. The poor Tit had no chance in the open, and made off at once. The Wryneck returned directly to the nest, which she started to throw out piecemeal, and three times at short intervals emerged with an egg in her beak, which she carried to an adjacent branch and ate, dropping the empty shell to the ground. An hour later the inside of the box was absolutely clean, from which it would seem that the tenancy, and not the eggs, was the prime object of the attack. At the same time, the charge of egg-snatching is a serious one to bring against any bird, and it would be interesting to know if it can be substantiated against the whole species, or is only the bad habit of a stray individual."

More Exemplary Sires.

SIR,—I have two pairs down now, one Yorkshires, and the other Norwich cock and Roller hen, and they both feed the mother and chicks and look well after the eggs before they are hatched, getting on them as soon as the hen gets off. I had the misfortune to lose a Golden-capped Lizard last year, and it practically died on the nest, for they both used to roost together, and she had to fight him to make him get off. I congratulate you on the penny rise in the price of CAGE BIRDS; it is worth it.

Horwich.

RITA HOLLAND.

SIR,—As I notice that "T. Williams" is surprised at his cock helping to rear the young birds, I send you a sketch I have made of one of my cocks brooding his young; he also, as far as I can see, does all the feeding.



I was very pleased to see from letters in last week's CAGE BIRDS that a fancier has noticed my painting of Love Birds in the Royal Academy.

ALICE M. COOK.

Bournemouth Treasurer Joins the Colours.

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will announce in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that, having joined the Army, I have resigned as hon. treasurer and assist. sec. to the Bournemouth and District C.B.A., and all correspondence now should be sent to Mr. J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 156, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

L. BOUSFIELD.

A Canary Air Balloon.

SIR,—I enclose a Roller Canary "freak." It was 12 days old when it died, and was bred by Mr. Cottam, shoemaker, Albrighton. Do you think the Zepps. frightened the hen, or do you think the hen is giving the Government a lead in producing airships?

Wolverhampton.

WM. HERWOOD.

[The skin of the young bird was inflated with air to the point of bursting, and was quite transparent, so that the actual body of the bird could be plainly seen inside the air space. How such an object could possibly live for twelve days seems a mystery. The flight feathers were nearly a quarter of an inch long, but except for these and a little fluff on the wings and skull there was no trace whatever of feathering.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.]

The Constituent Parts of Bird Seed.

SIR,—I have to thank Mr. Hunt for his courteous and satisfactory reply to my enquiry as to the figures he so kindly contributed. I am sure his article will prove of great assistance to all who study it. The most important factor of all in the successful rearing of any kind of live stock, poultry, pet birds, or anything else, is to feed them intelligently, and in order that we may be able to accomplish this successfully it is absolutely necessary to know the properties of the various foods which we are able to offer them, and Mr. Hunt's article will, I am sure, go a very long way in this direction. PER CENTAGE.

Will Mules Breed?

SIR,—In reply to E. Forrester, allow me to inform him that it is possible to get young from Mules. There have been several instances on record of the fertility of Mules, but they are of very rare occurrence. I know several of the wisecracks say that such a thing is impossible, but that does not alter facts. One case that came under my own observation was when young ones were bred from a hen Goldfinch Mule and a cock Linnet. If E. Forrester intends trying his luck in this direction I should advise him to introduce a third species, and not pair, for instance, a hen Goldfinch Mule with a Goldfinch, but rather with a Linnet, Greenfinch, or Redpoll, as I have an idea that herein the secret lies. If successful I hope he will let CAGE BIRDS readers know.

J. C. WILMOT.

Any Roller Fanciers in Walthamstow?

SIR,—As an old reader of "our" paper, I am pleased to see it again containing something special to read each week. It is still cheap, so don't worry about the price. To me an interesting instalment of an article this week is "The Roller Canary," by Jessie Lawson. It seems there is far too little in the way of books and articles on the breeding and training of this particular bird, and under the exceptional circumstances, with Germany excluded, we might get a move on. The writer of this week's article says that Roller

breeding is the most important topic among bird fanciers. That may be in the North of England, but such does not seem to be the case in this part, for after the notice you were kind enough to put in "Twitterings" I received only two replies, and one of those was from an enthusiast as far away as Seven Kings. Still, ours is a patient game, and if any reader this way cares to communicate with me with a view to forming a club I shall be pleased.

H. E. NICHOLLS.

22, Countess Road, Walthamstow.

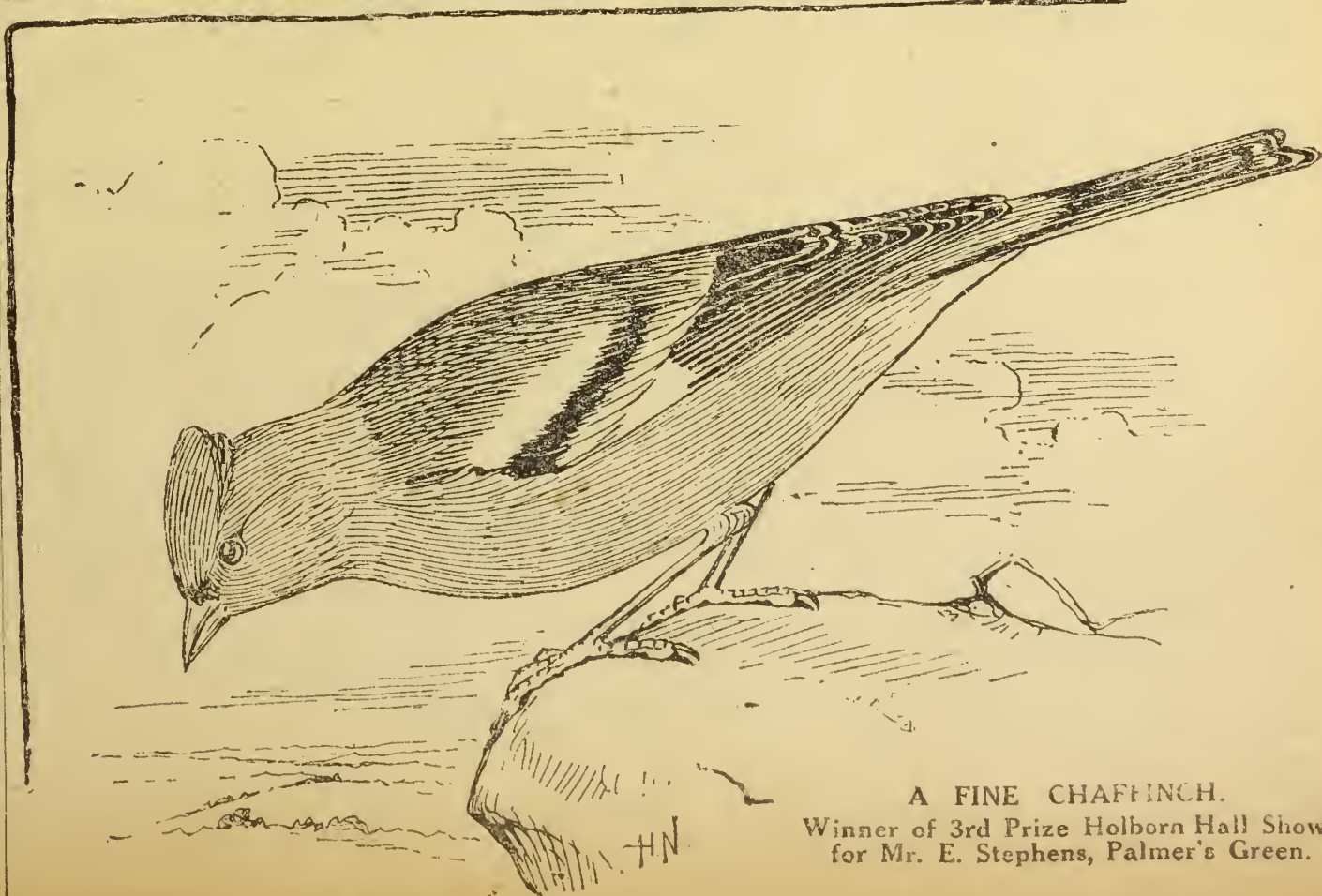
Flogging a Dead Horse.

"The Boys' Own Paper" for May contains a delightful article by Mr. T. H. Ferrar about two pet Starlings. In this Mr. Ferrar says: "I feel it incumbent to point out the absurd fallacy that generally exists that in order to enable a bird to talk it is necessary to slit or cut its tongue!"

Mr. Ferrar is, of course, correct in stigmatising this as an absurd fallacy, but he is certainly wrong in saying that it "generally exists." It would be more correct to say that it was once believed by a few, but that few, indeed, now believe in the absurdity. However, the writer of the article stoncs for the mistake by giving the following explanation of the origin of the fallacy:—

"I have heard that the fallacy of cutting a Starling's tongue in order that the bird may talk originated in the following story:—A man had a number of Starlings in a large cage marked up. 'Fine young Starlings, only one shilling each,' and as each would-be purchaser arrived the man would say: 'There's a fine one there, sir!' pointing out one of them, 'but I shall want half a crown for him, sir, because he's the only one I've got with the tongue slit, so he's bound to be a talker, he is, sir.' He would then proceed to catch the bird and show the slit tongue, and invariably succeeded in effecting a sale. This dodge would be repeated as each new customer arrived and departed, rejoicing at his good bargain. The reader is, perhaps, unaware that all Starlings have a very peculiar formation at the extremity of their tongues, which gives the appearance of a little piece, of a V-shape, slipped out of it; the humour, therefore, of this fraud will be easily appreciated."

At the conclusion of a very interesting contribution Mr. Ferrar tells two amusing stories of his talking Starling "Jack," one of which is as follows:—"Periodically, a gas-inspector calls to check the gas-meter, which is placed immediately over Jack's cage. On one occasion the inspector mounted on a chair to read the index for the amount of gas consumed. Jack called out from below: 'Whatever is it?' when the inspector replied, without looking round, 'It's two thousand less than the corresponding quarter, sir.' 'Whatever is it?' repeated the bird. 'It's two thousand less than the corresponding quarter, sir,' came the answer again. For the third time Jack put his irritating query, when the man, bursting with indignation, turned round to find Jack laughing as heartily as myself at the joke he had played upon him!"



A FINE CHAFFINCH.

Winner of 3rd Prize Holborn Hall Show for Mr. E. Stephens, Palmer's Green.

Sugar Birds

By MISS
DYDDGU HAMILTON

Among the many gorgeously-plumaged birds which are to be seen in the Foreign section at any important show, the exquisitely beautiful Sugar Birds, of which several species have been exhibited, are perhaps the most admired of all, and Miss Hamilton in this article contributes some interesting particulars of these delightful birds in a state of nature, as well as telling how to keep them in captivity.

THREE centuries ago, it was universally believed that somewhere in the far interior of northern South America lay the golden land called El Dorado, with its fairy city of Manoa, all gleaming with gold and precious stones.

Sir Walter Raleigh and many travellers and adventurers after him started in search of this new country of fabulous wealth and monstrous inhabitants; nor was it until the beginning of the 18th century that Humboldt finally dispelled the mythical beliefs concerning this rich country far away in the direction of the setting sun.

The Home of the Sugar Birds.

Yet even now a veil of enchantment hangs over the immense stretch of impenetrable forest, and over the grand and fantastically-shaped mountains of the region where Sugar-birds are found, and our knowledge of a great part of their native land is still shadowy and indefinite.

It is a region rich in bird and insect and vegetable life, difficult of access and deadly in climate, a region of abundant rains and rapid rivers. It is but thinly peopled by small tribes of Indians, who are invincibly disinclined to undertake long and arduous journeys of exploration, and therefore this most interesting country still remains the least known parts of the tropics.

The family of *Certhiidae*, or American Creepers, to which the Sugar-birds belong, is divided into eleven genera, containing 75 species. Their range extends from South Mexico on the north to the Gulf of Guayaquil on the western coast of South America; and to the southern limits of the wood region of South-East Brazil, and the Amazonian valley, on the eastern side of the Andes.

Fifteen species are peculiar to certain of the Antilles, several of them to one island only, and *Cereba flaveola*, the Banana Quit, the type of the typical genus of the family, is found nowhere but in Jamaica.

All the members of the family are called Honeycreepers, or Quit-quits, and are small, brilliantly-coloured birds nearly allied to the Tanagers. The male is always distinguishable by his plumage from the female, who, after the usual manner of bird-kind, is less showily dressed than her mate. The colours are mostly brilliant yellow, blue or green, combined with lustrous black in the wings and tail.

In their wild state these birds feed upon small insects, ripe fruit, and honey. They also frequent curing-houses where sugar is kept, being attracted thither by the abounding swarms of flies and ants.

Perhaps, and Perhaps Not.

Sugar-birds build their domed nests in low trees or bushes where wasps have constructed their paper habitations, and it is said that the birds' object is to secure a position rendered safe from intruders by the presence of these formidable insects, with whom a "league of amity" is established. But considering the greedy way in which the little Sugar-birds devour wasp grub, I have my doubts as to the league of amity!

The most interesting, perhaps, of the species seen on our show benches is the Purple Sugar-bird, *Cereba carulea*, from Caracas; partly because it has been less often seen in England than the Yellow-winged or than the Blue Sugar-birds. The cock bird when in full colour is a beautiful purple-blue, much the same glorious colour as that of the large bell gentian (*Gentiana acaulis*) so common in the Alps.

In the adult male the beak is long, curved, and polished black. The eyes are black. The legs and feet are bright yellowish green, with black nails. Above and below the feathers are a beautiful purple-blue; the lores, throat, wings and tail are a velvety black. The whole length of the bird is about three-and-a-half inches.

The adult female is dark-green above; lores rufous; below she is pale yellowish with dark green striations. Her throat is rufous, and her green legs and feet exactly match her plumage.

If this bird be compared with the lovely little spotted Emerald Tanager, *Calliste guttata*, the very strong likeness between the Sugar-birds and Tanagers will be readily recognised.

The Prettiest of All.

Even more exquisitely beautiful is *Cereba cyanus*, the Sai or Yellow-winged Sugar bird. Its eyes and beak are shining black; its legs and feet coral-red with black nails. The crown

of its head is bright turquoise-blue. The inner webs of the secondaries (except the terminal portion), part of the inner webs of the primaries, and part of the under wing-coverts are canary-yellow; the rest of the wings, the tail, the lores, orbits, hind-neck and back are deep black; all the rest of the plumage is a uniform deep sky-blue. The hen is plain dull green above, and pale olive-green below; the wings are partly yellow, as in the male.

The cock bird has a pretty warbling song, and his flight is so rapid, and when hovering on his wings he vibrates them so quickly, that it is almost impossible to perceive the bright daffodil yellow colour from which he derives his name.

Dacnis cayana, the Blue Sugar-bird, has been more often kept in England than either of the other two. It has black eyes and beak, reddish-brown legs and feet, lores, throat, back, flights and tail black; all the rest of the bird bright blue, of much the same shade as the Indigo Bunting. It appears to thrive upon a diet of bananas, sponge cake, yolk of egg, and a good insectivorous food. It is also fond of honey, and would no doubt eat small insects readily.

At the Zoo all the Sugar-birds are fed upon

her, but in 24 hours she recovered, and is to-day as fit as a fiddle, and in perfect trim. The cock is still in full colour, and the two are usually caged side by side, but separately.

Both belonging to the long-billed race of this species, they are exceptionally elegant in form, and the male, although not as large as the biggest I have seen, possesses remarkable sheen.

Yellow-winged Sugar birds are quite easy to keep, and excellent "livers." If properly treated they reach a good age, and are a good investment, because they will always fetch at least their original cost price. This pair have been exhibited out of colour twice, singly once, and in full colour together once, at this year's Holborn Show, where they obtained premier position.

I give no solid food except banana, and the artificial nectar in general use I always supply without the usual sponge cake. My Sugar-birds are similarly fed, except that they get a grape instead of a piece of banana, and less or often no milk in their food, and that about half the usual strength.

My cages for these birds are of open wire about 36 by 24 by 14 inches, with three perches at different heights. A "border" pot holds sufficient food for 12 hours, and an inch of banana will last three days. Sawdust is best for the draw covering, and perches should be cleaned by washing every other day.

I supply no artificial heat, and the warmth of an unheated but comfortable and dry living room is sufficient in winter. My bird-room is over my kitchen, and is seldom uncomfortably cold. During excessive cold a "per light" from a gas burner at night is about all the extra warmth that has ever been supplied.



Mr. Allen Silver's Yellow-winged Sugar Birds. 1st Prize at Holborn Hall Show, 1916.

soft food mixture, grapes, oranges, bananas, and a delicious-tasting mixture of syrup and meat juice. I have watched the Purple Sugar-bird feeding upon this, and he sucks it up in long draughts, without raising his head to "say grace," as so many birds do when they drink.

Although they appear such fragile jewels, they are probably no more difficult to keep than our own small insectivorous birds, and while I would not recommend a beginner to spend his money on either, yet to those who have had experience the keeping of the Sugar-birds should offer no insurmountable difficulties.

If kept in a good-sized box cage in a warm, well ventilated room, and carefully fed as recommended above, they should do well and live long, things of beauty to delight the eyes of all beholders, and a joy for ever to their fortunate owners.

Some Additional Notes by Mr. Allen Silver.

The two birds depicted in the accompanying drawing were imported during the spring of 1914. The cock I purchased from Mr. Frostick, and the hen I selected from a succeeding consignment. There were only two birds in the batch, and one of these, bought by Mr. Maxwell, afterwards passed into my hands, then into Mr. Frostick's, and from him back to me again. This bird, I believe, is still alive in a friend's possession. The hen of my pair was almost dead when I bought

THE EVOLUTION OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

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The Influence of the Cinnamon.

About thirty-five to forty years ago great efforts were made to improve the quality of feather, and much was done by the use of the cinnamon blood, which had for some time been used by the breeders of evenly-marked Yorkshires, a breed which seems to have almost died out.

These experiments met with great success, and a change for the better was quickly apparent so far as feather properties were concerned. Still, the big birds held sway, despite the efforts of some who were striving even then to reach the wedding ring ideal.

In those days colour was not thought so much of as it was later on, and of the many efforts which have been made to work improvement in the Yorkshire I remember none which have met with more immediate and successful results. For several years the champion birds were really all that one could desire as far as quality of feather was concerned, and even to-day the winning Yorkshires are not upon any higher plane so far as this one property is concerned.

A Deterioration in Feather.

A few years later the size craze again gained the upper hand, and with it disappeared much of the beautiful silkiness of feather which had been produced by the cinnamon blood. The introduction of the

"K-N" feeding process had also been closely followed by Yorkshire breeders trying what they could do to vie with their Norwich brethren in the matter of colour.

Thus between the fight for colour and that for size the feather properties were somewhat lost sight of. The birds grew gradually larger and stouter, and were reverting to the old Lancashire-Yorkshire type, fostered in some measure by certain judges who were inclined then, as some have since been, to favour size at the expense of more valuable properties.

Everything comes to those who wait. The lovers of style and quality had waited long for the reaction which came in the closing years of the eighties, and culminated in a series of meetings in different parts of the county in the year 1899.

These meetings, which resulted in the birth of the Yorkshire Union, roused Yorkshire breeders as they had never been roused before. They were made to see that they were on the wrong tack, and that the large, coarse birds were not the best ideal of what the champions of the breed should be.

From those meetings resulted the Yorkshire Union of Ornithological Societies, a Union which brought the breeders of the county into closer touch with each other, brought about a feeling of keener rivalry, yet at the same time did much to promote good feeling between the different societies constituting the Union.

Fixed Standards Instituted.

Immediately it had settled the formalities connected with its institution and constitution, this body turned its attention to the drawing up of a standard for the different sub-varieties of the breed.

Much enthusiasm was engendered by the work of the Union, shows became better supported, and fanciers attended in larger numbers than they had done before. This led to the greater exchange of ideas, with corresponding improvement in the breed. The Union had said the Yorkshire Canary as it then existed was too long, too stout, and not fine enough in feather, and to this all agreed.

Better still, all set themselves to correct and remove the faults which they acknowledged were in existence. In a couple of years great improvement was seen in the birds which were being shown; they were tighter in feather, displayed more nerve, and were slimmer and finer in body. Gone were the flat skulls with overhanging eyebrows, much of the objectionable breast frill had disappeared, wings and tails were more tightly braced and smartly carried, while there was much improvement in the carriage and deportment of the bodies.

Where the Belgian Came In.

Much of this was due to the introduction of Belgian blood, which certainly gave finer heads and necks and vastly improved the erectness of carriage, even as it conduced to the neater wings and tails.

The Belgian, however, was not responsible for all the improvement. The lovers of colour and silkiness of feather had worked back on to the cinnamon blood, and this was to be seen in the vast increase of birds with pink eyes and cinnamon-marked plumage. So numerous did these cinnamon-marked Yorkshires become that in the third year of its existence the Yorkshire Union Council had to set about the drawing up of a standard of perfection for cinnamon marks, or, as they were more generally called at that time, cinnamon ticks.

It is strange how the craze for size will every now and then rear its dragon-like head and attempt to dominate all breeds. Here was the Yorkshire Canary making rapid progress towards the goal of perfection when the size mania again seized some ardent spirits, and so insidiously and swiftly did they accomplish their work by production of some large birds of good feather, that ere the majority of the breeders could think or act these big birds had caught the judges' eyes, captivated their fancy, and were securing the bulk of the prizes.

Exit Size: Enter Style.

The Yorkshire Union, however, brought matters to a crisis by sending forth to the judges its ukase that the big ones were to be barred. This brought about the dismissal of the big, heavy-feathered birds, since when the Yorkshire Canary has been bred consistently upon better lines, and is to-day a better proportioned, a finer-feathered, and a more stylish bird than it has ever been since the days when it was first divorced from its Lancashire progenitors.

A great factor in this has been the establishment of the Yorkshire Canary Club, which, by its many specials in kind, its cash specials, and its challenge trophies, has given such an impetus to the breeding of Yorkshire Canaries throughout the length and breadth of the kingdom that to-day I venture to say more birds of the variety named after the county of cricket and football fame are bred in one year than a short time back were produced in half a decade.

Queries Answered

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

E. W.—Answered by post.

CAPING FOR BREATH (G. L.).—The bird is probably suffering from advanced bronchial trouble, but you should have given some details as to where and how you keep and feed it. See that it is kept in a comfortable place, free from direct cold draughts, heated and irritating fumes of burning lights, and do not allow it to hang in a window nor high up near the ceiling. Then treat as follows. Every second day for a fortnight or so, in addition to the staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days during the first week add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. After this give instead five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight.

CAGE IN GREENHOUSE (Puzzled, Liverpool).—(1) Possibly the cage in the greenhouse was too much exposed to the gaze of all outsiders, either in or out of the greenhouse, for the taste of the hen. If this was the case you would have got over the trouble, in all probability, had you shielded the nesting site in some way, such as placing some light covering over the portion of the cage immediately in front of the nest, or standing some obstacle in front of the cage in such a way as to shut off a full view of the nest. Anyway, you will almost certainly do much better with breeding in the ordinary breeding cage than in this place, which, by the way, you seem to have rather overcrowded with perches. I should imagine half the number of furnishings would be sufficient. (2) The aviary will accommodate five birds, not more, the size of a Norwich Canary, or, say, six Rollers or Border Fancies. If you mean British or Foreign birds, send a query marked with the class referred to, so that it may be dealt with by the proper expert.

UNSATISFACTORY HEN (S. Clayton).—(1) The hen was obviously not in breeding condition, and this would be the real cause of her refusing to notice the nest-box or the inducements of her mate. Whether she will come into condition later on when the season is more advanced, time alone can tell. It is quite possible she may do so, but something must naturally depend upon her age and physical condition. (2) This hen, too, is very much out of condition, and I would not advise you attempting to breed with her in any case. You may treat her the same as advised to "G.L." in this issue for two or three weeks, and in addition see that she has a little freshly gathered greenstuff daily—preferably chickweed, flower heads of groundsel, crisp young lettuce, or dandelion.

SEED SAMPLES (G. C.).—(1) Sorry, but the samples you sent were too much damaged to form any just opinion as to the quality. I can only say that the little rape that was left does not appear to be summer rape, but I cannot say this much with any degree of certainty. If you will send another sample I will do my best to assist you. Please wrap in separate packets. Meantime, you may give the birds that waste so much seed six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water every second day for a week, and then six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for another week. (2) The best contest singers are kept largely on rape alone, except for occasional tit-bits, or at most a mixture of two parts rape to one part canary. Personally, I prefer a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape, as a far more complete and wholesome dietary.

SIZE OF EGG AND CHICK (Embryo).—(1) No. I do not think the size of the egg affects to any material degree the size of the chick which may be hatched from it. More physical stature depends far more upon the amount of pabulum supplied and assimilated by the chick in the first few weeks after it has left the shell, and it is quite possible for a strain of birds producing exceptionally large specimens to lay quite moderate or small eggs. The

largest breeds of poultry habitually lay quite medium to small-sized eggs, and the smallest breeds, Bantams, of course, excepted, lay the largest eggs. (2) This raises a question much too large and scientific to deal with in these replies. For all practical purposes I incline to the opinion that when a hen has produced and deposited a perfect and normal ovum she has done her part as far as fertility is concerned, but it is rather a moot question whether every egg laid is potentially fertile, or whether it is possible for the hen to produce eggs from which the female reproductive elements are lacking. But this much is certain, that there may be a lack of affinity between two individuals of opposite sex that precludes any union proving fertile, and this element of discord may exist in either sex. It is by no means limited to the hen. (3) Real infertile eggs invariably remain clear and unchanged after incubation, unless they should dry up in the shell owing to some defect in the latter. Those which become cloudy are added, and have been fertilised, but the germ has ceased to develop at some stage. The earlier this cessation takes place, the less change you will find in the eggs themselves. When the yolk appears broken and dispersed there is probably some weakness or defect in the egg itself, for which the hen is most likely to be responsible.

VERY LIGHT BIRDS (Novice, O.H.).—(1) The birds in question may be very pale buffs, or it is just possible that they may be a sport tending to a white strain, as the "whites" have cropped up in this way several times in late years. It is not possible to say definitely what they are from the particulars you give, but if you have any fancy for whites you should mate the cock with one of these light youngsters next season, if one proves to be a hen, or both, if both are hens, and in the following season pair the progeny of the one with those of the other, when you should find you have made a great stride in fixing the "white" element. (2) It is not possible to name the value of these sports without seeing them, nor even then always. As a rule it may be said to be just what one can get for them.

LOSING FEATHERS SUDDENLY (O. K., Barking).—Simply a very active spring moult is the cause of the phenomenon, and the cessation of song is merely the consequence of the moult. Probably the weather had much to do with the sudden onset of the moult, but if you keep them fairly warm and free from direct cold draughts, there will be nothing to fear. Give a morsel of egg, or bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, every third day until the plumage is reproduced, and add to the water 20 drops of chemical food twice a week, and you will doubtless find them resume singing in a short time.

YORKSHIRE COCK DYING (G. J. Hatton).—Only a post-mortem could satisfactorily reveal the cause of death in such a case as this. There is a great

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battley's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Veston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ransden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Parrot," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

possibility that it was due to septic disease germs, and if you have another loss I cannot advise you better than to send the body at once to our post-mortem examiner, as per rules under that heading, and thus make sure about the cause. You do not even say how the bowels were affected, but if constipated, as seems to be implied, a better treatment than that you gave would have been to give a liberal supply of crisp young lettuce or flower heads of groundsel, and to have added ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day until the droppings were normal.

NO EGGS (H. Robbins).—No, the trouble of hens pairing, building a nest, and then failing to produce any eggs is not a peculiarity of the Lancashire. It is common to all breeds, and may even be found among the nondescript mongrel, which is of no particular breed at all. If the hens sit in the empty nests continually, give them a small clutch of common eggs to hatch out and rear as far as they will do so, and then they may go to nest of their own accord and fulfil their duties all through the next time. Otherwise treat them for a few weeks, or until they have laid a clutch of eggs, the same as advised to "Disinterested" in last issue.

NOISE OF CISTERN (Uncertain).—So far as the noise made by the cistern at certain times is concerned, I do not suppose it would have the slightest effect on the nesting habits of the birds. They would very quickly accommodate themselves to it and go about their duties just as well as if the noise were non-existent. But the fact of having to keep the birds in the window—and an east window, too, is much more likely to seriously affect the health and condition of the birds sooner or later. The latter is the real risk you have to decide for or against, and, personally, I should be among the "noes."

DESERTING YOUNG (Jux).—I rather fancy you will have found by the time this sees the light that the hens were about getting forward for nesting again. If this is so, it would explain their behaviour, and there is practically nothing you could do to make them resume their duties. I take it you left the cocks with the hens whilst they were sitting, and only tried removing them when this trouble was obvious. If this is so, try removing them next round when the hens commence to sit. Also commence to give a little green food on the third day after the young are hatched, and if the hens show any signs of leaving the nests too long exposed, offer a bath in which you have dissolved enough common salt to give the water a slightly saline taste, and allow it to stand in the cage for an hour each day for a few days. They will probably show more desire to use it when the weather is warmer. But if they do not then bathe, add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for one-half of each day for a week. For green food adhere to crisp young lettuce or the flower heads of groundsel. In all other respects continue your present management as regards food, etc.

TRAINING YOUNG ROLLERS (Roller).—It will depend to some extent upon the singing powers of the two old cocks towards the end of the season how you should use them for training the

youngsters. If both keep in equal song I should give No. 2, with 26 points, the major portion of the training, say, let him sing to the birds for a day and a half, and then give him a rest and let No. 1 sing for a day, or, as it will be, for two half days, before going back to No. 2. You should also try as soon as No. 2 shows signs of dropping into moult to get him through fully as quickly as possible, by allowing frequent baths, and keeping him quite on the warm side and covered over easily most of the time, so that he may resume singing and take up the training as early as possible after the moult, as you would probably find the best results accrue if this bird could finish them off entirely at the end of the month.

OUT OF CONDITION (Alex. Brown, Newfoundland).—The poor quality of your seed during the winter may have helped to bring about the condition of your birds, but the principal cause is keeping them close to the radiator. Now they are removed to a more equable position they will doubtless show more rapid improvement. See that the large space under the door is not responsible for cold, cutting draughts, or direct current of air from the cages if necessary. Then treat as follows for a week or two: Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Give separately every second day to each bird half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and also half a teaspoonful of summer rape, which you may scald for a change twice a week. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats, and a morsel of banana. Give a little green food, preferably dandelion, daily. In the water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea every second day until a few days after the feathers have quite ceased dropping.

LIZARD MOULTING (E. M. T.).—(1) I take it the Lizard you say has moulted out almost yellow is a "gold," in which case a gold hen was not really a suitable mate for him. It is rather unusual for Lizards to moult out clear, or nearly so, as they get older, but there are many such cases known. If you are so attached to the bird that you must keep him as part of your breeding stock, I see no reason why you should not do so, but I would advise you rather to mate him with a non-capped and rather heavily-spangled bird for preference. (2) Give the birds that are shelling the seed and rejecting it a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana and a pinch of mixed seed. These in addition to the staple diet. Give two leaves of young dandelion to each daily. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, every second day for a week, and in the next week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Then repeat the two weeks' dosage in the same order.

VARIED (Rollo).—(1) Your first query is answered elsewhere. (2) You should take out the old nests, burn the material, and thoroughly clean and disinfect the nest-box or pan and give fresh material for the second nests, also for the third—if there is a third. By doing so you reduce the chances of red mites getting the upper hand. (3) In selling birds to dealers, if the quantity is sufficient they may be taken away by hand. If sent, it would not be necessary to send each in a separate cage. Cages or cases to hold half-a-dozen, or even more, might be used. In fact, you could suit your own convenience so long as they were not overcrowded. (4) If you cannot get into touch with any Roller breeder, the best way out of the difficulty would be to attend as many shows as you could where Roller singing competitions are held.

DIARRHŒA, ETC. (J. E. H.).—(1) You should have said how you feed the bird. Do not give any very succulent greenstuff for a time, and add to the dietary a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, maw, and crushed arrowroot hieuit, given dry. In the water add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of opium two days in every three until the droppings become normal. (2) Carelessness, certainly, is the cause of insects infesting clean and new cages in rapid succession. You are not sufficiently careful to do the job thoroughly without omitting any part of the appliances belonging to the cage, and also the hook or wall on which the cage hangs. Thoroughly overhaul the cage, together with every appliance which comes in contact with it, and also the position where the cage is placed, as per the instructions often given in this column in detail, and you will certainly get rid of the pest. After the overhaul dip the ends of the perches in and touch the joints of doors, etc., and all likely harbours with a solution of an ounce of camphor in half a pint of methylated spirit twice a week for a few weeks. (3) The proper seeds for a staple diet are three parts canary to one part summer rape. All other seeds should be given only as a tit-bit in small quantities now and again.

VIGOROUS COURTESHIP (S. Clayton).—If the hen was really in good condition when you put the birds together, responding to his calls, etc., you need not worry at all about the apparent violence of his attentions now. Such vigorous courtship, as it is really nothing more serious, is quite common with cocks in high breeding condition, and is by no means a bad sign. Just let things go their own way; give a small tuft of hair to play with until you see the hen taking it eagerly into the nest-box, and making serious attempts to form a nest with it. Then give a nest-bag and leave them to their own designs. You will find things work out all right in a week or two.

WATER RUNNING FROM BEAK (Miss Dora Whitaker).—This seems a rather uncommon case, and it would have been better had you given fuller particulars of your dietary and any substances you give the bird to nibble at. Is there any coating on the wires or cages which the bird picks off and eats, and what kind of grit do you use? Try the following treatment for a fortnight or so, and if not better in that time please write again and give this information. Keep cage floor covered with clean gritty sand, see that the bird is not exposed to a dusty atmosphere, or one that is loaded with irritating fumes from burning lights, or otherwise. Also see it is not exposed to direct cold draughts. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give half a teaspoonful of mixed seed twice a week, and on two other days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Withhold green food for the present, and give instead a morsel of banana four times a week. In the water add five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LOSS OF FINCHES (First Year).—I am inclined to think your birds died from congestion of the whole system, brought about by improper feeding with unsuitable food. But do not rely too much upon my opinion. I may be mistaken, not having seen the birds. If you lose any more, send one to Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination. Your hemp seed, of which you send a sample, may have something to do with the trouble. The first few grains I examined were quite good, but upon making a second examination I found that out of a dozen grains only two were really good: the others were dried up and discoloured—evidently old stock. Such seed as this, given in the quantities you were allowing, would scarcely be conducive to health. The birds would digest it with difficulty and the organs become congested. It would probably account for the state of the birds' crops when opened. I would advise you to discard all this seed and procure some elsewhere. Open a few grains and see that each grain contains a full white kernel, and if you have any doubt, set a little to germinate in a warm corner, noting if it does so freely. Reduce the quantity to half what you have been giving, and allow a little more sunflower, and discontinue linseed during the summer months. Give all your remaining birds ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in an ounce of water. Let them have it for six or eight hours, and then repeat two days later. A good supply of wild food, including dandelion heads, should help them to pick up.

GREENFINCHES IN AN AVIARY (John Ford).—My experience with Greenfinches is that they are quite safe to turn in with other birds, for although they are strong, with formidable-looking beaks, they are not quarrelsome; in fact, mine are bullied most unmercifully by a cheeky Siskin. I would advise you to turn in a matched pair, when you will find they will keep a good deal to themselves and not interfere with the others. Give plenty of wild food, and abundance of moss, etc., for nesting purposes.

WHAT BIRD? (D. Cawton).—Your bird is the Greater Tit, which is quite an interesting species and not difficult to keep in confinement. Your general treatment is correct, although you might add to it a grain or two of sunflower seed and hemp, and a pinch of maw seed. They eat quantities of caterpillars when at liberty, so let him have any you can manage to collect.

KEEPING SOFTBILLS (Spike).—All the birds you mention can be kept under the conditions you suggest, although it would perhaps be kinder to take in the "Gale" during very cold weather. This is not absolutely necessary, as I have known them to be kept in a large outside aviary all the year round. The cage for the Thrush should be about 30 inches long, 24 inches high, and 11 inches wide, with one

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

top perch and two on a level with the front board. There are many designs for Lark cages, but I prefer one about 18 or 20 inches long, 10 inches high, and 9 inches wide, of course without perches. The stock cage for the Nightingale should be 24 inches long, 12 inches high, and 12 inches wide, and a similar cage would do for the Blackcap. The "Gale" and Blackcap would require best quality insecticide food, and the Song Thrush and Lark soft food of not so good a quality. I am unable to give you full details for each bird, as space is limited, so I would advise you to send for our Nutshell Booklets dealing with them—No. 25, Smaller Insectivorous Birds; No. 3, The Skylark; and No. 4, The Song Thrush; each booklet 2d. post free from this office.

GOLDFINCH LOSING FEATHERS (G. A. R., Southampton).—Your bird may be going bare round the neck through insects. Examine him carefully, blowing up the feathers on the underpart of the body, and see if he has any lice. If so, well dust him with insect powder until you get rid of them, and let him bathe frequently, adding a spoonful of strong quassia solution to the water. Failing these, make a change in his diet, giving plenty of wild food and a spoonful of egg and biscuit three times a week, adding daily a few drops of fresh lemon juice to his water. Just smear the bare place with vaseline.

PLUCKS HER FEATHERS (Lunet Lover).—(1) It depends upon the cause of the plucking whether the hen will be of any use for breeding or not. Thoroughly examine the cage to see if it is infested with red mites, and if so, take the necessary steps to eradicate them, as you will have seen given frequently in this column. If no mites are discovered, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days add to the water 20 drops of fluid magnesia, and give a large fat mealworm, if you have any available. Crush the head of the worm and secure it to the end of a perch until the bird has learnt what they are. Continue this for a fortnight. Only the actual experiment could prove whether she would pluck her young if you bred with her. (2) No, syrup of rhubarb is not the same thing as tincture of rhubarb. The syrup is preferable for cage birds, and is obtainable from practically any chemist.

ADDITION TO AN AVIARY (L. Scott).—You should have no difficulty in adding another bird or two to your collection; of course, the strongest will always be the master bird. A good plan is to place a fresh bird in the aviary in a cage for a day or two, and then one morning open the door and let him out; by this means they get used to each other before they come in contact.

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PARROT WHEEZING (Mrs. Cole).—Keep its bowels quite open by giving doses of fluid magnesia as often as may be required—one teaspoonful in the drinking-water every fourth day should suffice. Get the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts for use take half a teaspoonful of the mixture to each fluid ounce of the drinking-water—give this for a fortnight on the days you are not giving the magnesia; then for another week put the same quantity of chemical food in the water, except when giving the magnesia. Give daily a piece of bread, biscuit or plain cake that has been lightly spread with cod-liver oil emulsion. Keep the bird strictly out of draught in a warm room, where the temperature is as even as possible night and day. Do not omit to keep up a regular supply of grit and cuttlebone. A chunk of wood should be continually in the cage for the bird to exercise its mandibles upon. In about three weeks report progress, fully describing the bird's condition.

SWELLING IN MOUTH (A. Pollis).—Your bird is a Blue-fronted Amazon, and you cannot expect it to do much talking till it is quite fit. Keep it in the midst of your home-life, yet not where it will be scared by noisy movements—it will pick up many words and sounds from what it hears going on around it. You can also teach it by constant repetition of such things as you wish it to say, while you are attending to its wants, and also when it is in a restful mood. With regard to the lump in the mouth, my difficulty is that I have practically no data to make a diagnosis from. The trouble may arise from a splinter, seed husk, etc., fixed in some part of the mouth, and calls for immediate attention. I advise you to take it to your local vet., who should be able to give some immediate relief. The other alternative is to put a little honey and borax into the mouth twice daily, and to keep the bowels well open by occasional doses (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) of fluid magnesia as often as required, and trust to Dame Nature to do the rest. If further unfavourable symptoms develop, quite possible, write again at once, giving full details. Your cage appears quite satisfactory.

GREEN PARROT WITH FITS (Mrs. Ball).—Add a good portion of canary seed and white oats to the Parrot mixture you procure for this bird. All the other items of diet you name are in order. Do not omit to keep grit, cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood, for it to exercise its mandibles upon, continually in the cage. Do not give any more castor oil, but every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking-water. Get a dozen 3-grain powders of bromide of potassium from your chemist, give six of these in succession, dissolve one daily in a little syrup, then stir into the drinking-water, which must not exceed one fluid ounce, but omit the powder the day you give the fluid magnesia. Follow this by lightly colouring the drinking-water with chemical food on days the magnesia is not given. In the morning the cover should not be removed from cage till the room has been swept and aired. Give it as much ripe fruit (any kind) as it cares to take. You must be careful that it is not exposed to the full glare of the sun when in greenhouse, or heat apoplexy may supervene. Report progress in fourteen days, describing the bird's condition as clearly as possible.

PARROT UNCONSCIOUS (Mrs. A. M. B.).—I am quite helpless to assist you, as you give me no details save the one bare fact "it has fallen off its perch and is still unconscious." If it still lives and is unconscious when this reaches you I advise your taking it to a local vet. at once. If alive and unconscious then, give it three drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak, and repeat this every four hours till the bowels have been well moved. Send me at once the fullest details you can—period you have had it—how kept, fed, and generally treated, and give as fully as possible its symptoms prior to the attack and since consciousness has returned. I shall then be pleased to try and assist you. For an ordinary fit, the application of cold water to the top of the head is generally efficacious. After treatment, of course, depends on what occasioned the trouble.

BUDGERIGARS AS PETS (E. L. S.).—Budgerigars are quite hardy, and numbers are bred annually in outdoor aviaries, where they live all the year round. I should say bird No. 1 is a hen, and most certainly if you cage her up with No. 2 they would attempt to breed, on the cage floor if no other spot were available; moreover, I expect they would become less tame if put together for breeding. If you are feeding them according to the booklet they will need nothing further while in the moult; but you cannot give them too much seedling and flowering grass while it is available. As regards a bath, you cannot do better than get a turf of longish grass, wet water it through a fine rose, then place it on a tray and allow the birds to roll about in it; this is their natural way of taking a bath. If you require the birds to have liberty only in the room their wings need not be cut, but you must see that all windows are closed and that the fireguard is in position. They are such alert birds that I think they would keep out of reach of the Parrot's mandibles. They can certainly go outside on suitable day, but as they are confined within the limits of a cage, the cage must not be stood where a current of wind will blow directly into it or through it. I am afraid no matter how tame they become you will always be liable to the more or less playful nip. Talking Budgerigars are very uncommon.

AMAZON PARROT WITH COLD (Omega).—It is probably a touch of asthina, or it may be digestive trouble. It will be well to continue the cold mixtures for a little longer, and to keep the bird as snug as possible during the changeable weather of the next two months. It should not be necessary to use the glyco-thymoline any longer unless there should be a recurrence of the running of the nostril. Get a box of honey and borax, and put a little in its mouth (not much at a time) once or twice daily so long as the box lasts. Also keep its bowels properly regulated; there should be quite free movement without watery looseness—a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the drinking water occasionally will easily secure this). A little cod liver oil emulsion spread thick on a piece of biscuit, bread, plain cake, or anything similar the bird will take with good will. I see no reason why the bird should not become quite sound again. It will be well, however, to take special care of it during any cold, damp spells which may occur during the remainder of the winter.

AILING GREY PARROT (T. W.).—In such a case it is always best to let a vet. see the bird, and I advise you to take this course at once. It is quite possible he could give the bird immediate relief—he would have sterilized instruments and antiseptics to hand, which would be main factors to a quick healing of the wound. Of course, if you call a vet.

in you must follow his instructions as to treatment afterwards. It would be well, however, to add ripe fruit to your dietary, also pieces of biscuit, stale crusts, and a little plain cake; and on any of the three latter it will eat to spread thinly cod liver oil emulsion till the bird is quite fit and strong again. It will also be important to keep the bowels open by supplying fluid magnesia (water and the magnesia in equal parts) once or twice a week, and on the intermediate days to put a little ammoniated quinine into the drinking water. Cuttlebone, grit (not sand), and a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon should be continually in the cage. Heat is a great aid to ailing birds, and it would be well to keep it in your warmest room, keeping the temperature as even as possible day and night. If you cannot get a vet. then you must foment the swelling with hot water (as hot as you can bear your hand in without discomfort), drying afterwards with a soft cloth; as soon as the sore appears ripe then lance it and exude the pus by gentle pressure, well cleanse with warm water, and lightly anoint with antiseptic ointment. A little honey and borax in the mouth daily, or oftener, will keep both the mouth and throat clean.

AMAZON PARROT DROWSY AND SNEEZING (A. J. R.).—Continue the treatment in every respect as already advised, but if the bowels become abnormally loose then the fluid magnesia must be stopped for a time, but the condition you describe is not abnormal. Put two or three chilies amongst the daily supply of seed. I repeat, you must keep the bird as warm as possible, yet in a room where the temperature is as even as possible both night and day; once you have got it properly established it will do perfectly well in an unheated room, but warmth is needed for a bird out of tone, and also in the process of acclimatization. Dissolve three drops of tincture of opium in a little syrup, and add one-third ounce of water and well stir together; let the bird have a few sips of this mixture—that is, satisfy its thirst at least once daily with it; it should be mixed fresh every other day. I think you will be able to bring the bird round all right by nursing it up for a few weeks as above, and it will be well to report progress again in a few weeks; but, being a comparatively recent acquisition, it would be well to write at once if any of the symptoms should become more acute or other adverse symptoms develop. Continue to try to induce it to take ripe fruit at intervals, and you can let it have as much of the biscuit as it cares to take. Keep it amused and interested as much as possible, as activity is a great help in getting and keeping these birds fit.

BUDGERIGARS MOPY (Brushwood).—While your arrangements seem pretty good, there is evidently something not quite to their taste. Is the atmosphere at all close? Is it at all damp? If both these faults exist, you must remove them by a system of thorough ventilation, but you must secure this without draught. I think you would improve matters by putting a good sized square of glass into one of the walls of their enclosure, of course, covering it with

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/13); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3/4); or the "Nutshell" booklets (3d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Acanthaceae," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Vax-Bills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

wire netting in the inside; then if the flight is fitted up with straight perches, remove every one of them and put in some twiggy branches. The position of the hawks is not important, but they should be not less than 6ft. up and their openings should face the light, also they should be as far apart as possible. Keep one or two millet sprays hanging up in the aviary, in such a position that the birds must fly to cling to the sprays to get at the seeds. You must keep up continual supplies of cuttlebone and grit, and as soon as you can get it free from frost supply as much seedling and flowering green as they will eat. It is the most common practice to keep up continuous supplies of food for small birds. During the winter supply a little frame lettuce as green food, but cut out the thick fleshy stem from each leaf before supplying to the birds. Budgies are not large drinkers, so take out the ordinary drinker and bath while giving medicines; put one teaspoonful Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water daily till the bowels have been well moved, but stop short of watery looseness. Also when not giving the magnesia put a little chemical food in their water. An occasional dose of the magnesia is advisable whenever the voidings become at all stiff. The birds should certainly nest with you this season.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (E. C. W.).—You cannot do better than persevere with the treatment; the bird is evidently picking up as quickly as one could reasonably expect. Budgerigars do not bathe in the ordinary sense, that is, by splashing about in a shallow dish as most species do. In a state of nature they bathe by rolling and throwing themselves about amidst wet grass, and in an outdoor aviary they do the same. Many times have I witnessed this charming scene when I kept a flock of these pretty feathered creatures. The abandon with which they frolicked and threw themselves about amid the dew-laden grass and herbage is one of the most charming of the many interesting episodes I have witnessed in my aviaries in the course of many years. Keep the bird in as even a temperature as possible; let him take all the exercise outside his cage he is inclined to, and about twice a week give him a light spraying (on sunny and warm days only) with tepid water. A "mist" sprayer is the best for the purpose.

ALL ABOUT BUDGERIGARS (Nicholls).—It is quite impossible for me to write you an article on these birds in this column. The Editor would not permit it; besides, if you cannot extract any information from your book, I am afraid you are hopeless, or else you have read it very superficially, and it will repay a second reading. I have made it clear many times in "Cage Birds" that those who expect wild species of any description to nest and

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rear young as readily as Canaries (domesticated for many years), are doomed to disappointment. Budgerigars' natural breeding season is our winter, so every inducement should be offered them to change it by not supplying them with breeding huts (they use no material) till the end of March or first week in April. Of course, if you have the accommodation you can separate the sexes during the winter, but they should not be kept in adjoining compartments. These birds, like many other wild species, do not pair and go to nest at once when the sexes are put together, but take some time to settle down. Once a commencement is made they will often go on breeding all the year round. The dietary is fully given in your book. Budgerigars have been much written about, but in books containing accounts of other birds. "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 7d. post free from our Manager, deals rather fully with them, so do several of the late Dr. W. Greene's books, e.g., "Foreign Fancy Birds," 8d. post free, which the Editor would obtain for you.

SICK PARROT (Dickinson).—Pleased to note there is an improvement. Continue the treatment till the cure is complete. Try it with the milk mixture without bread, mixed to a consistency for drinking, and give this the first thing each morning in lieu of the drinking water. The latter can be supplied about noon. If it is removed each night when the bird is covered up, the bird will be quite ready to partake of any liquid which you supply the next morning. Give such fruit as banana, apple and grapes frequently, and the same as to biscuits. Do not give any more suet, it will be better without this; in fact, this has probably contributed to the trouble. The other items of diet you mention can all be given. I should try it with a mixture of canary, white millet, sunflower, hemp, oats, and shelled monkey nuts in equal parts. You can also supply other nuts freely as extras, such as walnuts and Spanish (Barcelona) nuts, and I usually prefer to supply them shelled. A piece of raw carrot is very wholesome, and most Parrots are very fond of it. In all other respects continue to treat as per our previous reply.

PARRAKEETS IN CAGES AND AVIARIES (Lausanne).—(1) Parrakeets are mostly bred in aviaries, and it is in such that the principal successes have been made; but Red-rumps have been bred quite successfully by an aviculturist in France in a roomy cage; a pair of Swainson's Lorikeets also successfully reared young in a cage, 5ft. long, 3ft. wide, and 5ft. high, for several years in succession; and a pair of Red-collared Lorikeets successfully reared one young bird, which is still living in a cage about 3ft. square and 4ft. high, but these are rather isolated instances. I also saw a brood of healthy young Quaker Parrakeets (unfledged) in quite a small cage—the young were fully reared. (2) I have sent you a rough ground plan of a range of houses. The nature of the structure must depend on climate, etc. Either logs, harrels, or boxes with concave bottoms must be used for nesting purposes. In the suggested range of aviaries I have provided for eight separate flights and a central flight large enough for six pairs. (3) The three Parrakeets you mention have always been unique in England, but a near relative of one of them, the Black-headed Golden-shouldered Parrakeet, is sometimes to be obtained. (4) Largely a matter of individuality, and each aviculturist must experiment for himself in this respect. One aviculturist may keep together single pairs of six species with success, and another, making the same attempt, fails utterly owing to the pugnacity of his respective pairs. Most of the Lorikees need a separate enclosure for each pair. Hybrids, as a rule, result either from the chance mating of odd birds, or the deliberate pairing of odd birds of different species shut off from communication with others of their own species. (5) Turquoisines, I fear, must be extinct, or nearly so, as none have reached the English market for some years. I have dealt with your queries as fully as space permitted, but it would mean almost writing a book to enter into them comprehensively. However, I shall be pleased to reply further upon any points of difficulty.

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Mr. G. Rattigan.—Red-crested Cardinal (hen) succumbed to septic fever. Both the liver and spleen were badly affected with this disease.

W. S. Sutton.—Heat apoplexy resulting from congestion of the lungs with rupture of a blood vessel.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—May 31, Station Café, 8, N.P. show and general business.—C. Bailey.
Ayr C.B.C.—May 29, Wallace Tower Hall, 8, Annual subs.; P.F. show arrangements.—H. M. Ferguson.

Bishop Auckland.—May 31, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. Business important.—W. Crowther.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—May 28, 8.35; ramble; train to Barcombe for Marstake Common and Woods. Return from Barcombe Mills. Members asked to join and notify sec. of their intention. 2s. 6d. club spl. best bird.—W. H. Gibb.

Beamish C.B.S.—May 27, Bird Inn, 6.30. Election of judge for annual show, and other business. Intending members please attend.—J. H. Elliot.

Blaydon C.B.S.—June 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Very important business. Local fanciers heartily invited to join.—G. Hayver.

Edapham C.B.A.—May 28.—Ramble to Effingham Junction. Train leaves Waterloo, 9.55. Hot lunch at Station Hotel, E. Horsley, 1.30.—T. J. Hise.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—June 3, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.45. Annual general meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers; alteration of rules, etc. I would like to receive outstanding subs. before the meeting.—R. Garnett.

Choppington (Scotland) C.B.S.—May 27, Social Club, 7. General business.—H. Seely.

Darlington C.B.S.—Meeting May 17. Decided to hold F.F. show July 1. Points to count for cup.—W. Shearfield.

Dorby C.B.S.—May 27, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Nomination of young birds.—F. W. Jordan.

East Ardley C.B.S.—May 27, Black Swan, 7. Important show business; election of stewards, etc.—A. Walton.

East Ham F.S.—June 1, Liberal Club, opposite Town Hall, East Ham, 8 to 10.30. Open meeting; lecture by W. A. H. and distribution of prizes won at show on May 30. Visitors welcome.—W. A. Harwood.

Glasgow and W. of Scotland.—May 30, 100, W. Regent Street, 8. Show. Bramble, or Chaffinch, Buntings, A.V. Brit., Light Mules or Hyb., Dark Mules, Foreign.—M. Craig.

Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—May 27 ramble to Dullatur. Train leaves Queen Street Station 3.5. Meet at corner of Queen and George's Streets at 2.45. Good turn-out requested. June 8, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Election of judges for F.F. and annual shows; also show of eight classes: Brambl., Chaff., Bull. cocks, Buntings, A.V. Brit., A.O.V. Light Mule or Hyb., dark Goldf. or Linnet Mules, A.O.V. Mules.—J. H. Adam.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—May 27, Colliery Hotel, 6.50. Deputation's report from President; last meeting to enrol members.—O. Vipond.

Halifax C.B.S.—June 1, Trafalgar Inn, King Cross, 8. General meeting.—A. Sutcliffe.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—May 30, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8.—A. Roberts.

Llanelli C.B.S.—May 27, Greyhound Hotel, 7.30. Resignation of sec. and other important business. Don't forget the time.—D. H. Davies.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 31, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Ordinary business.—R. Charleson.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—June 1, Kelvedon Hall, Waltham Green, 8.30. Special general meeting concerning club's welfare; please attend.—C. W. Woolley.

Macclesfield.—June 1, Daybrook St. School, 7.45. Classification for F.F. show.—W. Moon.

N.W. Glasgow C.B.S.—May 30, 44, Napierhall St., 7.45. Replies from judges for annual show; also hat and question night; extra.—P. Houston.

Newcastle East End C.B.S.—May 31, Blue Bell Inn, Shields Road, 7.30. Election of judges and classification for show.—Ed. Colman.

Provincial Roller C.C.—May 27, Old Bear's Head, Manchester, 6.30. Annual show and club business.—J. T. Smith.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Special meeting. Colliery Inn, May 27, 6.30. To arrange for N.F. show.—I. Stanger.

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—May 31, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglinton Toll, 7.45. Discussion on Canary management. Particulars as to ramble June 3.—A. K. Hunter.

Sheffield O.S.—May 30, Rotherham House Hotel, 8. Business important. Ramble, June 4. Particulars next week.—E. C. Job.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—June 1, Little Regent Inn, 8. Schedule F.F. show.—J. W. Lowes.

S. London Col. F.A.—June 8, headquarters, 7.30. General meeting and show.—J. Luckham.

Sheffield C.B.S.—June 1, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show. Fixed prize money; see syllabus.—A. Holson.

South Moor Social Club.—May 28, Club Room, 6.50. General meeting; judges, etc.—Notice unsigned (Ed.).

Swansea C.B.A.—June 3, Plysium, 8. Final arrangements for young bird show.—J. H. Ford.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—May 30, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. F. Park, of Glasgow. Subs. now due.—A. H. McLean.

West Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—May 28, Club Room, 6.30. Nomination of judges for annual show. Nov. 18-19.—R. Hutchison.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—May 27, Market Tavern, 6.45. Sub-committee's report re revision of rules; also any other business.—S. Midgley.

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BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRDS.

The Black-cheeked Lovebird is a comparatively recent introduction to our show benches. After its first appearance. It suddenly became rather common, as the birds were imported in numbers. Lately, however, it has again been somewhat of a rarity, and a good pair is pretty sure of recognition by the judge. The very fine specimens here portrayed won 2nd prize at the Holborn Show for Mr. C. T. Maxwell, Herne Hill, London.

The Tawny Owl in Captivity.

By D. STEWARD.

An appreciation of a bird which is very rarely kept as a pet; with particulars as to its housing and feeding.

CONSIDERING how well Owls thrive in confinement, and the small amount of trouble and expense they entail, it is surprising how really few people one comes across who go in for these exceedingly interesting birds, or, indeed, know anything about them.

I know of no more lovable or entertaining fellow than the Tawny, or Wood Owl (*Syrnium bluco*), provided that he is brought up from infancy by hand; otherwise, if one gets a half or full grown specimen, it is apt to make a freer use of its strong beak and equally strong talons than is quite pleasant, and its temper is not likely to prove so sweet and pliable as an early adopted child from the woods.

In other words, it will probably remain untamable, and I know of no more discouraging, not to say irritating, sight than that of a bird or animal that stubbornly resists all one's overtures of kindness and friendliness.

I could never succeed in taming a full-grown Tawny that was bought to keep another young one company. It perpetually snapped its beak whenever anyone approached it, and on attempting to handle it it would sit up on its tail—after the manner of a hawk—and woe betide any finger that came within reach of its beak. I have spent hours in trying to coax the stupid bird into something resembling good feeling, but without the slightest success—it was too suspicious for anything.

Discriminate in Friendship.

Now the young one, which was sent to us as a fluffy ball of down, was as different as possible; as sweet and innocent as the other was sour and suspicious, and as fond of me as it is possible for any bird to be of its owner.

I could do whatsoever I liked with him, stroke him, ruffle up his feathers the wrong way, play with him, tease him, and handle him with impunity—not that I often did this, for the less handling a bird has the better—and as for getting angry, why, he simply did not know how.

He was always on his best behaviour with all the members of the family, but he had no fancy at all for the gardener—I never fathomed the reason for this—nor did he like visitors, especially when they went and gazed curiously at him through the wire door.

He would open his big eyes very wide indeed on such occasions, and in the semi-twilight of the aviary, from a perch at the far end, he would return the stare; in fact, he was an adept in this art, and would out-stare anyone, craning and twisting his head

into the most fantastic positions—in which occupation the sour one joined—in order to get a clearer view of who the strangers were and what they were doing.

An Undeserved Reputation.

I think he must have entertained a very hearty contempt for those—ladies generally—who sometimes remarked: "Really, what queer birds they are. I don't care for Owls, you know—so uncanny, aren't they?"

In a state of nature the Tawny Owl is said to be of rather a vicious disposition, because during the breeding season it will boldly attack and inflict severe blows on the heads of unsuspecting individuals who venture too near its nest. However this may be, the Tawny Owl hardly deserves to be described as belonging to a vicious species, because I take it that this bird, at other times, is peaceful enough if unmolested.

Moreover, it is but following the natural instinct which prompts both animals—perhaps I ought to say mammals—and birds to become more wild and savage during the breeding period, in order the better to protect their helpless young. In some species this instinct is more pronounced than in others, and the Tawny Owl simply belongs, in common with many others, to the former class.

Some Very Tame Owls.

This fact need in no way deter anyone from keeping this Owl in an aviary, for if, as I have said, it be taken young, preferably in the down, and reared by hand, it will become as tame and easy to handle as any other bird under similar conditions.

This, apart from my own experience and that of some people I know, is borne out by a case of some Tawny Owls that were captured near Blackburn. One of these Owls when fully grown was quite tame and gentle, and could be handled with ease, although in their wild state Wood Owls are decidedly vicious. This particular Owl's former owner used to take it perched on his shoulder for cycle rides, and it was not dismayed by passing vehicles.

This reminds me somewhat of a friend of ours who once had in his possession a couple of Tawny Owls. I forget how he obtained them, but the birds were very tame, and much attached to him, and he frequently used to take them with him, perched one on either shoulder, for long walks, and they never attempted to fly away.

One night he thought he heard one of his pets calling and hooting in a peculiar manner, but being half asleep he paid no particular

attention, and soon dozed off again, much to his subsequent sorrow. The next morning, after considerable searching, the poor bird was found drowned in the water butt. How it managed to fall in remains a mystery.

Both the Tawny and Barn Owl—personally I prefer the former, as being much prettier both in shape and colour—will thrive in captivity equally well in country or town, for the aviary need only be quite a simple affair.

The Necessary Accommodation.

Those who live in the country usually have a stable or outhouse, of which they can utilise a portion as an aviary; but the town or suburban dweller is not always so fortunate in this matter. However, to most houses there is a garden or yard of sufficient size to admit of a small shed—a lean-to or otherwise—being erected, and this will meet all the requirements necessary.

Probably a lean-to shed is best, where space is limited, as it takes up less room; also it can be made fairly high, which gives the birds a better chance of exercising their wings, though, as a rule, I think they prefer an enclosure narrow rather than wide, not particularly high, but as long as possible, so that they may have a good flight from one end to the other.

A good stout perch should be fixed up at the end farthest from the door, and then on a level with the perch a wooden box should be nailed against the wall, for the birds to retire into. The box, however, is not an absolute essential to their well-being—after they are fully grown, that is—for they do not require it for sleeping in, but they sometimes like to go inside to eat, especially when they have anything in the butchering or quartering line to perform.

For the floor any sort of coarse grit may be used, but the bare earth, turned over occasionally, does very well. The inner part of the doorway should be fitted with a frame door of wire netting, so that the outer wooden door, which should be closed at night, may be left open during the day, for Owls appreciate a certain amount of light, and it is a fallacy to suppose that they sleep all day long and cannot see in daylight.

How to Feed Owls in Captivity.

With the aviary in readiness, the birds themselves are the next consideration. Procure them as young as possible, put them into a small basket, and make them cosy with plenty of straw or hay—of course, strict cleanliness must be observed.

Feed them at fairly frequent intervals with small pieces of fresh, raw meat. I used to feed mine on shin beef, but as this may be considered rather expensive, any fresh butcher's scraps will do, and if you care to dissect a mouse or small bird for them, well and good.

When they grow older they will, of course, be equal to performing this pleasant job for themselves, and then the floor of their apartment will be found littered with pellets of indigestible matter, such as skin, fur, and feathers, that they have cast up. No other food is required, and the number of meals may be gradually lessened, and a larger quantity given at each meal.

At three or four weeks old the white down of early babyhood turns brown; a little later the birds begin to moult, and very soon are ready to be removed to the aviary.

When fully grown, they only need to be regularly fed twice a day, morning and evening, with raw meat, the best plan being to give them this piecemeal, letting them have as much as they can eat.

In addition, as often as possible, a small dead bird or mammal should be given whole, the object being not so much for the sake of extra food as for providing healthy occupation for the birds. Failing either of these, let them have a raw bone to amuse them, for occupation is a prime factor in keeping live stock of any sort in good condition. Water they do not appear to have any need of; at any rate, I could never get mine to touch it.

Rough on Rats.

When rats or mice happen to infest a place, an Owl is a really useful investment. Our stable was overrun with these pests, and the Owls had a glorious time with them during the night, until the rats grew more wary and religiously left their part of the stable alone; but, all the same, every now and then one fell a victim to the watchful birds.

Some people may not like to hear the hooting of the Owls at night-time, and think it has an eerie sound, but I think this is foolish prejudice. I, for my part, like to listen to their curious cries, and through long, wakeful nights I have often lain listening with a real sense of pleasure to quite a chorus emanating from my own and some wild Owls which, doubtless, attracted by the captives, need to frequent the grounds during the night in large numbers, to induce by the sound they made.

With regard to Tawny Owls breeding in captivity, I have had no experience of this, but I see no reason why they should not breed—indeed, I have heard of cases where they have done so, and successfully reared young.

REMEDIES OF SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

Communicated by J. ROGERSON (Ashton-in-Makerfield).

Below are reproduced some remarks on "Diseases and Treatment of Cage Birds" as they appeared in an old work of 1842, entitled "The Bird Fancier." To the present-day bird-keeper some of the remedies will appear to be of a drastic nature, but the frequent recommendation of bread and milk is especially valuable. From the frequency with which our experts have to prescribe this homely remedy it would seem that even to-day it is not sufficiently known.

CAGE birds, from their artificial mode of living and want of exercise, are subject to many disorders; the following are the principal, and their usual remedies:—

The pip, or cold.—The nostrils are closed, the head ruffled, the beak often open, and yellow at the root, the tongue hard and dry; it is usual to remove the hard skin from the tongue, and to open the nostrils by passing a small feather up them; a mixture of fresh butter, pepper, and garlic will generally cure it.

Asthma, or difficulty of breathing, is caused by too dry and stimulating food, keeping the birds too warm, and very often by too much hemp seed; sudden frights are also very injurious, and often produce complaints of the lungs. The best means of relief is a refreshing and aperient diet, leaving off hemp seed entirely, and giving them rape only, with bread and water and vegetables. Bread and milk boiled to the consistency of pap, and given when cold will keep them open; when very bad they should have this every day.

Atrophy, or wasting away, is caused by unnatural food; a very great appetite is a sign of it. The most likely way of curing it is giving them more proper food, plenty of green meat, and a spider now and then as a purgative. A rusty nail in their water will act as a chalybeate and strengthen their stomachs.

Costiveness.—The most usual remedy is a spider; if this is inefficient, anoint the vent with the head of a pin dipped in linseed oil; birds that eat mealworms may be relieved by giving them one bruised in sweet oil and saffron. Boiled bread and milk will prevent it.

A Little-known Remedy.

Sore eyes.—The juice of red beet-root as a drink, and also as a liniment is of great use in this complaint.

Diarrhoea, or excessive looseness, is a dangerous complaint, if not taken in time. Birds just caught are very subject to it; they are continually voiding a white slimy matter, which sticks to the feathers near, and produces inflammation. Boiled bread and milk, with plenty of lettuce or other green meat, will often cure it if not too far advanced. Chalybeate water, mixed with milk, for their drink, is also recommended as a certain cure.

Obstruction of the rump gland.—This gland, which contains the oil they anoint the feathers with, sometimes gets hard and inflamed, the matter becoming, from want of use, sour and acrid; it is often caused by want of water to bath in. The usual cure is anointing the part with fresh butter and letting out the matter by running a needle in it.

Epilepsy.—This is very common, and is occasioned by want of exercise and over-feeding. The best cure is to plunge them in cold water now and again, and cut claws short enough for blood to run.

Swellings and ulcers on the head may be cured by touching them with a red-hot knitting needle. Should the matter not be formed it may be brought to a head by rubbing the part with fresh butter; it may then be opened, and anointed with essence of myrrh, giving at the same time beet juice to drink.

Giddiness is caused by a trick many birds have of turning and twisting their heads round till they fall off the perches. It is easily cured by covering top of cage so they can see nothing above them.

Moulting. All should have bread and milk, and kept warm and bathed. Those that eat insects should have more mealworms and ants' eggs.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF STEADYING YOUNG BIRDS

—by—
The Rev. C. Jolliffe
(Cardiff).

An article which should help many young fanciers to success in the coming show season.

WE are now looking at the first-round youngsters on the perches, and calculating that in a month's time we shall have half a dozen of them at the Nest Feather Show. The problem, of course, is—Which six? So we go over them and imagine we can pick out winners for next season, and when we have found the "toppers" we set about training and steadying them.

Here is our great mistake. No one can pick out winners at this time of the season, and the moult usually plays "Old Harry" with our early opinions. Many a 1st at the N.F. Show has been seen no more after the moult, and the "weed" for which a modest 7s. 6d. might have been accepted, as far as face value is concerned, has stepped up into premier position.

Don't be in a Hurry.

Let me advise no breeder to sell and no buyer to purchase birds until after the moult. The classic phrase is "Wait and see." The importance of training and steadying all young birds is, therefore, fundamental to all success, as I shall endeavour to show.

Young birds are like young wives; they can be made good, bad, or indifferent, according to their training; and as nothing worth doing is done without pains we shall, perforce, be put to a little trouble. After all, the trouble is quite trifling if we adopt commonsense methods.

As soon as the young birds leave the breeding cage, usually at about four weeks of age, subject them to careful and judicious handling. Never permit them to get into that nervy, frightened condition which they soon will do if two or three weeks go by before you take them in hand.

Begin by handling, winning their confidence, putting them into the show cage, and running them back into the stock cage without handling them. It is really wonderful what they will do in that direction in two days.

At five weeks old teach them to run into the show cage by the aid of a stick. If Yorkshires or Border Fancies, with open wire cages, this is comparatively easy, as all you have to do is to leave the show cage hanging on the wires for the birds to run in and out of their own free will. If Norwich or Mules, it is not quite so easy. You will remember always to hold the show cage with the wire front facing the window. Birds are like children, they do not care to face the dark.

It is advisable to have one show cage with round doors cut in both ends. It is, further, most helpful if your fronts on the stock cages have a swing door on a level with, and beside the perches. Your birds will the more readily run into the show cage from the perch than from the floor of the stock cage. Put them through this practice for at least ten days on end, and they will rarely ever forget the lesson.

Some Very Necessary Precautions.

When six or seven weeks old give them a whole week in the show cage, spraying them in a clean cage daily, and it is well if the fronts of these show cages have seed holes as well as a water hole. Young birds after being in a show cage for a prolonged period are apt to forget the seed hoppers when put back into the stock cages, and unless food is placed on the floor of the stock cages when they are returned you will find them going back in condition, if something worse does not happen. By-the-by, remember the size of the perches and the little feet which have to grip them, and provide suitable perches for your youngsters.

Also, it is not wise to leave young birds without a small portion of soft food, I do not say egg food, for even one day until the moult. If you do you will probably meet with trouble during the moulting season.

I would like to add a word of caution. Do not leave them in the show cage until they come to recognise the show cage as their home. Let them have the flight, when their wings are strong enough to carry them with ease.

For the first fortnight I put my youngsters into two-foot cages, and afterwards in four-foot flights. They must have long flights in order to develop their wings, and if you can give them a flight where they can fly upwards for several feet it will greatly aid to perfect wing carriage. You rarely see bad wing carriage in newly caught Britishers.

Having put your birds into show cages, see that they do not stand in a draught, and never above the level of one's shoulders. If you have a good mantlepiece, eight to 12 cages will stand thereon quite easily. If one bird should prove a little less tractable than the

others, keep him down low; it tends greatly to check their wildness if you stand above them, but, remember, do not put them on the floor.

Next we must get them used to artificial lights. Shadows have a tendency to frighten them, and so, perhaps, the kitchen, where there is light and movement, is as good a place as any. I have heard of a fancier standing a meat-jack on the table and hanging half-a-dozen cages on it so as to accustom the birds to every possible and variable outlook by its revolutions.

No; we have not yet finished their education. Put them into the show-cage case, remembering never to put the wires of one cage face to face with the wires of another. Stewards of shows kindly note this; I am specially referring to Norwich and such-like cages. Now carry them up and down stairs, put them down with a gentle bump, a bit milder than the railway porter does.

Next take the good wife, or the sweetheart, for an evening's stroll or a tram ride, and let a couple of birdies go with you; they are not the little birdies who tell stories, etc. It is all part of the business through which they have to go.

Nothing Like the Show Bench.

But of all the forms of training through which the birds should be put, none can equal the show bench. If you have a really good bird, send him out to every show where you are sure he will get attention. It is a foolish blunder to believe birds are always sent out to win. I remember two beautiful buff cocks at the last Cardiff Annual Open Show, one the property of Mr. W. Spillman. He was excellent on the bench, but the instant you moved him to the judging table he tightened up sufficiently to look long. The other belonged to Mr. E. Ailsopp. This bird I had seen in the stock cage, and believed almost unbeatable. Alas, at the show he was quite unrecognisable.

These birds had both been well trained, but, surrounded by hundreds of other birds, many people, and in a strange place, they were excited. If they had been down a little in condition they must have won, and I am not so sure that our judges are not deceived sometimes in this matter of condition as far as it affects the Norwich variety.

A Tip for Sellers.

Some one will ask why we should go to all this trouble if the bird is not worth showing. If, of course, he is but a stock bird, there need not be quite as much trouble and painstaking, but I venture to point out the importance of steadying even a songster if you are going to sell him.

Nothing is so distressing as a wild, restless, nervous bird. If you send a bird on approval the first thing your client does is to put him straight from the travelling box to the show cage. Should he be unsteady, and in excellent condition, straight he goes as a poker, and your Norwich will pass for a Yorkshire a wee bit fat. Next thing you hear is, "I am sending him back; regret not satisfactory."

A word to purchasers: Always try the bird in a stock cage, and do not come to rash conclusions. If you wish to sell to advantage there are two conditions essential: (1) Put your bird through all the essential elements of training and steadying. (2) Try an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Remember, to the majority of purchasers face value is the only thing that counts.

How Steadying Improves Hens.

Lastly, but by no means least, remember the steadying of birds, especially hens, will go a long way towards making good feeders. The unsteady, nervous hen is usually the despair of us all. If she happens to be off the nest feeding, and hears the click of the latch, or the turn of the lock of the door, back she goes to the nest of eggs or young, often with disastrous results—eggs punctured or young trodden on. She will sit for hours glued to the nest and young ones, and if you turn her off she sulks about the bottom of the cage, immovable. She has no confidence in you, herself, or her surroundings. The only chance you have with her is to put the food in for the day and leave her absolutely alone, and in this case place her well over your head. For my part I would say unless she is really tip-top put with her. If you had steadied her it may have been different.

I think you will see that steadying birds is far more important than the average fancier thinks, and if anything I have written is not as clear as some could wish I shall ever be happy to do my best to explain.



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HOW TO SUCCEED ON THE SHOW BENCH.

By R. P. BROOME.

WE are not only told, but we see as well, that this is an age of specialism, and as a rule the fancier who specialises on one variety stands the greatest chance of success; he becomes more quickly accustomed to the one variety; he has only one standard to adhere to; he has only one set of appliances to purchase suitable to the one variety he takes up; he also, as it were, comes in touch more frequently and often with the one set of breeders of his own variety.

Every writer or essayist must, to a great extent, deal with the ethical side of the question. No man can dictate to another his mode of procedure. Twelve different fanciers may have twelve different methods in the way of diet, management, etc., and each meet with the same success.

It is generally acknowledged that the fancier, however persevering, however painstaking he may be, must have, at the outset, some idea of what he is striving after, and to do this he must see in flesh and blood some bird nearly attaining to the ideal, and this means visiting one or two good shows.

It is no use a fancier staying at home week after week, breeding year after year, without getting about and seeing on the bench the required type of bird. I emphasise this most strongly, because every man must have a pattern to work by. If we are asked to make anything in our trade, or estimate, or, in fact, do anything to earn our daily bread, we must have data to work upon. Never mind the ideal bird that is drawn in various papers. Go and see the birds that win in good company, and strive to bring your stock up to the point that they may, with some degree of certainty, produce such specimens as are shown on the bench.

After all, it is not the task some would have us to believe. We see working men fanciers of five, and even less years' standing, who hold the proud position of being able to face all comers in the cage bird fancy.

To come back to the birds themselves, and, of course, the most practical part of the work, the breeding of exhibition Canaries, or, for the matter of that, any Canary, must be carried out on a system. The fancier must get in that way the experience which strict attention to his birds gives as a matter of course. That is to say, he feeds and waters the birds, and generally looks after them without, as it were, noticing the fact. He must not give them all attention one week and none the next. The most apt way I can illustrate my meaning is that a fancier should use his business life as an example for the management of his bird room. For instance, if we turned up at our work one morning punctual, the next day not at all, and the next in the afternoon, we should quickly find our employers would dispense with such erratic service. Whereas we do, or the ma-

jority of us do, go about our daily routine of work without in any way noticing it.

The modes of pairing, the eventualities that are likely to arise in different varieties have been so thrashed out from time to time that it becomes difficult to advocate any sure and short road in breeding show specimens. Like ourselves in every-day life, the fancier who is gifted with keen intellect in the required direction, and who, with that intellect, gives application, stands a very good chance of producing the bird to catch the judge's eye.

We are told that brains, economic conditions, and money play a great part in the success of fanciers to-day; that they do is to a great extent true. A man may be gifted with the highest intellectual powers; he may have a superabundance of brains that are of the greatest possible use to him in other branches; but put him to breed exhibition Canaries, and he is the greatest dunder out unless he has the natural aptitude and the love of his subject.

Brains in this case would play a very subordinate part, and would quickly put a fancier of this description on the same level as the ordinary hard-working-man fancier who has natural ability, combined with the love of his subject.

The same with economic conditions. I know, and can give instances, of working-men fanciers who have, and do, practise great arts of self-sacrifice and denial, who are overburdened with heavy rents, and still at the same time exhibit the utmost enthusiasm for their hobby.

Economic conditions play a part, it is true, probably stifle a working-man's outlay in procuring fresh stock, etc.; but to say that economic conditions curtail the average of producing show specimens is purely a matter of conjecture.

Again, money is not a blessing in every case. A man may find, and at the cost of bitter experience, that for all his outlay he has not nearly so approached the standard of certainty in producing exhibition specimens as his brother fancier of less wealth. Discrimination must be used in the process of selection, and after the birds have been purchased the proper management of them must be carefully attended to.

I would advise fanciers to give their subject all the time and attention possible, to be as broadminded as possible, and, as far as their time and pocket will allow, to visit the best shows in their locality.

We are told the novice is the backbone of the fancy. With this theory I must agree, as every fancier must have, at some time of his career, been in the ranks of the novices.

At the same time I think credit is not sufficiently given to the exhibiting fancier. If it were not for him the fancy would soon die out, or, at any rate, greatly recede. Honour and credit are due to the man who is willing to risk his specimens long journeys, and devote his time to a subject which is not only elevating but instructive.

All who have not bred for show I would heartily advise to do so, as in a sense it is a sport. We experience uncertainties, and enjoy at times success. In our struggles we all unconsciously better our natures. They teach us to survive and to overcome trials and disappointments of our domestic life. At least, that has been my experience.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

- Oct. 11-12.—Clapham C.B.A.—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.
Oct. 20-21.—Liverpool O.S. (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road.) H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
Oct. 27-28.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
Nov. 1-2.—Cheltenham C.B.S. (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
Nov. 3-4.—Sheffield O.S.—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)
Nov. 4-6.—Leicester Hand in Hand (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).
Nov. 11.—Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
Nov. 17-18.—Halifax O.S.—(J. I. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 24-25.—West Bromwich C.B.S.—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
Nov. 29-30.—Southampton C.B.S.—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.
Dec. 6-7.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Scotland.

- Nov. 11.—Muirkirk O.S.—(J. S. Torbett, Smalburn, Muirkirk.)

Wales.

- Nov. 28.—Aberdare C.B.S.—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

- Dec. 1-2.—Newtownards C.B.S.—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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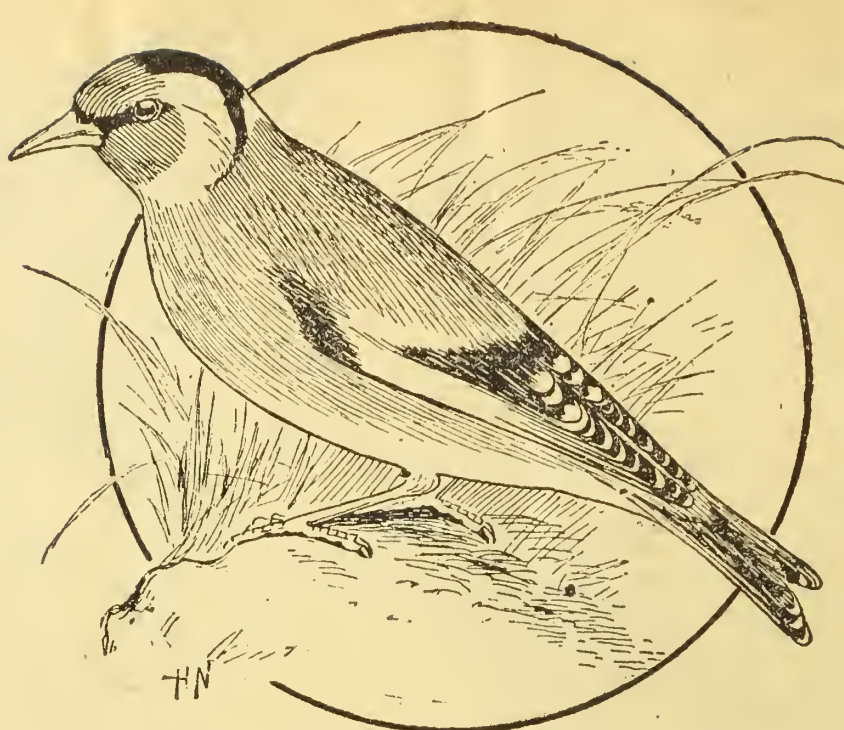
The show of the Kendal C.B.S. has been fixed for Dec. 26. Mr. C. A. House will judge.

The Sheffield O.S. ramble through Beeley and Greno Woods is fixed for June 4, writes Mr. E. C. Job. Sec. Meet at Park Hotel, Hillsboro', at 2. Tea at Norfolk Arms, Grenoside; 1s. 6d. each.

The London and Counties A.C.B. is holding its First Feather show on Saturday, June 3, at Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C.4, judge, Mr. J. Hazell, writes Mr. W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec. The show opens at 7, and admission is free. Fanciers and friends will receive a hearty welcome.

Our new season's colour foods have arrived by steamer "Juliana," writes Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn. As usual, the sample is of the best quality, and we are again offering to our clients the very best at the most reasonable prices. We are direct importers, and, therefore, are in a position to accomplish the above; we will send samples to any of your readers on application. [A sample each of hot Natal and tasteless pepper was sent us with this note, and the quality appears quite up to the old standard of past years. Editor.]

In our issue of May 20 (1916) appeared an article by Mr. Arthur Price of Bradford, entitled "Canary Breeding for Beginners." This article commenced with the words, "Although an amateur." Three words omitted here made all the difference, for the article should have commenced "Although at the time an amateur." The article is itself does not suffer, for all the advice given stands good now, and in the time to which it refers, but Mr. Price is now, of course, far from being an amateur, and it is only fair to him to make the correction and to apologise for the omission of the words in question.



A BRITISH GOLDFINCH.

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I notice CAGE BIRDS is twopence, but if it were threepence I should take it just the same, as it is invaluable to fanciers.

Early.

WM. PARKINSON.

Artillery Has Its Limits.

A French soldier, writing to the "Y.M." the Young Men's Christian Association weekly, says: "I was on guard from midnight till two o'clock on the edge of a wood. Moonlight, springtime—and a Nightingale near me, in a hawthorn bush, sang its trills in infinite variety. I tried to count the variations, and did not succeed. The cannon boomed quite near, but this bird took absolutely no notice of them. And I thought how little man is when the most powerful implements of violence that he has invented cannot even silence the song of a little bird."

OBITUARY.

A WELL-KNOWN FANCIER'S SAD BEREAVEMENT.

It is with the deepest sympathy, writes Mr. W. T. Mattinson, that I announce the death of Mrs. Bentley, the wife of the well-known fancier, Mr. Albert Bentley, Great Harwood. Her presence will be much missed, as she was always ready to lend a hand in making our social evenings a pleasure. Our sincere and deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Bentley and family in the loss of such a wife and mother.

A GREAT WAR FAIR AT ISLINGTON.

On Tuesday and Wednesday next, June 6, 7, the Caledonian Market, Islington, will be given over to a great "War Fair," at which everything between live animals and tons of coal will be offered for sale.

The Lord Mayor has promised to visit the War Fair in civic state at noon on the first day. Two thousand men of the National Guard, (Colonel Cobbett commanding), will be in attendance. A continuous amusement programme will be maintained, military bands will play on both days, and restaurants and refreshment tents and stalls will be provided to suit all purses.

The numberless stalls will be presided over by enthusiastic lady "salesmen"; for instance, Lady Markham will sell five hundred tons of coal, and Lady Mary Paget will be the seller at the animal stall. The whole of the profits will go to the fund of the Wounded Allies Relief Committee, and in connection with her own department Lady Paget, the head of the stall holders, writes us as follows:—

"I am holding a sale of animals for the benefit of the wounded Allies, on June 6 and 7, at the Caledonian Market, Islington, and I should be most grateful if you could see your way to get me some birds to sell there. There will be four men in charge of the stall, who will feed them and take every care of them. The birds should arrive at the Caledonian Market, Islington, addressed to Lady Paget's Animal Stall, on the evening of June 5, or not later than 10 a.m. on the first day of the sale, June 6.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

MARY PAGET.

We are sure that many of our readers have a bird or two which they could spare for so good a cause.

The May issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," the organ of the Avicultural Society, is an especially interesting one. An article which should be widely read is that by Miss Rosie Alderson, on the sending and receiving of birds by rail. Mr. A. A. Goodall writes on "The Birds in a Suburban Garden." Dr. Graham Renshaw contributes an article on the rare Owl Parrot. Capt. P. Gosse tells of "Birds Seen in Flanders," and Dr. A. G. Butler puts forward a theory that the markings of birds' eggs vary according to the degree of sunlight to which the laying bird is exposed. Among the other articles is an account by Miss E. F. Chawner, recounting "Three Attempts at Breeding Sugar-birds."

"Please thank those who replied to my advert. in CAGE BIRDS of this week. The birds were sold first post Saturday morning."—DAVID E. WILLIAMS (Denbigh).

"I should be obliged if you could thank all those who applied for the birds advertised on May 13th. I had numerous inquiries, and all were soon sold."—H. HOOD (East Horling).

Up-to-Date.

Several daily papers have recently had the following "news": "A pair of Swallows, on returning to their last year's nest, found it occupied by a Sparrow, who resisted all attempts to effect him. A council was called, and the result was a large army of Swallows closed up the entrance of the nest with clay, leaving the Sparrow to perish therein." These Swallows are presumably lineal descendants of those which were doing the same thing, according to our school books, a half-century or so ago.

Yorkshire C.C. Patronage.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Y.C.C. at their coming shows should apply as early as possible, writes Mr. J. Greaves, Sec., 279, Hollings Road, Bradford. Will members fill in the nomination papers from the centre of the club's handbook (not forgetting nominations for secretaries, as both are retiring), and forward at once to the Sec. The voting for officers will be at the annual general meeting, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, June 17, at 6.30, when all fanciers are invited to attend.

Humanitarianism Gone Mad.

It has recently been suggested that the collection of small British birds in the aviary in Victoria Park, Portsmouth, might be increased, and the secretary of the R.S.P.B., Miss L. Gardiner, has used the suggestion as a basis of a letter to the "Portsmouth Evening News," taking the authorities to task for permitting or encouraging the confinement of wild birds. In this she says as a climax "It is perhaps worth while considering what must be the effect of this official incentive to the caging of our wild birds. The Lark or Linnet in its seven-inch cage against the hot brick wall in a stuffy street is only a translation into back-street language of the municipal aviary."

Was there ever such piffle? Will Miss Gardiner tell us where she has ever seen a Skylark in a seven-inch cage? In any case, Skylarks are not likely to be included among the birds in a municipal aviary, and a Linnet in such a collection would be having the time of his life.

"Bird Notes" for May, the Journal of the Foreign Bird Club, contains a beautiful coloured plate of Sunbirds from the brush of Mr. H. Goodchild. Mr. E. Hopkinson continues his very interesting "History of the Budgerigar," and among the other articles are "Bird Life and Sport on Achill Island," by Mr. F. Dawson-Smith, "Bird Catching in India," by Mr. Douglas Dewar, and "The Amazon Rail," by Mr. W. Shore Bailey.

Kindly notify in "Twitterings" in this weeks "C.B." that I have again removed from 2, Barrack Street to 20, Selkirk Street, Hamilton, and that fanciers will please note change of address, writes Mr. D. Hamilton. Re your note as to the price of CAGE BIRDS, I beg to say that I, too, am pleased to see the paper at its usual size, and I do not grudge in the least to pay twopence for my copy. I echo your correspondents' words in last week's issue, and wish for continued success at the new price.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing in our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Boys and Bird Nesting.

According to a return sent to the Press by Mr. E. Tasker, Huddersfield, of 419 eggs counted by him last spring in 94 nests of British birds, only 19 were hatched. He attributes the loss of the 400 eggs to the depredations of bird-nesting boys.

What Happens to Rare Birds.

A correspondent writes to the "Preston Herald," that he has shot a common House Sparrow at Newton-with-Scales, with pure white feathers, red eyes, and yellow legs, and sent it to Preston for the purpose of being stuffed.

SENDING DEAD BIRDS BY POST

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., whose post-mortem examinations of birds are of such value to our readers, writes that he has received a letter from the General Post Office as follows:—
General Post Office,
May 29, 1916.

Sir,—I am directed by the Postmaster-General to inform you that his attention has been drawn to the announcement in CAGE BIRDS, in which the sending of bodies of birds for post-mortem examination is invited.

As the post is intended to be used for their transmission, I am to inform you that the bodies of animals and birds intended for post-mortem examination are regarded as deleterious substances, within the meaning of the regulations published at page 18 of the Post Office Guide. The Postmaster-general does not desire to prohibit entirely the sending by post of such bodies by members of the general public, but he can only sanction their transmission on condition that they are sent at the letter rate of postage, and are packed in hermetically-sealed receptacles which must themselves be enclosed in strong wooden, leather, or metal cases. Packets containing such bodies which are not packed in this way, or are sent by parcel post, will, if observed in transit, be destroyed, and I am to suggest that you should make this known to the readers of CAGE BIRDS, and to any other persons who may desire to send bodies to you for examination.

N. MASTERS,

For the Secretary.

Readers should carefully note the contents of the letter, and should be careful to comply with the regulations therein stated. Wise bodies of birds addressed to Mr. Yates may never reach their destination.

A Bird of the Crag.

On the crumbling marl cliffs at Caldy a pair of Rock Piptits were playing (says "F.Z.S.") in the "Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury", the male offering attentions when not engaged in satisfying his own needs; it was exceedingly pretty to see him collect a beakful of insects and then, right at the edge of the cliff, present it to his mate, who received it with open beak and shivering wings as if she had been a fledgling instead of a full-grown hen. In spite of the fact that the male bird was giving these amorous gifts, suggesting to his mate that very soon she would have to attend to the material needs of clamorous offspring, the Rock Piptit's nest will not be built on those steep and unstable cliffs. This bird likes a hollow or niche in some rugged rock face, and nests on the Welsh coast. Probably, however, this pair were on their way further north, for in Cheshire the Rock Piptit is a bird of passage, and, indeed, is very seldom seen. On the shore, where the dried litter of past high-waters collects insects and small crustaceans, the Meadow Piptit constantly feeds, and on the marshes at Burton it finds suitable places to nest; but the Rock Piptit is a lover of the crags whose feet are constantly washed by the waves.

The Parisian Frilled Canary.

By Mons. P. AUBEC (Paris).

(Continued from page 269.)

This little-known variety of Canary is herein dealt with, not only from an exhibition point of view, but with an eye to commercial possibilities. The author points out how he made nearly £100 profit in one season from two pairs of Parisian Frills, and shows that English breeders could make large profits in cultivating a breed to which very little attention has hitherto been given in our country.

THE standard for these birds has been fixed many years, but owing to the progress made by the Parisian fanciers during the last few years, revision is necessary, and is even now under consideration.

In order to get good birds the parents must be chosen carefully, for if the birds are paired haphazard in a few years the characteristics of the breed will disappear. It is therefore necessary to select the birds carefully, this selection being based on the law of compensations.

For a very long cock, high on its legs, and rather scanty plumage, a hen should be chosen which is large and stout above all, and which has a fine long plumage.

Subjects perfect in all respects do not exist, and never will exist. Each bird will have some weak points which can be discovered by examining the bird closely and analysing each detail. When these faults have been noted, a mate should be chosen whose faults lie in the opposite directions. In pairing two birds with opposite faults there is hope of seeing these failings counteracted in the progeny.

Yellow to Buff as Usual.

Care should be taken also with regard to the colour of the birds. The best results are obtained by uniting the two extremes of yellow. A deep yellow cock, for instance, should be paired with a pale yellow hen, and in choosing subjects for breeding the saying should be borne in mind that "the alliance of two birds of the same colour always leads to certain degeneration."

If in order to improve a strain of Parisian Frills a breeder is obliged to introduce a bird from another stock, he should never hesitate on account of the price, but should take the bird which he requires, and no other. If he does not buy the best mate to suit his own bird, his strain will degenerate, and he will not obtain good birds.

In the breeding of Parisian Frills, as in all other pure breeds, inbreeding is necessary to retain all the characteristics of the breed. The introduction of new blood is very dangerous, because it leads to the degenerating of the breed and to atavism. At the same time, inbreeding should not be carried too far, as, sooner or later, it will lead to sterility or to an abnormal amount of dead in shell, or else the production of feeble youngsters incapable of reproduction. One can counteract, to a certain extent, the effects of inbreeding by a severe selection, scrupulous hygiene, and the best food, but these are only palliatives; it is necessary to have recourse to new blood, and this requires very great care.

Two Classes of Breeders.

In Paris many Canaries are bred by the poorer class of people, employees, office boys, concierges, doorkeepers of galleries, museums, etc. Other Frilled Canaries—these are the best—are bred by shopkeepers, artisans, and professional people.

The difference between these two ways of breeding is very great. Those who breed in a small way, with one or two couples, generally keep their birds with them, either in the kitchen or in the dining-room, but this way of rearing is not advisable; it is too hot in the living rooms.

Much better results are obtained if the birds are kept in a room specially reserved for them, in which a fairly regular and rather low temperature can be maintained, and where a fire is lighted only when the cold is too intense. Experience has proved that birds bred "hard" have much finer and better curled feathers than those which are always in a heated atmosphere.

In Paris, the breeder of Frilled Canaries, whether he be a young employee or a merchant, never leaves anyone else to attend to his birds; he does it himself. He has such a high opinion of his birds that he places them before everything. "My birds before all."

Although this may seem rather arbitrary, I must admit that these breeders are right, they know that Canary breeding more than any other requires the eye of the master, and that if they allow an employee or servant to clean out their birds and look after the young ones, the work will never be done with the care necessary for success. Besides, these breeders find in the care of their birds an agreeable relaxation.

Parisian Frilled Canaries required for breeding should be at least ten months old, that is to say, those hatched in the months of April, May, and June will be suitable to breed from towards the end of March in the follow-

ing year, while young ones hatched July-August must be reserved for the year after.

The Parisian Frills are prolific to the same degree as ordinary Canaries, four or more clutches can be obtained each season, four or five eggs to each clutch. In order that the eggs may all hatch together the eggs are removed as they are laid, and replaced by porcelain eggs. After the third egg has been laid those taken away are returned to the nest.

The Care of the Young.

The market value of the Parisian Frills being very high, naturally great care is taken to obtain as many young ones as possible during the four breeding months, and to guard against misfortune.

Parisian Frills lay, hatch, and bring up their young very well, but now and then a hen will not feed her young regularly, and people have at once jumped to the conclusion that Parisian Frills make bad mothers, and that their young ought to be reared by another variety of Canary. For fear of losing their precious broods, the practice has become general, and now the young Parisian Frills are always reared by common Canaries.

One or two days before the eggs are due to

hatch the eggs are exchanged, those of the Parisian Frill placed in the nest of the common Canary, and vice versa. This is why it is necessary to keep ordinary Canaries at the same time as Parisian Frills, and arrange to have eggs hatched simultaneously from the nests of the two varieties.

After the birds are hatched the young ordinary Canaries are left with the Parisian Frill for two or three days, not more, in order not to tire her, then the nest is taken away. This is always done, and succeeds very well, so the practice continues.

The period of incubation lasts thirteen days, as in all varieties of Canaries, but the young may be hatched out a day before or a day later, according to the temperature.

Immediately after the birds are hatched scalded crusts and egg foods, which should be made fresh every day, are given. The egg food, of course, consists of hard-boiled egg and biscuit in equal parts, the whole crumbled and mixed.

Believers in Green Food.

Eight days after the young are hatched a new nest is given to the Frills, and a supplementary nest to the Canaries which are feeding the young Frills.

The rearing of young Frills differs in one particular from that usually given to other varieties. Most Canary breeders advise that no green food should be given during the first week after hatching. Breeders of Parisians do not follow this rule; they do just the opposite. They give their Canaries chickweed all the year round, and especially at the hatching time. Their opinion is, "No chickweed, no Parisian Frills." They say that egg food alone makes the young grow too quickly, and without the chickweed they are subject to the inevitable enteritis.

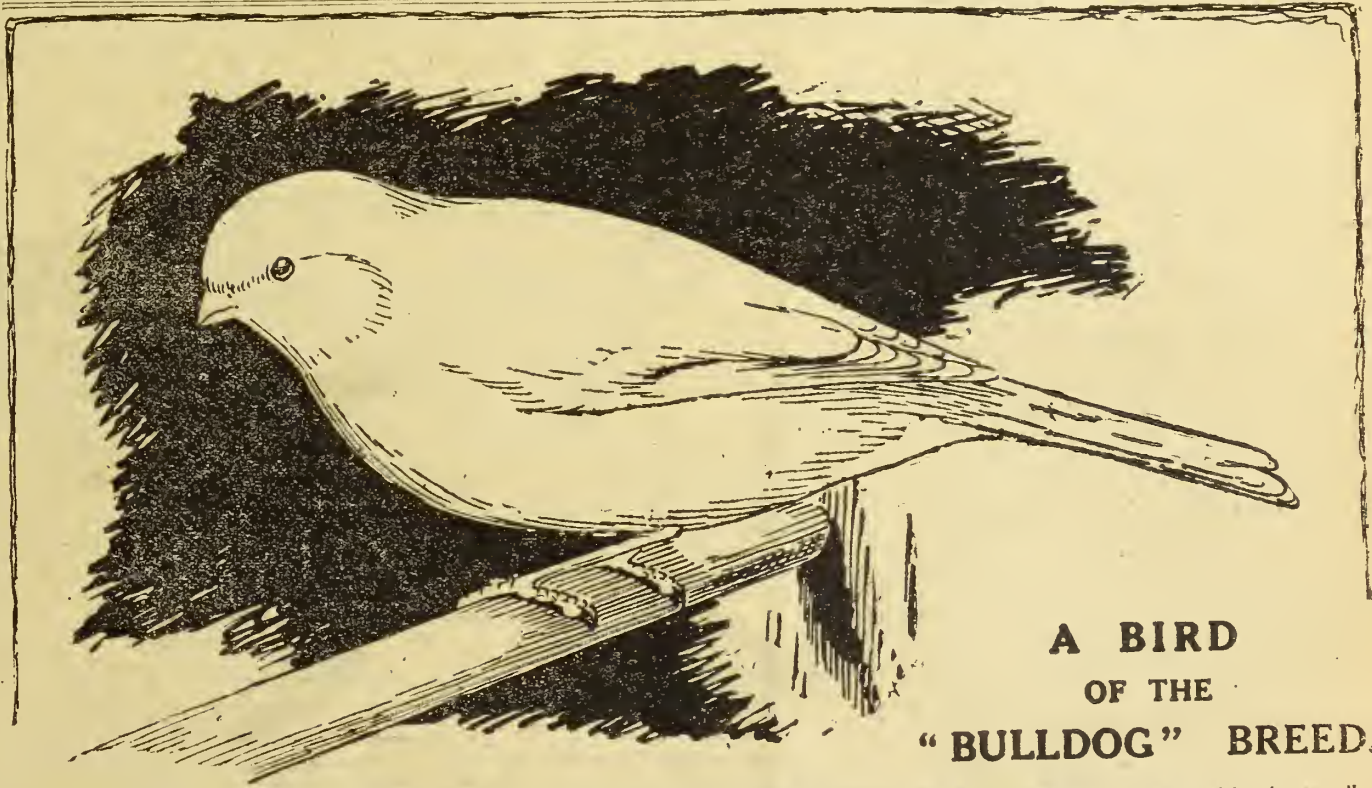
The young Frills open their eyes when eight days old, and at a fortnight old are bigger than their foster parents. But they should be seen at eighteen days old, when they come out of the nest and get on to the perches. They are then of extraordinary length, their legs are veritable stilts, and their slender bodies make them look miserable. What queer-looking objects!

A Critical Period.

It is just at this time that the mothers will pluck the young ones if they have not at their disposal a new nest and sufficient nesting material. They will find material on the backs of the young birds, and will pluck them without mercy. Breeders are glad, therefore, to see the twenty-sixth day, to be able to take away the young birds from the breeding cage and place them in an aviary, where they can disport themselves and strengthen their muscles.

The nest feathers attain their maximum length when the young birds are fifty days old. Then each bird shows what it is really worth; it is broad, strong, and very long, at least eight inches from the tip of the beak to the end of the tail, and the breeder chooses this period to classify his young birds. This condition only lasts about a fortnight, for immediately afterwards the first moult begins, and it is six or seven weeks before they are in full feather again.

The general aspect of the birds sometimes causes a surprise to breeders, and perhaps a bird which at first appeared to be a fine specimen is not nearly so good a specimen after the moult is finished. On the contrary the opposite may be the case, and an unpromising young bird may prove a champion. In a nest of four young ones, one is generally very good, two good, and one not so good. Thus all tastes may be suited.



A BIRD
OF THE
"BULLDOG" BREED.

This portrait of a Buff Norwich Canary, which won 1st Prize at the Queen's Park Show for its owner, Mr. G. Butterfield, of Hammermith, shows well the contrast between the typical tightness of feather in British Canaries as contrasted with the artistic "frilling" of the Parisian birds.

THE DELIGHTS OF CANARY BREEDING.

By Miss A. HINTON.

(Continued from page 272.)

ALL who see my birds compliment me on their glossy plumage and deep yellow colour. I have never gone in for colour-feeding, and may be termed old-fashioned for abhorring anything artificial. I have been told that by not doing so I have not as good a chance at the local show, but colour-feeding is not permitted with Border Fancy Canaries, and I felt very proud when my little Border hen, "Miss Kitchie," came out first and special, with her own natural colour. She is a deep yellow with a smart black-cap. "Grandpapa" has only three sons living, so I must mention the eldest by his third wife. He is called Greville, and is quite the soldier in his demeanour—very active and slim; a deep yellow with evenly-marked black wings. His son, called "Baden Powell," has been kept, as he possesses an unusually fine voice.

I put my young cock in hearing of a good songster, and generally have one of the cock birds unpaired, as I find those engaged with their wives and families are too well employed to sing constantly.

Last year a pair of Yorkshires were introduced into my happy family. They had six beautiful birds, as straight and upright as a good principle. The father was said to have come from a prize strain, but their matron (as I call myself) was too diffident to exhibit their young at the show, as the Yorks competition is very keen.

My Goldfinch was paired last season to a clear hen called Mollie. They had four eggs in the first nest; Goldie was taken away. The little hen sat patiently over a fortnight, but with no results. In the second nest she had three eggs, and to convince myself whether she would prove as good a mother as her own was, one Canary egg was placed in the nest.

At fourteen days one hatched; hopes ran high, but it proved to be a dark green Canary. "Mollie" was proud of her solitary nestling "Bess," and kept her for six weeks. I hope for better success with Goldie this coming season. I shall mate my Linnet also; she is known by the name of "Con," is very active and gentle, and is about a year old.

I was rather loth at one time to keep wild birds; but, after much reflection, judged that, taken when quite young, they have not experienced the pleasures of freedom. All creatures were given by God for the use and pleasure of man, and therefore, if he desires to fill his home with melody, surely he may do so without offending the Great Maker, whose all-seeing eye lets not even a Sparrow fall to the ground unnoticed.

We take upon ourselves the responsibility of providing for their wants and attending to their ailments, and those who keep them should pay attention to them. They cannot speak, but their actions show us when anything is wrong.

At the request of several friends I ventured to write the above facts. I think that a lack of practical knowledge of the habits of the Canary is the cause of disappointment to those who are unsuccessful with them when breeding. It may be that very experienced fanciers may smile at my remarks, which are purely on the domestic side.

In conclusion, let me say that they merit all that can be done for them. With joy I enter my bird-room; the fluttering of wings, the tapping of the bills against the wires of the cages, and the burst of song which greets me, all these signs tell me that my labour of love on their behalf is not in vain. I am quite sure my feathered tribe, from "Josie" down to "Bess," appreciate all I do for them, and that those lost to me here by death will welcome and know me again on the other shore.

"Sweet birds! that sing away the early hours Of winters past, or coming; void of care."

Well pleased with delights which present are—

Fair seasons, budding sprays, sweet-smelling flowers;

To rocks, to springs, to rills, from leafy bowers,

Ye your Creator's goodness do declare."

ORGANISING THE CANARY TRADE.

Further Progress of the Scheme.—Sound Advice for Novice Breeders—and Others.

EVIDENCE of the vitality of the movement which is being engineered with a view to capture the German trade in song birds by a business-like organisation of Canary breeders in the British Isles was provided at an important meeting held at the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, on Monday, May 22.

The meeting had two special objects, (1) the consideration of the report of the Sub-Committee (Messrs. Trower, Gutierrez, Vale, and Fulljames), who were appointed "to make full enquiries as to the questions which had arisen, especially the cost of production of Canaries for sale and to draft a scheme for the next meeting of the full committee," and (2) the appointment of an Organising Secretary.

There were present Messrs. F. Carl, G. Crabb, T. R. Trower, J. Jeffery, T. East, W. H. Vale, J. W. Ramsden, H. J. Fulljames, J. Robson, H. J. Kybert, and G. H. Maclellan.

Mr. Fulljames said it devolved upon the Committee to elect a chairman from amongst their number. There were present representatives of some of the most important London societies, and Mr. F. Carl, representing CAGE BIRDS. On the motion of Mr. Robson Mr. F. Carl was unanimously elected to the office.

Returning thanks, Mr. Carl said he was very much honoured by the privilege they had conferred upon him. He realised that it was a responsibility for which, perhaps, with his limited knowledge of the cage bird business as a business, he was not so well fitted as some other gentlemen who were present in that room, particularly Mr. Robson. But the responsibility for having brought them together rested primarily upon himself, and from that point of view he responded to their invitation to occupy the chair. He had no desire to occupy it permanently, for he was certain they had amongst them men of greater experience, men of better judgment, and men more competent to fulfil the permanent position of chairman. He was only occupying the position on that occasion in order to put before them his humble view of the situation, and the reasons which had animated him in calling them together as he did.

First of all, he thought he owed them some explanation and apology for not appearing at the initial meeting. Some of them were probably aware that he had at the moment a very heavy responsibility with regard to the National Egg Collection for Wounded Soldiers, and the provision of very large numbers of new laid eggs—amounting to thousands weekly—and his duties in connection with that undertaking unfortunately prevented him, not only from appearing in their midst at the last meeting, but from even letting Mr. Fulljames know the reasons for his absence.

At the request of the Chairman Mr. Fulljames read the minutes of the last meeting, which were eventually passed, and the meeting passed on to the consideration of the appointment of an Organising Secretary, Mr. F. T. Usher being, on the recommendation of the Chairman, selected for the office. After some discussion on the question of appointing a Treasurer to deal with finances, the office was eventually voted to Mr. Crisp, who was elected subject to his consent.

An interesting debate followed on the report presented by the Sub-Committee, the points of chief interest being the type of aviary most suitable to the breeding of Canaries on the colony system; the proportion of cocks to hens; the cost of feeding, and the number of young which might reasonably be expected to result per hen, and the prices to be obtained for the young.

With regard to the first point, the type of aviary favoured was one with a straight wire front reaching from floor to ceiling in the bird room, the advantage of the straight wire as compared with the mesh wire being that with the former the tails of the birds would not be so liable to sustain damage, which might render them unsaleable at a satisfactory price. A useful suggestion made in the course of the discussion was a boarded partition parallel with the window, the window being covered with straight wire, and an aperture at the back covered with straight wire serving as an observation point. The possibilities of using as cages ordinary wooden boxes with loose cage fronts so as to avoid the expense of buying breeding cages, were also favourably commented upon.

It was generally accepted by the meeting that from an aviary 10ft. long, 4ft. wide, and 8ft. high (320 cubic feet capacity), on the basis of two cocks and ten hens, eight young per hen per season might reasonably be expected, and at the end of the season these could be disposed of at remunerative prices.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman, on the proposition of Mr. Robson, who reminded the meeting of the fact that Mr. F. Carl not only allowed them to meet in his room, but had generously promised to "stand behind" the society movement for a period of six months.

The Chairman returned thanks, and explained that what he had undertaken to do was to underwrite the necessary capital expenditure to put the organisation on a proper basis during the first six months of its existence. If the revenue came in his liability would, of course, disappear.

GETTING TO WORK: ANOTHER IMPORTANT MEETING.

A most important discussion on the movement to capture the German trade in song birds occurred at a meeting of the Committee which has the matter in hand, held at the offices of CAGE BIRDS, Fleet Street, London, on Monday, May 29. There were present the Chairman (Mr. F. Carl), Messrs. H. J. Kybert, E. C. Last, J. W. Ramsden, H. W. Gutierrez, J. Jeffery, G. Crabb, T. R. Trower, G. H. Maclellan, H. J. Fulljames, and J. Robson, with the Organising Secretary (Mr. F. T. Usher).

At the outset the Chairman gave a brief resume of the position. The Committee would, he said, recollect that an appeal was made through the medium of CAGE BIRDS on behalf of wounded soldiers, for birds and material wherewith to start them in the breeding of Canaries, and also for funds wherewith to purchase stock. They had had, in re-

sponse to that appeal, a large amount of correspondence, and he thought that it was only right that every application made by a wounded soldier should receive the careful consideration of that Committee before the application was responded to in the affirmative. Mr. Robson had pointed out at the last meeting how easily the well-intentioned benevolence of an organisation like that might go astray unless it was very carefully directed, and unless the applications were very carefully examined.

He had decided to submit to the Committee each week the applications received in order that the Committee might formulate their views on such applications. He might point out that in almost every instance when the application of a wounded soldier was received he was requested by the Secretary to furnish certain information, with a view to ascertaining from the Military Authorities the applicant's bona fides. (Specimens of Military certificates were here exhibited.)

The Chairman then invited discussion by suggesting that the members of the Committee should express their views on the subject, and especially with regard to the proofs to be provided before acceding to the request of an applicant.

Several points were raised, such as the financial positions of applicants, and finally it was agreed that, in addition to the production of discharge papers and certificates of character, by applicants, the Committee should require information whether an applicant already had birds, and, if so, how many; whether he is married or single, and, if the former, how many children he has, and that the Committee should also require an undertaking from the applicant that he would make a genuine attempt to breed birds from the stock awarded to him. It was understood that the investigation into these facts should be regarded as strictly private and confidential.

Matters of organisation were then freely discussed, and specimen cases were placed before the Committee. The question of providing the necessary funds and stock came up for discussion, and in reply to a suggestion by the Chairman on this phase of the subject, Mr. Last made a useful remark to the effect that the organisation should be worked through the local societies, of which there are about 800 in the country.

Mr. Kybert followed in a similar strain, and said he was sure the members of many local societies would only be too pleased to help in this way. At the same time he expressed the view that it is rather too late to expect wounded soldiers to do much with the breeding of stock this season.

This led up to a short discussion on the desirability of obtaining promises of stock at the end of the season, and it was stated that many such offers had already been received, and it was hoped that more would follow.

Methods of reaching the whole army of bird-keepers, including those not connected with local societies, were considered, and it was suggested that local societies, or the representatives of local societies, might get into touch with breeders in various ways, such as through the local corn dealers, and also with those who might support the scheme by subscribing to the funds.

On the motion of Mr. Trower, seconded by Mr. Kybert, it was decided "That local representatives be invited to serve in the interests of the Central Committee, in every district," and in order that effect might be given to this proposal the Organising Secretary was instructed to circularise every society for help in stock and funds.

cage—were young hens incapable of standing a journey longer than the distance to England, so that they need not be counted in the competition for the American trade.

Another point was made in a remark by Mr. Crabb that after the War a revolution in our Fiscal system would affect the question in an important manner. The London Chamber of Commerce was, he said, proposing that there should be duties on goods from enemy countries varying from 5 per cent to 30 per cent., and as Canaries would be likely, under such a scheme, to pay the maximum duty, it could be reckoned as a 30 per cent. handicap against the German birds coming here.

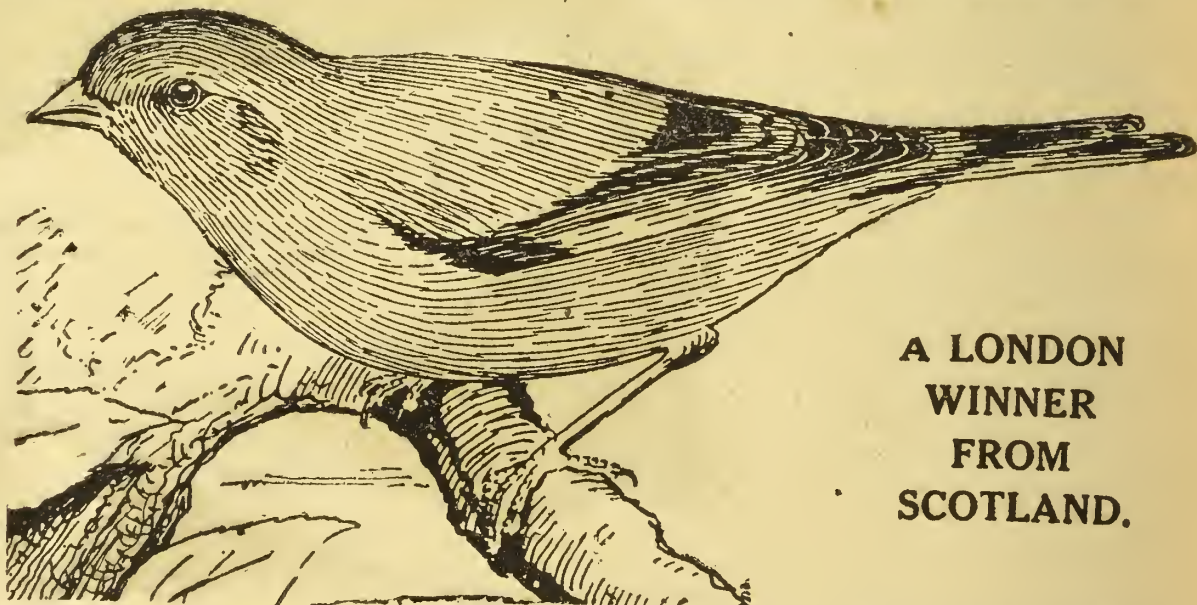
Announcing that the discussion would be adjourned, the Chairman made the interesting announcement that he proposed to invite several members of the bird trade to meet the Committee to assist in the ventilation of the subject.

Yorkshire, Not Norwich.

SIR,—The hens I offered in CAGE BIRDS of May 20 for your Wounded Soldiers' Fund are Yorkshires, not Norwich, as you have it in CAGE BIRDS this week. Though aged, they are in perfect health. If you do not get any applicants for them, I suggest that I pair them, and offer you the produce after the moult. I have really as many pairs up as I can manage, but for the benefit of so worthy a cause I shall not mind a little extra work.

T. C. CRAWHALE.

Referring to the letter we sent to the hon. sec. of the Highgate Hampstead C.B.S. inviting the society to appoint a delegate to serve on the Committee for organising the Canary trade and helping wounded soldiers to make a fresh start in their hobby, Mr. F. C. Knight, the hon. sec., writes that as there was only a small attendance at the last meeting our letter was held over for the attention of a fuller meeting. We shall be glad to hear from the secretaries of the other London societies who are not as yet represented on the committee. There is a good work waiting



This fine Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid came all the way from Glasgow to the show at the Holborn Hall, London, and won 1st prize for its owner, Mr. R. Heggie, of Stepps, nr. Glasgow.

A LONDON WINNER FROM SCOTLAND.

A publicity campaign was also decided upon, the idea being that it is desirable in the public interest that the scheme should have widespread publicity. An attempt will also be made to arrange lectures as the movement progresses.

Around the report of the Sub-Committee, referred to in the previous report, a debate ensued. The discussion covered a wide area of interest, and one of the special objects of attention was the comparative values of the German and the English Canaries, and an attempt was made to discover the reasons why the Germans had been successful so far.

In the course of the discussion it was argued that the cheap songsters sent over from Germany were "throw-outs"—birds which were weeded out on account of defects in song, the best birds being retained for customers willing to pay a higher price.

This brought up the question whether the public would be prepared to buy English-bred Canaries at a reasonable price, and it seemed to be the general opinion that if attempts were made to keep up the standard of the English bird as a songster, and to improve the song, there would, with the better colour of the English-bred bird, be no difficulty in competing with the German-bred bird, providing the bird dealers were thoroughly organised in this country.

Incidentally, one member of the Committee remarked that the Germans fed their birds chiefly on bread and water and rape seed, which did not tend to improve quality or stamina. Another observed that the birds sent over to this country—two in a wicker

to be done, and all should take a hand in it.

A Chance for British Bird-Keepers.

SIR,—I regret I am not in a position to offer you Canaries at present, but I have about 1½ cwt. of splendid "wild seed," which I can offer you. I should think 1½d. per lb. would be a fair price, and all the cash received can go to your fund. I have always moulted my birds on this seed, but I am disposing of my British and Mules, so I have no further use for it. I wish your scheme the great success it deserves.

WM. HERWOOD.

Wolverhampton.

[We forwarded to our expert, Mr. Norman, the sample of seed as received, and his report is as follows:—The sample of seed submitted for examination is quite a good one, clean and well harvested. The bulk of the seed is charlock or wild mustard, well ripened, and sweet to the taste. Other seeds are thistle, dock, grass, shepherd's purse, corn marigold, and several useful varieties in small quantities. The charlock is quite equal to many samples of rape seed now being sold. As a food for finches it would certainly be very useful, and if a small portion of teasle, maw, and niger was mixed with it it would make an excellent substitute for the usual wild seed mixture. It would not be of much use for Goldfinches, as they care little for any kind of rape, but for Greenfinches, Linnets, Twites, and Redpolls it would be excellent, and the Bullfinch would find some of it to suit his taste. To keepers of the above birds it is worth considerably more than the price you mention.—H. NORMAN.]

Correspondence.

New Secretary for Selby C.B.S.

SIR,—I regret to announce that, through unavoidable circumstances, I have been compelled to relinquish my post as secretary to the Selby and District C.B.S., and therefore all communications relating thereto should be addressed to Mr. W. Prankett, Fairfax Avenue, Armoury Road, Selby, who has been elected to the position vacated by me. I should esteem it a great favour if you would kindly give publicity to this in the columns of your valuable paper, and I should like to thank you most sincerely for the many favours which you have granted to the society and myself during my term of office.

JOSEPH CLIFF.

Successful Breeding from a Hen Mule.

SIR,—Some weeks ago I wrote to you about breeding with a Canary Mule, and you kindly answered through your query columns. I have tried the experiment, and thought you would like to know that I have been successful. I had four eggs, three of which contained a chick; one was dead in the shell, the two hatched are going on very nicely. I might mention that I have picked up many hints from CAGE BIRDS, of which I am a regular reader.

W. CLIFTON.

Redpoll Mules Bred in an Outdoor Aviary.

SIR,—Being a reader of CAGE BIRDS I thought you might be interested to know that I have a Redpoll in an outdoor aviary which paired with a Canary last year. Three of their offspring are singing now lustily, and I was wondering if they should be shown at a bird show.

LAURA PIMM.

[The cross between the Redpoll and the Canary is not an uncommon one, but some of the young so produced are prettily marked, and stand quite a fair chance when they do not happen to run against greater rarities. Certainly you should show your birds; it adds much to the interest of their keeping.—EDITOR.]

The Evolution of the Yorkshire Canary.

A Question of Dates.

SIR,—Mr. Thos. Heath has sent me the enclosed note.

I have been reading your interesting article on the "Evolution of the Yorkshire," and, I think, if you look carefully through the First Edition of Wallace's book you will find this was published in 1879 or 1880, certainly not in 1875, as they have under their picture of a Yorkshire (of which yours in CAGE-BIRDS is an exact copy), "1st Prize at the C.P., 1878." At the end of Wallace's book you will find a catalogue of books 1879, and the 2nd Edition of the book was published 1886 or 1887. There is no doubt the Yorkshire Canary was originally produced by crossing the Lancashire and the Belgian; in fact, they were first exhibited as this cross at the Crystal Palace Shows in the early seventies. I have both of these editions in my possession, and have also a book on Canaries published in 1713, and several others a few years later.

THOS. HEATH.

It is very nice of him to take the trouble of writing, but he is wrong in his dates. My authority was Wallace himself. My own first edition I gave away some time ago. My second is 1884 (Wallace did the work of revision in 1883), and my third edition is dated 1893. Blackston's book came out in 1878, and Wallace was before that date I know. It is quite possible that a reprint appeared in 1879, and as the text was not revised it was kept as a first edition; such things do happen.

C. A. HOUSE.

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Hand-rearing Young Starlings.

SIR,—I shall be grateful if any reader of CAGE BIRDS can tell me the best way to bring up a nest of Starlings. I had a nest of four brought to me, and fed them on Mynah's food (meal, breadcrumbs, dried flies, etc.); also tiny worms now and again, but all the birds died one by one; it seemed as though the food did not nourish them.

PEGGY.

The Value of Pedigree Breeding.

SIR,—I am sending you herewith a leaf out of my pedigree book representing the parentage of the pair of birds I have in my No. 1 cage for 1916 breeding. You will notice that out of all parents shown there are only three buff cocks. From this pair last year I only got two youngsters, both buffs, a cock and a hen. I am endeavouring,

amongst other things, to try to prove the percentage of yellows to buffs, keeping the parents the same colour for generations.

So far as I can tell from the three in the nest this season there are two yellows and one buff, but, of course, it is only from continued observation of many pairs that inferences can be drawn. I should strongly advise those who can to keep a strict pedigree, observing the matings, and the results, not of one season only, but of many.

In this pedigree you will notice only one case of relations being paired together, but I am experimenting with several pairs, including two pairs, father to daughter, and several of uncle to niece, and the reverse. I think that we take too much what we are told for granted, and I am trying to see if there are ill-effects to be obtained from close relations, for I am sure that it is the chief means of retaining type in a strain, though I will not say it is the only way to produce exhibition birds.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

Eye and Wing marked Buff Cock, bred by F. Armstrong.

Clear Yellow Hen, bought from G. Cuthbertson.

Clear Buff Cock, long stock bird, good feather.

Clear Yellow Hen, bought from Bailey, very typical, good feather.

Rodger Buff Cock, winner of many lsts.

High Coloured Yellow Cock, 3rd Palace.

Thigh Tick Yellow Stock Hen, bought from Bailey.

Bailey's Thigh Tick, Yellow Cock.

Broken Yellow Toe Cock, long stock Bird.

Bailey's Thick Tick, Yellow Cock.

Clear Buff Hen, winner of many prizes.

Buff Hen, bought from H. W. Walsh.

COCK.

Clear Yellow Stock Cock, very big bird, but rough in feather; brother to N.Y.C.C. Cup winner.

HEN.

Clear Buff Hen on small side, but very neat.

Yellow Cock, parentage forgotten.

Clear Buff Hen, on small side, but very neat, sister to my best Buff Hen.

Ellwood Yellow Cock.

Clear Buff Hen, typical, but small.

Head Tick Yellow Cock, (Bailey).

Clear Buff Hen, small and neat (Bailey).

Hints on Line Breeding Wanted.

SIR,—I wonder if any of the "old hands" could find time to write an article now, in the middle of the busy season, on line breeding and inbreeding with special reference to the Canary. I am aware that the subject is touched upon by Mr. House in his book on "Canary Management," and also in that splendid little work of his on Norwich Canaries, the breed in which I am particularly interested. The monograph on Norwich Canaries is a most admirable shillingworth, and I cannot find words to express my regret that I did not procure a copy until about a week ago. Had I been in possession of it earlier in the season it would have saved me many pounds, and, what is much more important, at least one season in the formation of a stud.

I cannot too forcibly impress on the novice the urgent necessity for every beginner to make himself conversant with the proper way "to set about it," and I have been struck by the manner I have been assured in numerous letters I have received from various would-be sellers that the "birds are unrelated." My previous experience in breeding other stock, fowls, pigeons, etc., should have taught me that to secure the best results without loss of time was to go in for "line breeding," that is, to use birds which, if not closely related, are at least members of the same family or strain.

I have enough youngsters now well in the flights to assure me that the best for type and quality are those which have been bred from parents which were purchased from one breeder, and which bore a strong family resemblance to each other. To a certain extent I have been misled by conversations I have had with various breeders, each of whom bred "such and such" a good one from the cock he had from "so-and-so," and the hen he had from somebody else. Undoubtedly a good bird is occasionally bred in such a way, but, while I admit it is very difficult to breed all good youngsters from parents which are fine specimens and are related, I am now quite convinced that it is infinitely easier to breed a much higher percentage of good youngsters from related parents than from birds which are selected at random from various breeders with the view of an attempt to breed good stock by blending the finer qualities of each parent so procured.

I believe the best way to procure good stock for making a start is to buy them from a

private breeder. But many of them buy ten times more birds for resale than they breed themselves, and the difficulty is to get to know who is the genuine amateur and who is the professional bird dealer. I have no quarrel with the dealer; he is a most useful person in his proper place, but, my opinion, for what it is worth, is that the best man for the novice to buy two or three pairs of breeding stock from is the man who breeds all his own winners, and sells only birds of his own breeding.

Another point: When that slashing good hen arrives, with the good head and other points for which you are asked a modest sum, put on your considering cap, and wonder why the apparent bargain is offered you. She may have been proved to lay an egg about the size of a pigeon's, but only one, or to be one who lays a full clutch, and is so proud of it that she won't come off them for several days, and when she does come off doesn't go back, or who makes an admirable nest, lays the full clutch, sits admirably, but won't feed.

I don't mind the latter a bit, especially if the seller is a decent sort of chap, and warns you what to expect. Feeders, good feeders, can be bought cheaply enough, and are not difficult to procure, and no novice should be without a pair or two of good "commoners" for feeders if he means to do any good in the Fancy, and "commoners" are very prolific, as a rule. A few common youngsters sold later on in the season help to reduce the adverse balance on the seed bill; they will fetch good prices next season I am pretty certain, for Canaries are to be a short crop. The London dealers don't send down men and women into provincial towns to buy up all they can get hold of at 10s. a pair if it were not so. I am not exaggerating when I say that dealers' representatives have been touting the various towns buying up all they can lay their hands on, just as they used to do before the war made "antiques" a luxury only to be purchased by wealthy Americans. I know one man, a "birdy" friend of mine, who has just cleared out thirty pairs at the price mentioned, with a promise to buy every youngster he can let them have at a very much better price than he has ever made before in the whole of his fifteen years' experience. I am afraid I have digressed somewhat from the original intention of this letter, but if I have conveyed a few hints to some novice like myself I shall have achieved something by helping a beginner to avoid some of my mistakes.

A Raid that Failed.

SIR,—The other evening a Hawk flew in through an open window of a sitting room at Holm Park, the residence of Mr. F. W. Gardiner, headmaster of Warriston School, Moffat, and though the room was occupied it fearlessly alighted on the top of a Canary's cage. Gripping the Canary with one of its talons, it tried to drag it through the bars of the cage, and before it could be caught or frightened away it had so torn and mangled the Canary that it was almost dead when taken from the cage. The Hawk escaped, and the Canary was brought to me either to cure or to kill, and I am glad to say it is almost all right again, and is singing splendidly, although one of its legs is not quite cured yet. It is a yellow marked Border Fancy Canary.

A. M. GRIEVE.

"Cuckoo, Cuckoo."

SIR,—Mr. Napper says: "If Mr. Craig had complained of my remarks, as I am constrained to complain of his, I could find pleasure in admitting frankly any mistake or misbehaviour I may have been guilty of." I complained about Mr. Napper misrepresenting me, but he admitted nothing about it. Comment is unnecessary.

Mr. Napper also says: "The fact is he wants to make out that the 'chucking-out' by the nestling Cuckoo was entirely his own discovery." I want to make out nothing of the kind; in fact, it is the very opposite, as I quoted both Dr. Jenner and Mrs. Blackburn in the discussion in support of my statement. What I claim is that it required the photographs to settle the question. I walked more than one hundred miles in connection with the photos to prove my case.

There were two young Cuckoos in the Meadow Pipit's nest and, although not two days old, each of them was trying its hardest to oust the other out; it was a sight never to be forgotten. Eventually one of them was ejected. I replaced it in the nest, but after a short tussle the strong one ejected the weak one, which was somewhat weakened for want of food. Again I replaced it in the nest, but on the following day it was gone altogether. I procured a young Yellow-hammer about four days old, and put it into the nest beside the remaining Cuckoo, and the young Cuckoo immediately hoisted it on its back, and climbed up the side of the nest, and shot it over the side. During the operation Mr. Peat Millar, of Beith, took a series of snapshots. I replaced it in the nest again, and the young Cuckoo repeated the operation.

This particular Cuckoo was the best worker I have ever seen either before or since, and I have experimented with a lot of them. I could tell Mr. Napper a lot about the Cuckoo, but he does not seem to be an apt student.

JOHN CRAIG.

[We think this correspondence may now cease.—EDITOR.]

Hen Bullfinches and Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—I said I would write again when my hen Bullfinch, which I have paired up in an outdoor aviary with a cock Goldfinch, began to go to next. I first noticed her building on May 4. She built a nice substantial nest in a bunch of bracken and sticks tied up in the corner under the roof, and laid her first egg on the 9th. Not wishing to trust her too far, but afraid of interfering too much, I thought I had better wait until the clutch was laid before removing and exchanging them for those of an old and trusted hen Greenfinch in my other aviary. I know that she laid at least three eggs, but, alas! when I went on the fifth day I found, to my disappointment, only one egg left, and that evidently unfertile, as the contents rattled about so the only thing to do was to put in a couple of wild Greenfinch eggs, just to test her, and see how far she could be trusted. This I did, and a week ago I found a broken hatched-out shell in the aviary, and felt a young bird in the nest.

So far she has sat admirably, and appears to be feeding all right, so I have hopes of some really good luck later on when the Goldfinch is in really high condition. Meanwhile, shall try to prevent her going to nest too soon again, if she deserts before these fledglings are finished off. I hope "Canary Bullfinch" has also "got a move on."

I might mention that in my other aviary I have already got a Linnet-Greenfinch hybrid out of the nest a week ago, which I am now hand-feeding, as its mother went to nest again after rearing it for a fortnight. She is now paired with a cock Siskin. From the same Linnet (a pure white one) I have also got two Canary Mules, about twelve days old. They are brown, except for a few white feathers, but I have not really examined them as they are still in the nest.

(MRS.) G. CHRISTIE.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Midget, Tottie and Scrap

A CHARMING STORY OF THREE WAXBILLS. TOLD BY MISS H. B. RUTT.

I MUST tell you about these tiny birds together, as, although they live in the cage with the larger birds, they keep themselves quite apart. Midget and Tottie are Avadavats, and Scrap is an Orange-breasted Waxbill. I will tell you about the Avadavats first.

They are very, very small—smaller than our Golden-crested Wren. I have had these a good many years, and they are both very old now. Tottie, especially, is so aged that she has turned almost white, at least her wings have, and it gives her a very peculiar appearance.

These little birds are seldom separated, as when resting on the perches they are always pressed close together. I have seen cages with twenty or thirty of them for sale, sitting in one long row on a perch, all squeezed together as tightly as possible.

Aged, But Still Happy.

Midget is a very handsome little fellow, or was in his youth; he is rather shabby now. He has dark brown, almost black, feathers, closely mixed all over with bright red ones, and over all are dotted small white spots, as if he had been splashed with whitewash. Red beak and red legs, and very bright, small ruby eyes.

His little wife, Tottie, is much more soberly coloured. Nearly all grey, with red beak and legs. She, too, has lost her youthful beauty, but they are both very happy and quite well.

Scrap, as I said, is quite another kind of Waxbill. He is still smaller, and I think I am right in saying that he is the tiniest bird that there is, except the Humming Birds. The upper part of his body is dark green, and his breast a lovely yellow and orange. He has, too, an orange streak over each eye like a large eyebrow. How wonderfully small his bones must be, and his little head, if we could see them without the feathers!

And yet these mites come all the way from Africa, and though I am afraid many must die on the voyage, a great many manage to live and enjoy good health for several years in this cold, damp country of ours.

Scrap is in beautiful plumage. He is not so old as the Avadavats, but I have had them all a good many years. Scrap had at first a wife, to whom he was devoted. Her name was Tiny. They all lived together then in a small cage. Each couple had its own rush nest, and they were quite friendly, but not on visiting terms. They never by any chance went into each other's houses.

Consolation for the Widower.

About three years ago Tiny died, and for two days Scrap was inconsolable. He was absolutely miserable. He was so cold, even in the nest all by himself, and I thought he would die too. But on the third day Midget and Tottie, after putting their heads together, made him a little speech. "Scrap," they said, "you cannot have your wife back again, and we can see you are miserable. Let us be a trio, as we can no longer be two pairs. There is plenty of room in our nest for three."

Of course, Scrap accepted their kind and generous offer, and they became a trio, and have been one ever since. But "plenty of room!" They could just squeeze in with the greatest care. They always, of course, get into the nest head first, then they all have to turn round, as they like to sit looking out of the door. Well, they said they were "nice and warm." I should think they must have been!

The Inseparables.

When they were moved into "Chateau Chez-Oiseau," they felt rather strange at first among other birds, and with so many rush nests for choice. But they soon selected one, and still continue in unbroken friendship as a trio.

When sitting together cosily inside, the effect is quite as if there were only one very plump-breasted bird with three small heads, as the pretty, tinted feathers are all blended together, and the three heads leaning one against the other.

In the winter, on fine days, the sun peeps into the chateau soon after twelve o'clock, and shines upon it until nearly sunset. This is, of course, a delightful time, and especially to these three small people, who though they say they do not much mind the cold, and who do live apparently well and happy through many winters, still I think would confess sometimes to a longing for sunshine.

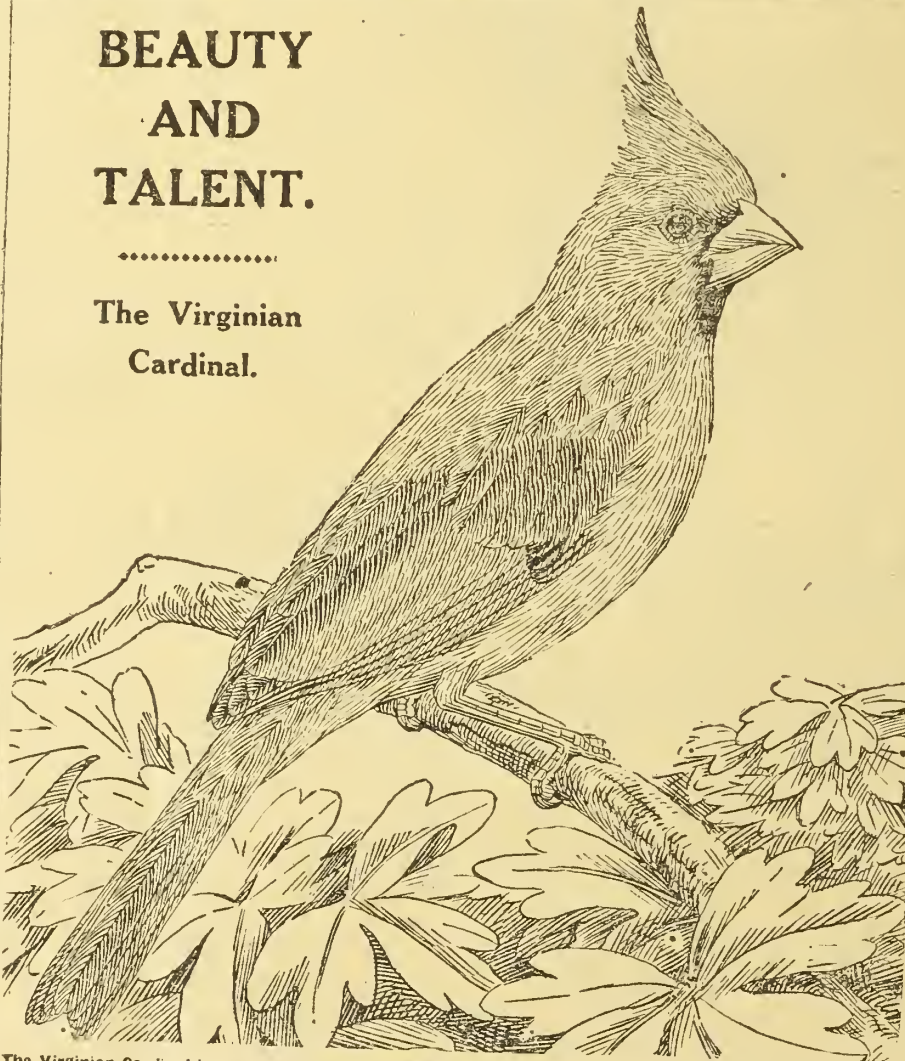
When it comes they are the first to greet it. One small patch, an inch square, is enough to begin with, and they are at once revelling in the warmth. As the shadows move on they follow the sunshine, changing their position when needful.

These little tinies are not hurt by the other birds. It would indeed be hard if they were, they are so gentle and innocent. But they are a little bullied sometimes; even David, the Aristocrat, does not always behave to them quite as he should.

He is too active to care to sit still for more than a moment or two himself. But he seems to enjoy disturbing the Waxbills when they are thoroughly happy, basking in the sun's rays. He will hop quietly towards them, and with his closed beak just sweep them off the perch, as if they were a little heap of rubbish in his way. So they fly, and so does David the next minute. Then, in a second, the plucky little things are back again in exactly the same position, only to be disturbed again in a short time.

BEAUTY AND TALENT.

The Virginian Cardinal.



The Virginian Cardinal is one of the most gorgeously coloured of foreign birds, and at the same time one of the best musicians among seed-eating birds. The beautiful specimen here shown is the property of Mr. F. Howe, Wellingborough.

The Luxury of the Bath.

All my birds are passionately fond of their bath, but the Waxbills are the most eager of any. Except in the very coldest weather I give them the opportunity of bathing every day, if possible, between twelve and one o'clock.

Two good-sized baths, and one small one for the Waxbills, are hung outside the open doors of the cage, and then a fine water frolic begins. The moment they see the baths coming, the Waxbills are ready standing at their special door, fluttering their wings in anticipation.

It will give you a good idea of how small they are if I tell you about their bath. The bath room is a very small wire cage, with one side taken off. In this stands a round glass saucer, just three inches across. Not very large, is it? But into this filled with cold water the Waxbills hop, without the slightest hesitation, and always all three together. They manage to find room somehow.

A Co-operative Toilet.

Then, when they have had a thorough tubbing, they cuddle up together and plume themselves; but whether Midget plumes Scrap's or Tottie's feathers or his own is quite a matter of chance, and nobody seems to mind which way it is. Anyhow, in about ten minutes, three clean, glossy little Waxbills are sitting together, a little out of breath, and

perhaps with heads tucked under their feathers for a well-earned rest after their exertions.

Do they sing at all? Yes, they do. Midget, in a very sweet, trilling little voice, in a downward chromatic scale. Then he ends with "Winnie!" in a calling voice. "Winnie" evidently means "wife" or "darling," or something of that kind.

When I bought him he did not begin to sing at once, so I named his wife Tottie. But Winnie would have been the best name for her had I known in time. She also sings quite prettily, but, of course, does not say anything about "Winnie."

It is very funny, when they are sitting in a bunch on the perch, to see Midget preparing to sing. He lifts his head and says "Tweet," then raises himself higher, gives another "Tweet," then stands up as high as he can, says "Tweet" again, and then breaks into the little chromatic scale, letting himself gradually down with the music, till when he finishes with "Winnie" he is down in the bunch again. In a few seconds this performance is repeated, and then once again. The Waxbills in all their ways are most quaint little people.

it was a pretty sight to see a row of forty or fifty of them sitting squeezed up together on the rigging of a large merchant ship in the harbour.

When the Nights Lengthen.

Near the Equator, of course, the days and nights are almost of equal lengths, and this is one trouble the Avadavats have when they come to our northern country, with its long winter nights. My little couple have a good supper about four o'clock. Then darkness falls, and they go to sleep.

But daylight will not appear till nearly eight. Their tiny bodies begin to cry out for another meal long before this. So when I go to my room at night, I let the light shine upon the cage, and down they fly, take another sipper, and up to bed again. Then about six o'clock there is a plaintive call for breakfast. Again light is given to them, and an early pinch of seed partaken of. Another nap, and they are ready for breakfast, when the sun rises at last.

The beautiful summer days that we enjoy so much are too long for the little folk, and a "fiesta" of two or three hours is taken about noon, the heads being tucked under the feathers as at night.

MONEY IN FOREIGN BIRD KEEPING.

There has never been a time during, say, the last ten years, says the "Yorkshire Post," when the price of all kinds of fancy birds has been as high as at present. Before the development of the foreign bird trade all sorts of fancy prices were obtained. Bird-lovers depended almost entirely upon the whims of traders. This does not mean that there is anything modern in keeping birds of every description in confinement. Aviaries were much more numerous in the 17th and 18th centuries than they are to-day. Almost every large country house, both in England and on the Continent, had its aviaries. It may be interesting some day to collect some of the descriptions of these aviaries and voleries, as they were often called, which have been handed down to us. The aviaries of the past were almost exclusively in the hands of the rich, who could afford to pay any prices for their hobby. Even at a later date the birds brought over from distant lands were probably all ordered in advance. They were brought by sailing ships, and received more careful attention than falls to their share to-day. On the other hand, the supply has greatly increased, and of late years a regular trade in this class of living merchandise has sprung up. Prices came down exceedingly, and as a result those who had a liking for beautiful birds were able to gratify their taste. This in itself would not have been wholly desirable, but for the fact that all the while the foreign bird cult was receiving the most thorough attention from scientists, who took it seriously. They were not content merely to keep caged birds; everything that was possible was done to supply the wants of the small strangers, and as a result during recent times almost every sort of imported bird has been induced to settle down and to nest in confinement. This, of course, is the supreme test. It is one thing to keep a bird alive, another to manage it so well that it will set about its domestic duties and rear young as beautiful and as healthy as itself. The present cessation of the bird trade has to a great extent put an end to all this, while it has naturally caused the increase in value alluded to. There is, however, still a fair stock of foreign birds in the country, and those fanciers who have thoroughly acclimated specimens in their collection have at present a better chance of making their hobby remunerative than they ever had before.

A Useful Publication.

Books on gardening are numberless, like manuals upon every other speciality, and there are many weekly and monthly journals devoted to the subject. Most of these, however, are entirely above the heads of the tenant of a tiny garden plot such as is to be found at the back of the ordinary dwelling-house; they presuppose the possession of cold frames, greenhouses, and other appliances. A little work, entitled "The Small Garden, and How Best to Utilise it," has now been published by the Poultry Press, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., which has for its object the teaching of how a very small piece of ground may be used to the best advantage. It is appropriate to the needs of the moment that very little space is devoted to flower growing, although enough is said to enable everyone to make his garden ornamental as well as useful. To the amateur who would like to know how to grow vegetables and fruit to supply the needs of his own family we cannot give better advice than that he should obtain a copy of this wonderfully useful little book. Incidentally, there are hints that should be to the advantage even of the more ambitious grower of vegetables, flowers, and fruit.

Scrap has no song, only one note, rather high, and, considering his size, very loud. I hear it every day, for he does his best, though this is all he can contribute to the tremendous hymn of praise that, like a cloud of incense, rises every morning to the Great King from His little bird-children all over the world.

Avadavats at Home.

Midget and Tottie were born beneath the burning sun of India. Here among palms, bamboos, and the sweet-scented magnolia flowers live a colony of Avadavats. The little nests are made in the tall, tangled grasses, and here the tiny eggs are laid, looking like sugar-plums.

Tottie laid several eggs in her rush nest, when my Waxbills had a cage to themselves, so I know what they are like. She did not think of sitting on them, and it would have been no good, as our climate is not nearly hot enough for them to hatch.

The eggs are, of course, extremely small, and more round than those of most birds, with the shells white and waxy-looking, and so clear that the yellow yolk shows through. I think the babies, when they first leave the nest, must be very sweet.

There are thousands of these little birds in India flying about in flocks. They mostly live in the torrid zone, not travelling much farther north than Calcutta. A friend of mine who had been living there told me that

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alfreton C.B.S.—June 10, Red Lion, F.F. show; birds staged 3.30; A. Wilson, judge; money specials.—G. Saver.

Ashton-under-Lyne C.B.S.—June 6, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Ordinary bus.—J. Whitehead.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—June 8, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for N.F. Show.—D. Havenhand.

Bacup Roller C.C.—June 6, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Will as many as possible be present.—H. Wantling.

Bolton C.B.S.—June 4, Church Inn, 7 p.m. F.F. show and other business.—J. Brooks.

Bradford East O.S.—June 6, Park Chapel School, rooms, 8. General meeting; arrangements for F.F. show; new members welcomed.—J. Spencer.

Boole C.B.S.—June 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 8. Schedule for young and old shows; and elect judge.—A. E. Huxton.

Bowling B.F.A.—June 5, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. The new cup will be on view and schedules ready; old and new fanciers invited.—J. Nicholl.

British Roller C.C.—June 19, Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, London, 7.30.—J. W. Norris.

Chorley C.B.S.—June 7, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Show business.—R. Hatch.

Clapham C.B.A.—June 6, 8 o'clock. Discussion on bird matters opened by Mr. W. H. Vale.—T. J. Rose.

Chester-le-St. C.B.S.—June 3, King's Head Hotel (T. Thompson's), 6.30. Selection of judge for annual show, and other business; kindly note change of headquarters.—E. Ward.

Cowdenbeath.—June 3, McLean's Hotel, 6.—A. Robertson.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—June 7, Crown Hotel, Hill St., 7.30. Arrangements for N.F. show.—A. C. Shirley.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—June 5, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 6.—J. Southworth.

Coventry O.S.—June 7, Dolphin Inn, Market Sq., 6. N.F. show.—J. Kent.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—June 6, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, 7.30. Question night.—A. G. Cant.

East Stanley Workmen's F.F. C.B.S.—June 4, Club Room, 11 a.m. Election of officers.—J. Armitage.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—June 3, Fountain Inn, 6.30. Schedules and arranging for F.F. show, June 24; judge, Mr. J. Wilcock, junr., Eccleshill.—S. Wilcock.

Houghton-le-Spring.—June 3, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30. Classes for N.F. show and judge.—E. H. Dixon.

Malifax O.S.—June 3, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for next ramble, June 10; colour food; lecture on "Colour Feeding and Breeding for Colour," by Mr. W. Speak; and other business.—J. J. Dunn.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 5, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. General business; members' F.F. show, June 17; judge, Mr. J. Greaves, Bradford.—A. Lawford.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Wed., June 7, St. George's Hall, 7.50. Arrangements for N.F. show, June 21.—Watson and Wright.

Lalsterdyke B.F.A.—June 7, Railway Hotel, Lalsterdyke, 7.30. Open show business, etc.—L. Hodgson, junr.

Lalsterdyke Bowling and Tug Combination.—June 3, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 2.15. F.F. show; entries up to time of judging; Mr. E. H. Towers, judge; Mr. W. Wood, steward.—J. E. Hudson.

Leeds C.B.S.—June 3, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. F.F. show; judge, Mr. F. King; fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 3, Oldham Hall, 8. Night show for N.F. birds; judge, Mr. J. Abbott. Judges for first N.F. show, Messrs. Benson and Young.—T. R. Jones.

Lancaster C.B.S.—June 3, Market Hall, Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Important business.—H. Hoyle.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 6, The Old White Swan, 8. N.F. table show. Nor. Yell., Nor. Buff, same Nov., A.O.V.—Day and Roberts.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S.—June 3, Crown Hotel, 6. Names to be in for coming Whit Monday in conjunction with Gushro' C.B.S., fix date N.F. show, and other very important business.—T. C. Deans.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—June 5, Deansgate Hotel, 8. Table show of young birds Nor. and Yorks. yell. and buff each variety, and Nor. Greens, A.O.V. Can. Mule or Hlyh. Judge, Mr. Raynes.—F. Wilkinson.

Manningham C.B.A.—June 3, headquarters, 8. General business.—H. Grange.

Morley C.B.S.—June 3, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.—B. Cook.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 6, St. Stephens Schools, Conran Street, 8. Final business F.F. show; subs. due; new members invited.—A. Colley.

Northern Border F.C.—June 7, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle, 7.30. General business; all fanciers welcome.—C. Farrer.

N. Liverpool C.B.S.—June 7, headquarters, 7.50. First N.F. show. Members who intend going on ramble June 11, kindly let me know so I can arrange about refreshments. Meet headquarters 12.30.—H. Holden.

Perth City and County C.B.S.—June 5, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8.—J. L. Smith.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 7, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Business important re F.F. Show.—J. W. Jackson.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—June 6, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Business for F.F. show.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—June 7, Palmer's Cafe, 8. Very important business. Chairman and treasurer having joined Army, substitutes to be elected.—O. C. Smith.

S.E. London F. and F.A.—June 5, The North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent Road, 8. General meeting and election of annual show judges. Schedule for young stock show.—R. Jackson.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—June 5, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements N.F. show; egg-food making competition.—J. Glover.

Shipley O.S.—June 7, Victoria Hotel, 7. Business important; open show, etc.—Long and Craven.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 3, Station Street Cafe, 7. N.F. show, birds staged 6.45; judging at 7. Judges, Messrs. Swan and Riseborough. One class each variety of Canary and one class Linnet (h.m. or f.m.). 3d. entry. Arrangement for 2nd N.F. show, judges, etc.—J. Peacock.

Sheffield O.S.—June 4, meet Park Hotel, Hillsborough, 2. Ramble through Greno Woods, via Wortley; tea at Norfolk Arms, Grenoside, 1s. 6d. each. Those staying advise sec.—June 6, Rotherham House, 8. Table show young birds; fixed prize money, 3s., 2s., and 1s. Entry fee, 3d. See syllabus for classification.—E. C. Job.

South-West London C.B.S.—Names for new membership must be received not later than June 7 to show at the young bird show June 17. Book of rules from Lilley, 17, Hlmster Gardens, Lavender Hill.

South Shields.—June 4, Cyprus, 7. Schedule for young show.—W. L. Smith.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—June 6, Liberal Club, 8. Arrangements for N.F. show June 30. Judge, T. Bennett, Bradford.—W. Everett.

Southampton C.B.S.—June 6, Waterloo Hotel, 8.30. F.F. show arrangements.—G. J. Slade.

Wigan C.B.S.—June 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for young show.—E. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—No meeting June 3. F.F. show June 17 at Church School; subs. due.—Taylor and Halliday.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—June 5, 6. The Broadway, 8. Judging competition; birds bred 1916; three classes, Bord., Nor., Yorks. Entrance 1d. cage, returned in prize-money. Silver spoon best exhibit. Final judge, Mr. P. Rorke. Will members bring birds.—G. Griffiths.

Wombwell B.F.A.—June 3, Ship Inn, 7. Final arrangement for N.F. show; intending members kindly attend.—F. Moore.

Wibsey C.B.S.—June 3, Horse and Groom, 7. Monthly business and arrangement for F.F. show.—W. Chapman.

West of Scotland.—Usual monthly meeting for June postponed for holiday. F.F. show July 1.—W. Hutchinson.

existence some time in your bird, put on a rubber band for a fortnight as a preliminary treatment. Make these by cutting slightly less than an eighth of an inch from the end of rubber tubing, such as is used on babies' feeding bottles. Hold the front toes all together and pass them through the rings thus formed, and, holding the hind toe back against the leg, pass on the ring up the leg until near the end of the hind toe. Then leave it there, so that when you release the bird the hind toe will be held back by the ring. After wearing these a fortnight, remove them, and give small, nearly round, perches, about the size of a lead pencil, and leave these to complete the cure by natural means. See that the perches are securely fixed and conveniently placed for the bird to get about them.

DROPPING FEATHERS (T. J.).—The birds were not in breeding condition, which is the cause of the clear eggs. It is absolutely useless trying to breed with them whilst the cock is dropping feathers and out of song. Remove the nest and material, separate the birds and treat them the same as advised to "Glasgow Novice" in this issue, except that you need give the buckhorn aperient for three consecutive days only, and then go on to the other treatment, which continue until the cock has quite ceased dropping feathers. Then you may try again, though I fear the season will be too far spent for you to get more than a single nest from them this year in the most favourable circumstances.

SITTING ON NEST (H. H.).—The hen is probably suffering from some ovarian disease, and will not be at all likely to do any good in the breeding line this season, if at all. Your best course to avoid disappointment would be to replace the hen with a lusty, vigorous young one before the season gets much forward. Otherwise, you may treat her the same as advised to "Glasgow Novice" in this issue, except that you need give the aperient for the first three days only and then go on to the other part of the treatment, and also do not give this hen any dandelion at all. For green food give flower heads of groundsel, chickweed, crisp young lettuce, or watercress.

TWO CLUTCHES CLEAR (A.M.F., Novice).—There is probably nothing wrong, except that the birds are rather late in coming into condition, which may be partly attributable to their ages. Two 1915 birds would have made more suitable mates for these two birds in point of age. Leave them together and feed and treat for two or three weeks the same as advised to "Glasgow Novice," but give the aperient for two days only, and, of course, you will allow the hen to share in the dandelion as she will remain with the cock. You may either omit the other green foods mentioned, or add them as a little extra variety.

NESTING DIARRHEA (E. T. B.).—See that the water vessels are kept scrupulously clean, and also all foods and water. In particular see that any hemp you use is quite sound and sweet in the kernel. Then when the hens have laid their

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Ainries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, and Cages," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

clutches do not give any very succulent green food, and instead of giving any egg food whilst sitting give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, hemp, and crushed dry arrowroot biscuit every second day, and on the alternate days add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinking water.

ROLLER COCK BALD (W. G. T.).—(1) It would require much more detailed particulars to solve the cause of the bird's bald condition with certainty. It may be due to a certain extent to an inherited predisposition, to constitutional weakness, to skin disease, to the irritating effects of insect pests, or quite a number of other causes. It will not necessarily affect the breeding powers of the bird, but whether it is advisable to use a bird predisposed to the trouble as a stock bird is another question. You should read and digest the article on the "Principles of Breeding" in the current issue of our Annual. Let the staple diet consist of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and give all other seeds separately and in small quantities as extras, as you may see frequently detailed in these replies. Also hang on the bath for half an hour or so daily, and the regular appearance of it, coupled, perhaps, with the example of the hen, will eventually convert him to its use. It is useless trying to treat the baldness now, unless you separate the bird and give up attempting to breed with it this season, but if you will write again about the beginning of August, before the moult is due, and repeat the particulars, I will advise you how to treat it so that it may moult out into more perfect plumage.

(2) The red mite is a small insect which is parasitic upon birds, and hides away in cracks, etc. in the cage by day, and preys on the birds at night. In colour it is deep crimson, and size of adults about two-thirds the size of a letter "o" of this type. Examine the cages, and if you find any areas covered with a white powdery appearance around any joint, you may be sure there is a colony of mites there. If you look up a few back numbers you will find full details for exterminating them, as they have been rather frequently given.

SHELLED SEEDS (D. M. N.).—I take it you mean that the bird shells the seed and then rejects the kernel. First of all chew a pluck of the seed to see if it is sweet and free from mustiness. If so, then there is some digestive derangement. Treat as follows: In addition to the staple seed diet, give every second day a morsel of bread and milk with a sprinkling of soft sugar on it, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and maw, and also two or three crisp young leaves of dandelion. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of columba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week or fortnight as may seem necessary.

EGG CAKE (R. B.).—(1) In my opinion an extra egg and four ounces less sugar in your recipe would make a better proportioned and more valuable egg cake for rearing young. Possibly half the quantity of baking powder would be an improvement. I prefer the very minimum of chemical ingredients in foods

of this kind. (2) I think the amended food would be a very useful substitute for the orthodox egg and bread crumb, but I do not go so far as to say it would be quite as good, for the simple reason the constant "freshness" of the orthodox article, which is often a great inducement to hens to keep keen on feeding, is very largely lost in my prepared article.

THAT TIDE-WATER MARK (B. T., Cardiff).—(1) Try removing the drinker and offering the bath as before, with the addition of slightly hatching the plumage with a spray when the drinker is taken off, and also, if possible, let him see another bird bathing. The instructions for hand-washing are too lengthy to give here now. You would find them in many back numbers, or in Part IV. of "Our Canaries." Impossible for me to say whether you are competent to do the job or not. Being a tyro you should practise on a worthless bird or two first. After washing, the only way to keep the bird from getting again begrimed is to keep in a scrupulously clean cage and surroundings. Even then the "tide-mark" will appear after a time. You have to wash the bird each time it is shown if the shows are at any distance apart in time. (2) Where only a single bird is kept, the packet seeds are most useful for the seed mixture as extras. (3) A little more generous feeding in the way of extras, and an occasional dose of 20 drops of chemical food in the water is all that is absolutely essential for the moulting season. If you wish to colour feed for show, get a copy of the brochure on "Colour Feeding," which our Manager will send you for 3d., post free.

SOFT MOULT (F. B.).—The little use of the gas fire you mention would not suffice to cause the moult, which is doubtless due to the weather conditions of late. Every second day give each of the birds affected half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with 4 drops of sherry and 2 of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days add 20 drops of the following mixture to the water, and continue this until a week or so after the feathers have ceased dropping. Mixture: Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and the mixture is ready for use. The hens will not be in a fit condition for mating until quite recovered from the moult; with luck they may be ready by the middle of April.

MISS G. T.—Replied by post.

NOT SINGING (G. R.).—It is not unusual for birds that have passed their youth to take a more or less long rest after moulting before resuming song, and this is probably the only cause of yours remaining silent. It will doubtless open out as soon as the mild settled weather returns. Meantime, the following will help it. Give in addition to the seed diet, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana or a small spray of watercress and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three consecutive days, and after that 20 drops of lemon juice and six of glycerine every second day for a week.

IS IT INFECTIOUS? (F. W.).—(1) No, a Canary suffering with asthma or bronchial trouble would not infect other birds that were kept in the same cage with it. It is not an infectious trouble at all. It would, however, be necessary to remove it to a cage by itself in order to treat it properly for its ailment. (2) No, it is not permissible in the best interests of the owner to pair up a bird—presumably a hen in this case—suffering from asthma or bronchial trouble, even if the male is perfectly healthy. By all means give a perfectly healthy bird a perfectly healthy mate, and weed out all the unfit and weaklings.

IN BAD PLUMAGE (H. J. W. Peck).—I am afraid the bird will be very little use for breeding this season, and probably none at all until late in the season. Keep him in a fairly warm place, free from direct draughts and violent fluctuations, and treat as follows for a month or so. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every third day give separately half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture you now use with one part of summer rape and one part linseed added to it. On the intervening days give first a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, and a morsel of banana, and next a small teaspoonful of scalded rape. Give a little crisp young dandelion, chickweed, or watercress as soon as you can get them, and allow the bird to bathe freely in mild weather. In the water add twelve drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give instead 20 drops Chemical Food. In the next two weeks repeat the dosage in the same order.

SILENT YORKSHIRE (Nurse).—I am inclined to agree with you that keeping the bird in an all-wire cage hung in a window may have had something to do with the origin of the trouble. See that it is now kept in a cosy place, not necessarily overheated, well away from windows, and burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed on it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a month, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle and broken groats, and on these days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice and three of eucalyptus oil well shaken together. It is doubtful if the feathers will now be reproduced round the neck before next moult, but you may slightly anoint the bare place with sulphur ointment twice a week for a month, taking care to avoid soiling the surrounding plumage as far as possible. The song will not return until the bird has quite ceased dropping feathers, but should do so soon afterwards.

SOILED PLUMAGE (A Reader of "Cage Birds").—There is no way by which you can restore the plumage to its original clean condition except hand-washing. When plumage has become dirty and begrimed by the birds being kept in a kitchen or any dusty or smoky atmosphere the ordinary baths as supplied to the birds to bathe themselves will not remove the dirty appearance. A good deal also depends upon the individual bird, as some specimens will keep themselves clean under almost any conditions, whilst others quickly get grimy when kept under the best conditions. Now the birds are placed in a more clearly atmosphere you may offer the bath three or four times a week, choosing the mildest days, and offering it early in the day, for a time, which will make an improvement, but you cannot expect anything like a spotless plumage to result now from anything but proper hand-washing. If you are able to do this it would make the transformation at once.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

R.I.G.—Answered by post.

NO PROGRESS (Glasgow Novice). The birds are evidently very far from being in proper breeding condition, and I rather doubt the wisdom of encouraging them to reproduce their kind, considering the barrenness of the cock. You should thoroughly examine the cage to see if they are infested with red mites, and if so take immediate steps to eradicate them before the breeding season becomes more advanced. Meantime, separate the birds for a fortnight at least, and treat as follows. In addition to the staple diet of canary and summer rape, give each bird half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal

parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of egg food, with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame added to it. Stop giving apple now, but give the cock a small stool of young dandelion daily—leaves, crown, blooms, all together, and the hen a fairly liberal supply of chickweed or the flower heads of groundsel, but do not give her any dandelion at all. In the water add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three consecutive days, and then every second day for the remainder of the week, and in the second week give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day. If in good condition and quite vigorous at the end of a fortnight, not otherwise, you may try mating them again, but on the whole you would be best advised to turn them down altogether and replace them with a sturdier stock.

HIND TOES FORWARD (D.E.).—To be successful the treatment for this trouble should begin as quickly as possible after it occurs, which, in young birds, is generally very soon after they leave the nest, though some will leave the nest with it already developed. If the trouble has been in

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TWO YORKSHIRES (Enquirer).—(1) Judging from your description the bird is far from being in "very good condition." See that the birds are kept in a bright and healthy position. Give in addition to the staple diet a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and dusted with carbonate of bismuth every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana or boiled carrot as a substitute for green food, and also half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape. In the drinking water six drops of syrup of rubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and after this give instead five drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian every second day for a fortnight. If feathers have not ceased dropping in that time, stop the medicine for a week, and then resume, and give 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a month. (2) If still in good health and vigour next season I should advise you to try this hen with a fresh cock—"fresh" in both senses. Let him be young and vigorous, and just a little bit of a tartar in breeding cage.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BULLFINCH AILING (M. A. Sykes).—I am sorry you lost your hen Bullfinch, earlier treatment might have saved her. As regards the young cock bird, if you gave him his liberty he would no doubt recover, as this is quite a good time of the year to set a bird free, but you must not do it near houses, especially if he is particularly tame. Take him out in the country along a hedgerow or in the open field, in a wooded district if possible, then open the door of the cage, stand some yards away and let him come out quietly. If you decide to keep him, I would advise you to let him live as much as possible in the open air, and bathe frequently. Continue your present treatment as regards food, not forgetting to give him his share of soft fruits as they come in season. Fresh air and natural feeding work wonders in many cases, and if you value the bird, why not keep him until the autumn? Then if you do not consider his condition satisfactory you could give him his liberty. There will be abundance of food for him at that season. I have known similar cases to be successfully treated by turning the birds into an outside aviary.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Avaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Sparrow," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 5 "Bullfinch," No. 6 "Chaffinch," No. 7 "Greenfinch," No. 8 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 9 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 10 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 11 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 12 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 13 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

MULE ROUGH IN PLUMAGE (Cecil, Barrow).—I have met one or two similar curiosities to the one you mention during my lifetime, and I am afraid I can only give you a theoretical explanation. If the bird has really missed a moult, the feathers are naturally worn and frayed, as they have done duty for almost twice the usual period. There may be a certain amount of irritation in consequence, and the bird might add to the oddities by worrying its plumage. Although your friend says that the Mule did not moult last autumn, it may have had what we term a soft moult, and the change of plumage would then extend over a long period and the owner possibly overlooked it. In the new growth some ancestral characteristic might assert itself, in the same manner as we find a well-bred Norwich Canary show rough and untidy plumage in its second moult, although formerly closely feathered. As the bird is in song I do not think any special treatment is necessary; if kept healthy it may have a full moult next autumn. The bare place should be just touched with vaseline and a few drops of fresh lemon juice added to the drinking water. A little soft food about twice a week would be beneficial.

LOSS OF GOLDFINCHES (A. T. Wright).—I do not quite agree with you with regard to the loss of your two Finches. That a third one is now in song is no certain proof that your treatment is quite sound; to me it is simply a proof that this bird is the strongest one of the three, and has become accustomed to your particular treatment. The swollen gland at the root of the tail would point to some derangement of the system. The gland you mention is an oil gland, and if very much swollen should be pricked with a needle, but before doing so one should make quite certain that it is out of order. As regards the subsequent treatment of your remaining Finch, I would advise you to carefully examine all of your seeds, and see that each variety is really good to taste and smell. Allow the bird plenty of wild food and a daily bath. If you have not a copy of our Nutshell on the Goldfinch I should advise you to procure one. Our manager will send you a copy post free for 2d.

KEEPING A RAVEN (Raven).—The Raven is not a difficult bird to keep in confinement, as it will eat almost anything. In a state of nature it feeds upon all kinds of vermin, weaker birds, game, poultry, and carrion. In captivity it would require meat of some kind, mice, rats, or small birds, and scraps from the table, including a good-sized bone with a little meat left on it. These birds are very powerful and not easily handled, and are destructive to poultry and small domestic animals. As pets they are very fearless and not easily put out. Take all the larger birds Ravens do not require to full growth as early as the smaller ones, in fact it is doubtful if they are fully grown until the third year. There are many stories of the longevity of the Raven, but I am unable to give you any thing authentic, though I have known several that have been attached to certain houses for a number of years.

FINCHES IN AN AVIARY (Avaries).—If you had all caged birds, you could keep twenty in an aviary the size you mention. Six large soft white, and six high, but of course they would require keen attention in the matter of cleanliness. As a rule it is much safer to underpopulate an aviary than to fill it to its greatest extent. Personally I should be

content to keep a dozen in it. (2) If you make a self-filling seed hopper it should have about three feeding holes to it, or it would be better to have two hoppers each with two feeding holes, and these should be placed at opposite ends of the aviary.

BREEDING HYBRIDS (Angler).—There is no reason why you should not have a try for the Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids in your small aviary, many have been bred under the same conditions. As regards nesting arrangements, knock out the end of the wooden cage, and lace it with branches of heather or box, and then fasten it up in one corner of the aviary, and if you can get an old Greenfinch nest put it inside. At the opposite end fasten another old nest (Blackbird or Thrush will do) and supply the birds with plenty of nesting material, fine roots, twigs, short lengths of grass, moss and cow hair are the most useful. The reason for fastening branches round the nesting site is to give greater privacy. Hope you will be successful.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

SWELLING ROUND EYE, ETC. (W. B.).—Pleased to note its general condition is improving. I am of the opinion that the eye trouble is part of the general disorder, and that it will gradually disappear as the bird becomes fit. Bathe the eye with a tepid solution of rose-water and zinc, and lightly anoint the growth with a little zinc ointment; it would not be well to use anything more drawing or it might affect the sight. Keep its bowels well open by the use of fluid magnesia as required, and continue the full treatment given in my previous reply. Also put a little honey and borax into its mouth once or twice daily, this can be given either by means of a small stick or feather, or lightly spread on a piece of biscuit, bread, or plain cake—it is a matter of convenience, and the bird's temperament which method you use. You must guard carefully against draught till the eye is normal again. In the case of any development write again at once giving as full details as possible, but I opine improvement will be continuous though perhaps somewhat slow.

WHAT ARE THEY? (Novice, D. Mc K.).—I cannot trace in any of my books the vernacular name you quote, and consequently cannot give you any definite answer this week. Your description reads very much like some species of white-eared or white-cheeked Bulbul, but you make no mention of a crest, and these have crests. Could you make your description a little fuller? The white-cheeked Bulbul has the head brownish-black, the cheeks white a deep yellow ventral patch, and tail tipped with white. I should call the back and wings dark olive-brown rather than grey; but I strongly suspect that your birds are this species. At any rate you will be quite right if you keep a little seed in their cage and also supply ripe fruit, insectile mixture (soft food), and live insects. It would have helped if you could have said what part of India they came from, and also tell me how they have been fed since you have had them; presumably you are feeding as per instructions from your friend. Identification is rendered more difficult owing to the fact that birds are imported from India which are not Indian birds at all.

BUDGERIGARS IN CARE OF BOY (Esperance).—I have confirmed your dietary for these birds, and if while you are away you make one general mixture of all the seeds you are now supplying that will suffice. With the small flap doors which you had put in your aviary according to my advice, it should be perfectly safe for any schoolboy to open one of these and push in tufts of grass for them. If they get a continuous supply of seeds and flowering grass all should be well; soaked bread is not required, not even when they are feeding young. Some pairs will throw out their young, others their eggs, and if such habits are persisted in the only thing to do is to change such unnatural pairs. But where such practice is only occasional, frequently the young will be dead when found—I never trouble to hand-feed Budgerigars. If you impress upon the boy never to leave the doors unfastened, I consider if you had him in for one or two days before you go away and let him see you attend to them, you should then be perfectly safe.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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in leaving him to look after them in the same way—seeing is much better than having method explained.

PULLING ITS FEATHERS (Barrowman).—You would do well to get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 23d. post free, from our manager; it would give you the full treatment and dietary for these birds. The dietary briefly should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit (any kind it will take, including English fruits in season), nuts, biscuits, crusts of household bread, and a little plain cake. Cattlebone, grit, and a chunk of wood (for the bird to exercise its mandibles upon) should be continuously in the cage. Feather pulling is a most troublesome disease or vice to cure. Continue to spray with the quassia solution. Do not give any more bread soaked in tea, but you can give bread soaked in chemical food and water in lieu thereof. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the drinking-water with chemical food. You must persevere with the treatment, as improvement will not be rapid. Report progress in about a month.

RUNNING AT NOSTRIL (Lugton).—Spray the bird's nostrils daily with a tepid dilute solution of glyco-thymoline till the running ceases; it will do no harm if the bird swallows a little of the solution. If the bird is tame, and can be handled with impunity, then the nostrils had better be

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GREEN PARROT MOUTLING (Cunningham).—It ought not to have the sop, and you must gradually wean it therefrom. Give it a seed mixture of giant canary, white millet, white oats, hemp, sunflower, and safflower in equal parts, well mix, then to each quart of the mixture add half a pint of shelled peanuts and again mix; store in dust-tight tin and keep in a dry place. It should also have ripe fruit, any kind it will take—sweet apple is very wholesome—also pieces of biscuit, stale crusts and plain cake, but not any sops or messes or general table scraps. It must have water regularly, and while the moult lasts you had better lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food, except once a week, when you must put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the water to keep the bowels properly regulated. A little later, as it gets older, it will settle down into a normal moult.

WHAT SPECIES? (Querist, Winchester).—Owing to a change of residence I am unable to state exact species; the genus *Serinus* is a large one, with many of the species very similar, and it is not safe to venture on memory alone. It is not the true Cape Canary (*Serinus canicollis*), but some near species; however, this will not affect replies to your other queries. (1) It is a Canary in the sense that the Canary is one of the *Serins*, but it is, of course, a wild species and therefore in demeanour widely separated from the domestic varieties. (2) There is a strong probability that a pair would breed in a cage; other *Serins* have done so. (3) By its song it is undoubtedly a male. (4) Most of the *Serins* readily cross with the Canary (some variegated variety would be the best), and the offspring are Mules or Hybrids, the males usually being good singers.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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St. C.—Enteritis or inflammation of the bowels. Give your remaining birds a little calcium permanganate dissolved in the drinking water every alternate day for a week or two, and procure a fresh supply of seed. Your trouble is evidently caused by some impurity in the food.

F. L.—Roller died of pneumonia; it was otherwise quite healthy, and there was no existing disease. I cannot see that the trouble can be attributed to you. The term inflammation is vague and indicates nothing, and is often very loosely applied. Inflammation may attack any organ, and is not a disease in itself. The body was well preserved; no evident decomposition. Change of environment, temperature, etc., was probably the exciting cause.

Miss Hood.—Inflammation of the bowels.

Miss J. E. MacCallloch.—Liver disease, probably owing to some impurity in the food.

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PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, June 3; 50 birds entered, 4 minutes' time singing. 1, 2, Blackshear and Scotson; 3, Beard; 4, T. Jones. Open Linnet contest, June 4; 39 entered, 3 minutes' time sing. 1, A. Piper; 2, 3, Butler and Blackshear; 4, Scotson.—J. Beard, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest, Black Horse Inn, June 3, with a good company. Fairies judged. 1, 2, 3, Boyd; 4, Reed. There will be a meeting at Black Horse, Durham, June 10, at 7, to form a club. Anyone unable to attend and wishing to be a member please send name to Mr. McKinley, Black Horse, Elvet, Durham. Linnet singing June 10. Meet 2 o'clock Black Horse, Durham. Fairless judge.

BARNESLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet Club, Doncaster Rd., F. Shepherd, timer; J. Dunk, chalk. A very good company, but some very bad singing. For 4 mins. time singing: 1, Jones, 2 mins. 54sec.; Hardman, 2.32; Wright, 2.21; Brushy, 2.14. Big eeing, Whitesunlike, for Lark or Linnet, members only, two or three specials, for either class. All straight on book to receive 1s. 6d. clear, independent of entrance.—J. Hardman, Hon. Sec.—(Adv.)

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Open contest for quality Linnet singing, June 3; 20 birds sang. 1, T. Ineson; 2, Stend; 3, Stancey; 4, Longfield. Judges, Crane and Naylor. June 4, 29 birds sang. 1, T. Ward; 2, S. Parker; 3, 5, Ineson; 4, Naylor. Judges, Hardcastle, Crane, Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, June 2. 25 birds sang. We were very pleased to see some of our old friends among us again. 1, Wharam; 2, 3, shared Wharam and Marchell; 4, shared Wigfield and Marchell. Judges, S. Butterfield, T. Summers, and W. Lipman. June 3, 20 birds sang. Our host added three prizes for best three birds: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Wigfield and Bunn; 4, Wigfield. Judges, T. Summers and S. Butterfield.—W. Lipman, Hon. Sec.

THREE ATTEMPTS AT BREEDING SUGAR-BIRDS.

By MISS E. F. CHAWNER (Lyndhurst).

As stated in our review published in our Twitterings columns of June 3, an interesting article under the above heading was one of the features of the May issue of the "Avicultural Magazine." By the courteous permission of Mr. H. D. Astley, the Honorary Editor of the Magazine, and of the author, Miss Chawner, we are enabled to republish this for the benefit of those of our readers who are not members of the Avicultural Society.

THE three species concerned are the Red-throated Blue Sugar-bird (*Glossopsitta ruficollis*), the Blue Sugar-bird (*Dacnis cayana*) and the Yellow-winged Blue Sugar-bird (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*), and though each attempt failed, they may be worth recording.

First in the field were the Red-throated Blues, bought Feb. 28, 1911, from the late Mr. Sutcliffe, who had privately imported them. They were in faultless condition and quickly made themselves at home in a small garden aviary with heated shelter. Their diet was the same as that of other sugar birds: sweetened milk sop, grapes, banana, and orange; the hen was very fond of maw seed and occasionally swallowed a mealworm, but I never knew the cock to take either seed or insect.

They were a charmingly pretty pair, and the cock had quite a nice song. When they were sent to me Mr. Sutcliffe warned me that the cock was "wheezing," which made me very anxious, but presently I discovered that the so-called "wheezing" was his alarm cry, though I must say that it sounded more like bronchitis. If I went near the aviary after dark he would "tune up" at once.

A Promising Commencement.

They began to look about for a nesting place during the second week in June, and by the 24th had built a neat cup nest of heather twigs, cotton wool, and bents, and lined it with hair (much like a Hedge Sparrow's nest) in the corner of a Hartz cage fastened high up in the shelter.

The cock continually accompanied the hen in her search for material, and mounted guard while she was building, but I do not think he actually carried anything or worked at the nest. When they had finished they pulled it to pieces and finally built in an old wicker cuff high up in the same part of the aviary where they were practically invisible from below.

The hen began to sit July 5, but was not at all steady, flying off as soon as the aviary door was unfastened. I was afraid to look at the eggs, though I longed to see them and ascertain their number. When I thought nestlings might be expected I swept all the flies and aphides and other insects I could and turned them into the aviary together with living ants' eggs, very tiny mealworms and ripe fruit, hoping that something might suit.

Success Nearly Reached.

On July 13 I found a newly-hatched nestling thrown out and quite dead. I fancied that the mother caught some insects and carried them to the nest, but next day I found another nestling thrown out and the nest empty. I hunted for egg-shells, but could not find a trace of any, probably some of the other birds had eaten them.

At first they seemed inclined to go to nest again, but the hen soon tired of it and took no more notice of her mate's blandishments.

Before pairing, the cock used to display, spreading his wings and tail and puffing out his feathers. After pairing had been accomplished both birds uttered shrill squeaks in the style of the English Robin. To my great regret the hen died of a chill during the autumn and I could not get another. The cock lived until 1913, always in beautiful condition. End of chapter 1.

Chapter 2 begins in June, 1913, with a pair of Blue Sugar-birds. These charming little creatures are too well known to need any description, but I may say that I have found them the most easily tamed of all the soft-bills. This particular pair were finger-tame and absolutely without fear. Their method of intimating a wish for nesting material was to fly on to my shoulders and tug at my hair, and they showed much annoyance on finding it a fixture.

I supplied them with tow and they speedily chose a place in a thick bough of Cypress in the open flight, where, on June 8, the hen began to build a dainty cup nest entirely of tow.

Another Disaster.

The first egg was laid on June 16, pairing having taken place repeatedly during the previous day. The egg was large for the size of the bird, long, with a white ground heavily ringed with rusty red round the big end. Another egg completed the clutch next day and incubation began. I had great hopes, seeing that the birds were so tame, that all would go well. But it was not to be! On the 20th I found the hen dead on the ground beneath the nest. On examination she was found to be very fat and thus, combined with

the excitement of nesting, had caused her death.

I know that it is not uncommon for these birds to go to nest in confinement; and I have heard of several cases where young have been hatched, though as yet I believe none have reached maturity or even lived to leave the nest. Had my birds hatched out I believe they would have fed their nestlings on green fly and wasp grubs.

The chief difficulty appears to be that while Sugar-birds put on fat very quickly and are decidedly greedy, thus becoming liable to apoplexy, if they are not in high condition they will not go to nest and the golden mean is hard to attain. End of chapter 2.

The Story of a Third Attempt.

Chapter 3 deals with Yellow-winged Sugar-birds, of which I had a lovely pair last spring. The hen has lived in my aviary since the beginning of 1913.

Last June she and her mate began to be very noisy, squeaking at one another continually, the cock erecting his head feathers and

spreading his wings to show the yellow colouring. Then the hen became spiteful towards the Blue Sugar-birds, and they had to be removed lest harm should come to them.

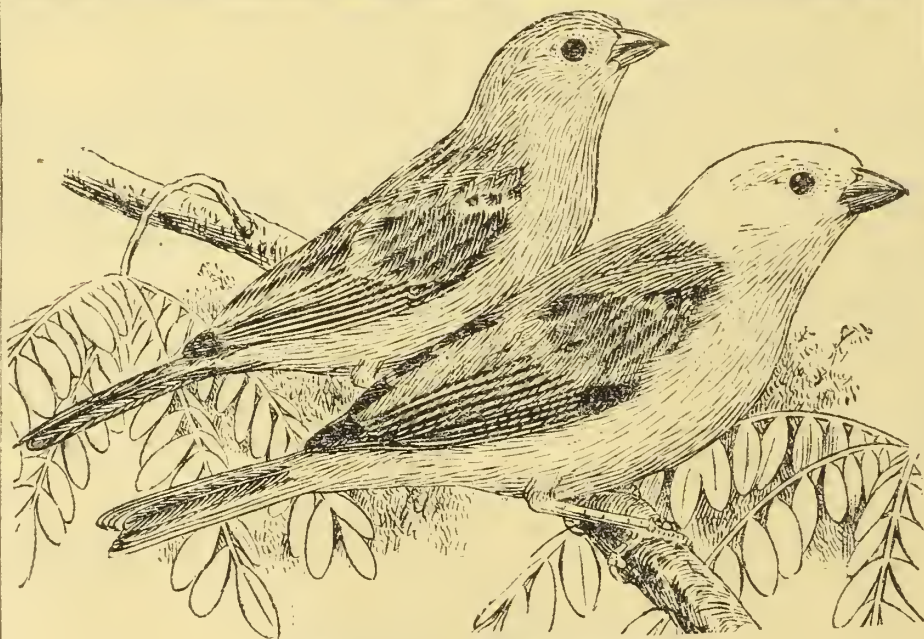
On June 13 the hen began to build a nest of tow high up in the corner of the shelter in a box branch, driving away the Indigo Buntings who also had intended setting up house there. She built the outer part and then came a hitch, for she could not find any lining material to her liking.

Hitherto rather shy, now she became bold and almost mobbed me to try and obtain something suitable. I tried soft dried grass, strips of bass, deer hair, cotton wool, moss, dead leaves, but none of them pleased. She would come and examine them, turn them over and then resume her search. At last I gave her some fine shavings of paper, such as are used for packing chocolates, and she took to this at once and worked away as busily as possible.

Rope Still Deferred.

The first egg was laid June 22, the second on the following day, and she began to incubate. For two days all went well and then she forsook, for no reason that I could discover.

The nest was a pretty object, a deep cup firmly woven to the twigs of the box bough; a great deal of the white paper was used, and altogether it was a rather bulky affair. The eggs were large and long, very pale brown, darkening with age, heavily spotted and mottled with grey at the large end. The birds did not make a second attempt, and soon after the cock went out of colour. So ends chapter 3.



SENEGAL SPARROWS.

A pretty species not often seen on our show benches. The pair here depicted were exhibited at Watford Show by Mr. J. Goodall, Watford, and were awarded an "h.c." card.

How I Got My Khaki Canaries.

By MISS DYDDGU HAMILTON.

BEFORE returning to England, after a prolonged absence on the Continent, it occurred to me that since no singing Canaries can now come to us from the Hartz Mountains, we ought at least to be able to rear our own songsters, more especially as the care of these lively little creatures would seem to offer an interesting and soothing pastime for our wounded heroes slowly convalescing in good old "Blighy."

I mention these ideas of mine because, to my great delight, I find that they had also occurred, and on an altogether wider and grander scale, to the Editor of *CAGE BIRDS*, who, I gather from the first number of that favourite weekly to reach me on my return home, has already been providing pairs of Canaries to our crippled soldiers, to enable them to try their own luck at capturing the enemy trade. Could any plan be better? I think not. May it have every success, and prove not only an absorbing hobby but a source of profit to our brave men no longer able to return to the fighting line.

What the Khaki Canaries Are Like.

Well, what first put the idea into my head was the colour of my sister's Canaries, which is khaki. That is to say, only their breasts are yellow, the rest of them being as near a match to our soldiers' uniform as feathers can approach to cloth. Their eyes, too, though in

most lights they appear black, are, when the sun shines on them, seen to be of a deep wine red.

My sister's bird-room opens out of the drawing-room, whence one can watch the birds through the glass door. "Whatever shall I do with all my Canaries when we leave this house next summer?" asked my sister; and I replied, "If you can spare them, do please give me a dozen at least to take back to England. I am sure that khaki-colour should be fashionable there now, and if only I am as successful as you are in breeding them I might be able to dispose of some to advantage." "The Khakis are almost all hens," answered my sister, "but you can have them if you like."

A Clock-maker as a Cage Maker.

So the village clock-maker made me a travelling-cage for them, a cage so constructed that custom-house officers could see at a glance that no letters or other contraband of war was concealed among the birds, while they themselves were not too much exposed to the inquisitive eyes of fellow-travellers.

The cage was none too roomy for a dozen Canaries; but we thought my homeward journey would not last more than a week. Owing to the sinking of the "Sussex" it actually took double that time, but the birds neither quarrelled nor suffered in health. The streets

of Dieppe, where I was fated to linger for five days, provided plenty of fresh grass and groundsel, while canary seed and spray millet abounded in the grain shop.

At length we reached London without further mishap, my birds and I, and immediately I loos'd them from their small travelling-box into a large flight cage, thinking they would be pleased with more space for exercise. But all the use they made of their wider range was to fight like so many Kilkenny cats! Thereupon I had to separate them as far as I could into pairs, and without further delay nesting began.

How to account for these queer-coloured Canaries my sister does not know. Her aviary was originally built for some small Foreign Finches, which I took out to Switzerland many years ago. Later on, my mother saw somewhere advertised for sale a fine pair of pure-bred Belgian Canaries and bought them for the big sum of 100 frs. (£4).

A Canary Refugee.

They agreed perfectly with the Foreigners, and nested and reared young for several consecutive seasons. Then, one day, when the snow lay six feet deep on all our mountain pathways, an English lady appeared unexpectedly at our chafed door, and in her hands was a sad little bundle which proved to be a tiny Hartz Canary entirely denuded of feathers except for a few charred stumps in wings and tail.

The wretched little creature was smeared with oil and wrapped in a pocket-handkerchief, and this is the story the lady told us: Her little boy had had given to him on his seventh birthday a singing Canary, which pleased him greatly, as the bird was very tame, and would fly out of its cage and perch on his head or finger.

A few days previously the child, in a fit of mischief, had snipped off the poor bird's feathers with a pair of scissors borrowed (without leave) from his nurse's work-basket. Being told it was a cruel act, and his pet would catch cold, he carefully wrapped it in cotton-wool bound round with pink tape.

But the worst disaster happened when the nurse, going at the small boy's request, to see that the Canary in its artificial jacket was comfortable for the night, accidentally dropped a smouldering match among the cotton-wool, which instantly burst into flame. That the unhappy bird survived this second mishap seemed a miracle.

My mother, who is exceedingly tender to all animals, nursed it back to health, and before many weeks were over it was flying about the bird-room with its Belgian congeners, and it was in this way that the Belgian stock became mixed with Roller blood. But, still, all the young bred were either wholly yellow or variegated with pure, bright green markings on body or wings.

The French Hen Did It.

A few years since, my sister, in need of an extra hen Canary, was informed that a "Christian Brother," who had been turned out of France when the Religious Orders were expelled, was then working as a maker and mender of boots in the next village to our Champéry. When the war broke out this little man walked forty miles over rough mountain roads to join the colours in his native land. And they would have accepted him but that he was no longer young, and several inches too narrow in the chest! He was a keen bird fancier, and would probably have an odd hen to spare.

In reply to my sister's request he sent a dull green-coloured bird, who is, my sister thinks, the ancestress of all her Khaki Canaries, which first appeared in her aviary three years ago, but all that season's young proved to be hens.

Last year, however, two Khaki cocks were hatched, and these my sister gave to me, with hens of the same colour, and in addition a variegated pair, the cock bird of which couple sings more like a Nightingale than any Canary I have ever heard.

An Insult to the Cuckoo.

Referring to the Zeppelin raid of May 20 on the South-East Counties, Mr. A. H. Mathew, writing to "The Observer," says "The flare of the bombs, the weird whistling caused by their descending revolutions, and their final explosion on reaching the earth, caused numerous Nightingales, far and near, to cease singing until the tenth and last bomb had burst. Then, quite suddenly, with one accord, a thousand Skylarks, Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Nightingales burst into loudest song. It was then a little after half-past two. The effect was thrilling. It seemed like a choral defiance to the Hun from countless little British songsters' throats, and a Cuckoo, aroused from his slumbers, added a peering call to the retreating alien enemy, who so closely resembled that parasitic avian intruder into homes not his own!"

HOW I COMMENCED IN THE HOBBY OF CANARY BREEDING.

A page of reminiscences sent in by our readers, and which should be useful to those who have yet to gain experience in Canary breeding, as well as interesting to the older hands.

BY R. YATES, HULL.

WELL, really! a couple of Canaries as a present from a friend. What shall we do with them? This was a problem which required some little consideration, especially with no knowledge of Canary ways, no cages, and no spare cash with which to launch out on such a new enterprise.

Such was the commencement of my connection with the "fancy." With no separate room to commence breeding in, a compact with the "missus" had to be arranged on mutual terms, which gave me a corner of the kitchen to commence the hobby.

Having noticed *CAGE BIRDS* in a news-vendor's window just about this time, I possessed myself of a copy, but this did not provide a home for my new friends, although by the way it provided hints how to go about it, and consequently I set about it in the following manner:—

A twopenny box from a neighbouring grocer, 2 ft. wide by 14 ins. by 10 ins., a cage front, two glasses, and 1 lb. of bird seed constituted my stock-in-trade; total cost 1s. I think this must be a record for furnishing a home, even for Canaries.

Well, safely housed, the birds were carefully attended to, and, although at the first matrimonial relations were strained, they managed to rear 21 youngsters out of 21 eggs, and every one was brought up without a loss. This was the result of the information obtained from *CAGE BIRDS* and the booklet in the Nutshell series dealing with Canary breeding.

The second season was much the same, 19 out of 20, but I have not reached such a high-water mark since. Whether it is that the birds deteriorate in the number bred according to the higher class of birds bred I am unable to say. Probably some of the older enthusiasts will be able to explain why the higher the class of bird the less number is bred.

The point all beginners should keep in mind is to keep in touch with the doings of the members of the "fancy" by taking "C.B." If they equip themselves with the booklet mentioned they certainly will have all the information in a "Nutshell" that is requisite for the breeding of Canaries, and experience will give the other necessary qualifications to ensure success.

BY MISS A. M. COOK, KILBURN.

THE first bird I had flew in at the window; it was a large buff Norwich cock, and I got him a wife at the nearest bird shop. She cost me 2s., and was, or, I should say, is, for I still have her, most ugly and small, but she brought up a family that were not at all bad looking, and a great improvement on herself.

About the same time I bought a pair of Madagascar Lovebirds, and made them a large cage out of the nursery fireguard, with the back carrier of a cycle for a door. I put in a hush and some branches, and they soon settled down.

A little time ago I had hopes of a family, as the hen had made a nest, and was always in the hush, but during a period of cold winds I found her egg-bound. I was able to save her, but the egg was laid on the cage bottom, and cracked, and now she seems to have given it up.

I think it is wonderful they started nesting at all, as they are in a room that is the nursery of five children. They do not mind the children at all, whatever they do, but if they see me come in with a millet spray or some green food they get excited, and seem to know it is going in their cage.

I now have a room with a good many birds flying loose in it, and among them is a pair of Spice Birds, who have been hard at work making a nest of strips of bamboo leaves, which they pull off the plant, and any other odds and ends they can find, and have succeeded in making quite a good nest domed over the top.

I have found *CAGE BIRDS* the greatest help to me, and I have taken it in ever since I discovered it. I am afraid I have asked it a dreadful lot of questions, which have always been most kindly and fully answered. I do not know how I should have got on without it, as I did not know anyone who kept birds to help me over my difficulties. It has all my best wishes.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

BY H. VALENTINE, BEDFORD

IT is now three years since I seriously took up the breeding of Norwich Canaries, and as I managed to get into the money with seven of my birds (all related), I think I can safely say that I have now got a winning strain, and I will relate how I came by it.

I have always been a fancier, and have always been more or less lucky. Some years ago I thought I should like to breed Irish Terriers, so I went out and bought a smooth-coated Irish Terrier bitch, which was more like a pig than a Terrier. They say "fools wander where angels fear to tread," but I had her pedigree, and I mated her back to her grand sire, a well-known winning stud dog, and the first litter brought me two pups, one of which won 4th in the puppy class at the Crystal Palace, medal for best Irish Terrier dog in show at Romford, and various other prizes.

I know this is nothing to do with Norwich, but I just want to point out what my experience is of strain and luck. I soon gave up dogs, as my business did not allow of me giving them the required amount of exercise, and I turned my attention to birds.

First Love, the Roller.

I was first of all captivated by the Roller because of its song. I had a spare room, which I at once fitted up as a bird room. I did not use the ordinary double breeding cages, but fixed shelves along the wall facing the window, and fitted loose fronts capable of being divided up into separate cages by slides.

The space from the floor to the first shelf cages being about three and a half to four feet high, and covered with wire netting, made a splendid fly to put the young birds in. This should also be fitted with sliding partitions, especially if it is a long fly, as it makes it so much more easy to catch up a bird.

I had got my bird room, so I set about getting my birds. I bought about five pairs of Rollers reputed to be of so and so's contest strain, and I can tell you I had some pretty singers, but I did not know what to breed for.

I did not know where the faults were: I did not know what I ought to like and what I ought to dislike. Perhaps if I had had a Roller fancier to coach me he might have taught me or he might have given me up in disgust and told me I had got no ear for music.

I tried hard to learn the names of the different tours the birds should sing, but several of them I could not pronounce, and as for knowing when a bird was singing any particular tour, that was beyond me.

I used to make a grab on my *CAGE BIRDS* every week, and hunt up everything about Rollers, adverts, as well, to see if I could find out what a German sounding word was like when a bird sang it.

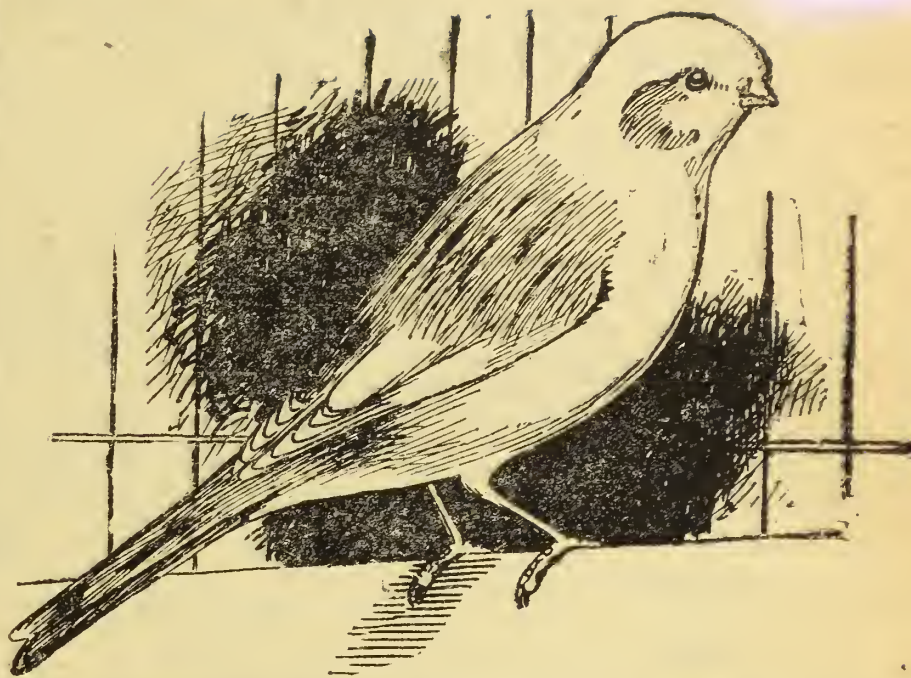
Where the Pianist Failed.

Once my paper contained an extra long article on the Roller, and, much to my delight, a bit of music which could be played on the piano. This piece of music was a particularly fine tour of some noted Roller Canary, so I read the article very carefully, and as I cannot play the piano myself I persuaded my daughter to play it.

I listened intently for the Roller note, but I couldn't find it. I persuaded her to play it again, but still with the same result. I asked her if it sounded pretty, and she said "No." Then I asked her to play it over two or three times until I told her to stop, as I had not yet listened to it from the pretty point of view.

It was then I thought she looked at me rather strangely, but she played it over several times, and when I asked her if she had ever heard any of my birds singing it, she banged the lid of the piano down and flung herself out of the room. To this day nothing will persuade her that I was not playing a practical joke on her.

Then came the time when the young cocks should be separated from the hens and taught their song by the schoolmaster. I could not tell a cock from a hen only by seeing it sing, but the young beggars would not let me see them at it. I would listen outside the bird room door, and they would all be singing quite joyfully. Then I would very quietly turn the handle and open the door a quarter of an inch at a time, and when I had just got it far enough to get a view of one corner of the room, before even I had caught a glimpse of a bird, one little beggar would



This typical variegated Norwich Canary won for its late owner, Sergt. W. Gardner, of the Army Veterinary Corps, 14 First Prizes and 9 Specials. Mr. Gardner, who is now in the military hospital at Herne Bay, writes that though he had to sell this noted bird, he still has some of its sons and daughters.

give a warning shout, and there would suddenly be a dead silence.

It would be no good trying to catch them singing again for at least an hour after that, so I would just go into the room then in an ordinary sort of way, as though I had not been trying to spy on them, but I could tell by their suspicious looks that they knew what I was up to. However, at last I managed to pick out all the cock birds (and some that were not, as I found out later).

Then came the training under the special schoolmaster, closing the cabinet doors if they got too loud, and opening the doors if they got too soft, or when they sulked and would not sing at all; hushing the children's voices while I got on to a chair to listen at a certain cage to hear what particular bird was singing, because now I had the young birds training in the living room, so that I could have a song for every meal.

Love's Labour Lost.

After they had finished their training not one sang like their tutor: I did not know the name of any of the tours, and I did not know which were the best birds to keep, all because there was no other Roller fancier near, and because singing contests were too far away for me to get into touch with other fanciers who did know, and who would have told me the names of the various tours as the birds sang them.

(Continued on page 320.)

BY F. O'SULLIVAN, CORK.

I STARTED with a little Roller cock which was given to me by a friend early in the month of August two years ago. I procured a medium size buff Yorkshire hen to mate with the cock, who was of a very rich yellow, but kept both birds separate until the following spring, giving each bird an ordinary diet of plain canary seed, a little apple twice or three times a week, and a small quantity of egg food which I made myself.

When the long-looked-for spring came, I added to the hen's diet a little watercress and some cuttlefish bone, the former given about twice a week. I gave the cock larger quantities of egg food than before, and let him have it more frequently, and soon I decided to pair up the birds.

I made a double breeding cage, with a wire slide to fit in, and placed the birds into the separate compartments. The cock at first was very quiet, and would not even chirrup, but as time went on he made himself more at home, and began calling to his companion at the other side of the slide. Singing very loudly, he began to climb up the wires of the slide and tried to get into the hen's compartment. Seeing this was a failure, he fed the hen through the slide.

The hen soon began to settle down to work, and showed signs of nesting. Having put some cow-hair through the wires of the cage, I then put in a nest pan, fitted with a swans-down lining, and a few days afterwards she had made her home.

When I removed the wire slide the cock at once flew to the hen as if to tear her, but soon afterwards quietened down and began to feed her as usual. Seven days elapsed, and I noticed the hen lying very snug in her nest. I did not disturb her, although, like many beginners, I was anxious to see if she had laid an egg.

I put some dandelion at the bottom of the cage, some fresh water in her drinker, and waited patiently for her to leave her nest. Soon afterwards she came from her nest to partake of what was put into the cage. Having a chance to see her nest I went over to the cage very quietly, looked in her nest, and saw what I expected, an egg.

I removed the egg and placed it in bran, putting a china egg to replace the one taken out. Having done this until she finished laying, I put back the eggs, which amounted to five, to the nest, and kept her quiet to hatch them. I had in the meantime taken the cock away and put him out of hearing into another room.

Giving the hen a little Epsom salts in the water, and a little egg food twice a day, I left her quiet in her nest until seven days had elapsed. On the seventh morning I decided to try the eggs, and, going to the cage with a little egg food in a vessel, I easily coaxed the hen from her nest.

Whisky as an Embrocation.

Having looked at the eggs through a little hole which I made in the centre of a black cover of a book, I found the five eggs were quite black. On the fourth morning after trying the eggs I found the hen down at the bottom of the cage rolled up like a ball of wool and panting greatly. This startled me a bit, but I took things coolly, and decided to try and do the best I could.

I procured half a glass of best Scotch whisky, put a little in an egg drawer, and dipped her beak into it, but she would not open her beak, so I dipped my finger in the whisky and rubbed it lightly around her stomach. This seemed to have a little effect, and she got a little better, and I then heated some milk and soaked a little sponge biscuit with it and left it in the cage until I had my day's work finished.

Going to her after my work in the evening, I found that she was, in fact, worse than when I left her in the morning, so I repeated the treatment, rolled her up in a little flannel, and put her inside my shirt and left her there for a while. The heat of my body worked wonders, and in ten minutes she was as lively as could be. I put her back on her eggs, which I had covered with sawdust while she was away, and the following morning she laid a soft egg, which had been the cause of her sickness.

Three days afterwards she hatched out her five eggs, and reared the young on the egg food given her. This egg food, I may mention, was given three times a day, fresh each time, with a little maw and niger sprinkled over it. When the young were 17 days old two of them came out of their nest and sang in a broken melody; the other three came out the following day, those were hens. They all fed well with the mother until they were fully a month old.

I gave her a rest of a week, and put the cock back again. She laid seven eggs this time, and reared five birds out of the seven, one being dead in the shell and the other egg clear. This year the same hen nested, and hatched out ten young in two clutches. Next year I hope to have a few birds from her fit to exhibit.

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Twitterings.

I have removed from 6, High Street, to 15, Damacre Road, Brechin, writes Mr. John Craig.

The open show of the Blaenavon C.B.S. has been fixed for Nov. 9. Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham, will judge.

Warrington C.B.S. is holding its Nest Feather show on July 1, at the Blue Bell Sale Rooms, writes Mr. H. Warburton, Hon. Sec. Ilkeston C.B.S. will hold its F.F. show on June 17 at the Royal Oak Inn, Cotmanhay; birds to be staged at 5. Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. All fanciers are welcome, writes Mr. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

A correspondent to the "Manchester Evening News" says that the Lesser Whitethroat seems to be getting more abundant, and that he counted the songs of eleven during a ride across Cheshire.

The collection of African birds in the McLean Museum, Greenock, has been enriched by the addition of more than a hundred birds not before represented. These have been contributed by the donor of the original collection, Mr. R. L. Scott.

Southern Hungarian peasants, unable to buy meat, are killing and eating the song-birds, so that the forests are rapidly being denuded of their bird population, and insects are multiplying rapidly and eating the leaves off the trees.

"I beg to thank you for the lovely sketch of my Greenfinch; I am indeed pleased with it," writes Mr. W. Fairhurst. "Please convey my best thanks to your artist, Mr. Goodchild. Anything I can do for CAGE BIRDS will be a pleasure."

Our Front Page Drawings.

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The June issue of "British Birds," Messrs. Witherby, 326, High Holborn, 1s. monthly, opens a new volume, No. 10. Mr. J. H. Owen begins "Some Breeding Habits of the Sparrow-Hawk," by an account of some observations of the actions of the brooding hen in protecting her young from drenching rain; and Mr. Witherby continues his valuable "Moult of the British Passeres." Nothing could be more useful to the student of British birds than these authoritative statements as to their changes of plumage according to their age or to the season of the year.

Starlings and Fruit.

Those who cultivate land for profit are at this season of the year kept in a state of perpetual irritation by the birds, says "Country Life," and it is very *à propos* that a considerable amount of space should be devoted to them in the new number of the Journal of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. Investigation into the feeding habits of birds has been going on at Wye College and at University College, Manchester. Both in Kent and Lancashire the Starling is very tenderly treated, which is a little surprising. Whatever any investigator may say, fruit growers know only too well that it is becoming annually more difficult to grow cherries in the open air without protection, and it is not very easy to place nets over a big cherry tree. On farms the cherries bloom profusely every May, a beautiful crop is brought to perfection, and then, just when it is going to be gathered, the starlings sweep down and in a single day clear the trees of every eatable cherry.

Allow me to thank you, on behalf of the members of Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S., for publishing in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, May 6, a report of Mr. Walter Connelly's paper on Canary Management, given to the Club at the meeting on April 26, writes Mr. A. K. Hunter, sec.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged, and friends who may not be members of the respective societies will be welcome to join: Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S., June 10. Book to Thorntonhall by 3.3 train from Central Station; train calls at Eglinton St., Strathbungo, and Crossmyloof. Halifax O.S., June 10, to Stockmoor and Kirkburton; meet at G.P.O., Commercial St., 2. Macclesfield C.B.S., June 18; meet at Park Green P.O. at 9. Garston B.B.A. and North Liverpool C.B.S., joint ramble June 11 to Oglet; meet Garston car terminus at 2.30.

Owing to the shortage of paper there will be no Second Edition this year of

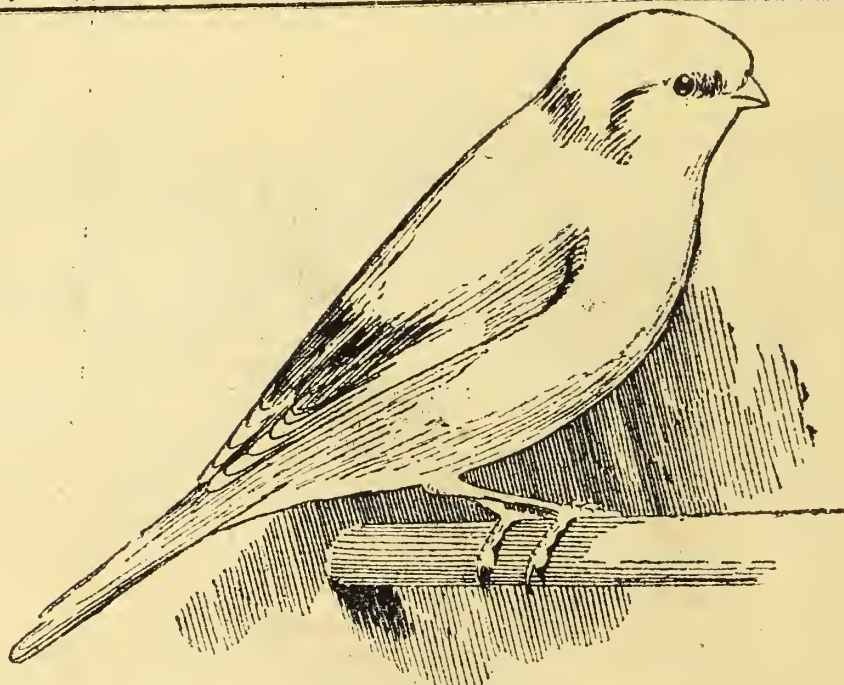
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A Beginner's Experiences in Canary Breeding.

By E. FAIRHURST, Kirkburton.

I HAVE kept birds a good many years, but until recently have not done much breeding. I started seriously to breed Canaries three years ago, and the first season saw me with one pair of Yorkshires. From this pair I had three nests, and all the eggs were fertile, but the young were dead in the shell.

The second year, that was last season, I had one pair of Yorks and two pairs of Norwich, and from them I had six nests. In four of the nests all the eggs were fertile, but they failed to hatch out.

After losing so many young dead in the shell, I decided to alter my tactics. I thought about it, and wondered whether it was through an inefficient supply of sand disabling the birds from making a proper shell for their eggs. That being so, the contents would soon be robbed of their moisture, and the inner skin of the shell would become tough and resistive.

I am a firm believer in using sawdust for the cage bottoms, and have come to the conclusion that that is what has been my biggest drawback. The last two nests I had last year I substituted sand in the cage bottom when

the hens began to nest, and the result was that every one of the eggs were fertile, and all hatched out, though I only managed to rear two out of eight young birds.

Use sawdust by all means, but not when the hen is nesting, for that is the time when it is most essential to use sand. I have realised that since I used sand during the breeding season I have not had one case of egg-binding or of young being dead in the shell.

Whatever kind of nesting material you use, always see that it is well cleansed, and you will have no red mite. I generally use brown cow-hair and moss, but before using I thoroughly wash it in hot water, in which has been placed a little Ical, about half a teaspoonful to a quart of water, and after rinsing and wringing place in the oven to dry. This process removes all the dust, and makes the stuff antiseptic, and those who follow the same course will not be pestered with red mite.

I believe in everyone using his own judgment in regard to the feeding of young, but will give the results of my own experiments. I have discontinued the use of maw-seed since I lost six young with it. I give my birds for the first seven days two parts of hard-boiled egg to one part prepared egg food, or cod liver oil food. I use Liverine, Ltd., preparation.

After the first seven days I give equal parts hard-boiled egg, soaked rape-seed, and prepared egg-food, and a few dandelion leaves daily. I soak the rape-seed in boiling water, strain, and mix in the dry food to a crumbly paste. I have five sturdy youngsters this season, fed as I have stated above.

The Hoopoe in Surrey.

On May 17, says C. O. Capel, Surrey, writing to "Country Life," I was sitting on my lawn, at about 5.30, with a relation, and a Hoopoe came down close to us, and began digging into the grass and feeding busily. He was in beautiful plumage, with a fine crest. I have not seen the bird since. I have seen one before in Kent, but never here.

[The Hoopoe is known to have nested in all our south coast counties, and in Surrey and Wiltshire. It is to be hoped that the bird mentioned will escape the attention of the "man with the gun."—EDITOR CAGE BIRDS.]

THE BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT OF CANARIES.

By Mr. J. GRIFFITHS,

Chairman of the Tredegar C.B.S.

IF you are wishful to become a successful fancier it will be necessary to study your birds thoroughly. Success cannot be gained by merely giving seeds and water to your birds, and letting them go their own way. Study them, and if anything goes wrong in your stock you will be able to remedy it, though, no doubt, exceptional cases happen sometimes. As the breeding season draws near each year our expectations and disappointments begin, but my experience is that the more ill-luck a fancier has, the more he is determined to succeed.

Old birds are usually fit for pairing about the middle of March, but young birds should not be paired up before the middle of April, as they are not always fully developed until then. Let your breeding hens have plenty of exercise; I generally turn them into the flight until a month before pairing up (the first week in April). I then put them singly into a cage in which they are intended to breed, giving them a little inga seed, and a little egg food as the breeding season comes on. Some fanciers believe in mixing cod liver oil food with ordinary egg food, as it is more heating.

When I find the cock birds in full song, and the hens bouncing from perch to perch, I hang the cock birds in show cages on the breeding cages for a couple of days, and when I see them feeding through the cage wires, I at once turn them in with their intended partners. In nine out of ten cases they set to, and have a "battle royal," but it soon wears away, and peace is proclaimed.

As a general rule, you may look out for the first egg from ten days to a fortnight after mating up. I usually remove the eggs as they are laid; this I do by the aid of a teaspoon, and substitute a dummy egg in the place of each. On the evening of the third day the eggs are replaced in the nest, and the cock bird is taken away. I give hens whilst sitting Spanish canary seed.

I line my nest pans, not too deep, with thick felt linings, which I gum or sew to the nest pan, and I take care that all perches are fixed quite firmly in the cage, as slack, wobbly perches are the cause of a lot of unfertile eggs, through the hen not being able to keep steady during mating. For the cage bottoms during breeding time I prefer sand.

On the evening before the day the youngsters are due, I place in the egg drawer a small quantity of pure yolk of egg, so that the hen can feed early in the morning. I give pure yolk of egg only for the first three days, then I give egg and bread, dandelion leaves (some fanciers prefer watercress), and crushed hemp. I advise feeding three times a day, a small quantity to be given each time; if large quantities are given the hen gets fat and lazy, and neglects her offspring.

If you should ever have a sweating hen, I have found the following treatment most successful:—A dose of Parrish's Chemical Food every other day; keep green-food away, if possible, but if not, give sparingly. Also keep hemp away. Put a lump of flower of brimstone in drinker, and keep it in while breeding.

The method I adopt to wean the young birds is to leave same with the hen as long as not interfered with; if so, I hang on the nursery cage, and keep on the egg food, gradually reducing the same with rape (soaked for 48 to 50 hours, dry with a cloth before giving to birds), crushed hemp, and canary seed, until put on colour food. Their digestive organs are unable to stand the strain of hard seed, and if given too young the intestines, etc., become irritated, and they go off. I allow them water, and also a bath, which they appreciate.

To prevent birds getting puffy, instead of egg food I give bread and milk twice a week. Do not overcrowd young birds together, not even in large flights, as at the age of six to eight weeks they have not the stamina to stand the strain of so much exercise, and it will also cause plucking.

THE BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT OF EXHIBITION CANARIES.

By J. A. GREENSLADE, Bristol.

A Lecture read before the members of the Bristol C.B.S.

WHEN desirous of commencing to keep and breed exhibition Canaries, or to improve existing stock, one wants to do so at the proper and best time, and, to my mind, there is no time like the show season to do so, as at that period one sees the birds at their best, and is better able to form opinions of what is required. There is also the opportunity of wintering the birds oneself, which I consider a great benefit.

Having made up one's mind what is required, the best way is to visit as many shows as possible, or if unable to do this, to carefully follow the reports of shows, with the idea of finding an exhibitor that is fairly successful in showing plenty of unfledged birds, both cocks and hens, yellows and buffs. (One good bird, although perhaps a champion, is not good enough.)

The Hall Mark of a Good Singer.

Another thing to watch for, if able to see his birds on the bench, is to look for a similarity of type, special good features and characteristics, running through all his exhibits, as, to my view, this denotes a fixed and reliable good strain.

Having found such a fancier, and they are to be found, put yourself in his hands, no matter whether he be a "great gun" or a working man. I feel sure he will treat you to your satisfaction, providing, of course, you do not expect such high-class stock as his would be, at little more than songster prices.

A good many beginners waste long years of patience, and a lot of money, buying from all and sundry, but the surest and quickest way to success is to buy all you require from one source, and not too many to commence with, say, two cocks and four hens, not necessarily to use two hens for each cock, but to have a spare hen by you if you should require it.

Having been suited, and become the proud possessor of what we hope is going to be a foundation of our own strain of winner producers, the next thing is, where to keep them. Many advise an outdoor birdhouse, but I have always thought to have one satisfactorily damp-proof, and one able to avoid great fluctuations of temperature, would entail a large capital expense, and I have, therefore, had to content myself with an upstairs room, and do my best to keep sweet the domestic powers that be, in which direction, I am glad to say, I have always been very successful.

A Southern Aspect Not Essential.

I have many times seen stated that we want a room facing south, but here let me say the lack of south aspect need not be a deterrent to any would-be fancier.

I have had rooms at different times facing practically all points of the compass, and at present due north, but I think, if I had the choice, I should have one facing west. It certainly would not be south for the following reasons. In the spring the sun brings your birds in breeding trim much too early, then, when the hot weather arrives, you find you have a difficulty in getting any feeding done, and lose many of the second round thereby. Then, when the moulting season is on (although granted they moult much quicker), you have a hard job to keep the colour from disappearing as soon as it shows, and before the bird is moulted enough to have the colour fixed, beside having much more trouble with insect pests.

Having procured a room to our satisfaction, either outdoors or indoors, we should first see that it is well ventilated, and if an indoor room is used under no circumstances entirely stop up the chimney, as it makes an ideal ventilating shaft. If at times there should be too much draught, it is best scattered by fixing finely-perforated zinc to the fireplace on a wooden frame.

Regarding cages, the first important thing to bear in mind is to have every cage a uniform height and breadth, to make a neat stack, and economise valuable room; besides, nothing looks more unsightly than an assortment of odd sizes.

I advise at all times (of course, except when breeding) a separate cage for each cock, and to save room and expense it is a good plan to have your breeding cages so constructed that a division can be placed in the middle, thereby making each into two store cages suitable for cocks.

My reason for emphasising the separating of cocks is because, if not so kept, they fight and squabble, until one or more gets seriously injured, or if not actually injured, become so subdued as to be of little use when mating time comes, while the victor, or cock of the walk, is just the opposite, becoming

too precocious, and spending his vitality singing and fighting, before you are ready.

The hens should be placed in flights, which should be at least 3ft. 6in. or 4ft. long, and the number of hens to each flight should not be too many, about six at the outside, less if possible. Cage economy can again be studied in the construction of flight cages, because if a division is also provided for in these, two admirable breeders can be made of each flight cage.

I am a great believer in a plain diet for both sexes all through the winter and early

birds are lost annually even by old fanciers through not having sufficient grit regularly handy for the birds to swallow, and thereby keep their gizzards full enough to grind the foods properly, and assist the gastric fluids.

If those that have heretofore only used sand would try grit as usually sold for chickens and pigeons, which is mainly composed of flint, they would be astonished at the amount consumed by both sexes, and would soon see an improvement in their stock, beside laying the ghost of the old sand tradition.

I have given the go-by to the large Spanish seed, as large as you can get, and I find that for winter use the small brown variety is much preferable, especially for hens, as on this seed they seem much more active and lively, and do not put on the fat nearly so much. Another thing in its favour is it is much cheaper, which is important in these days.

Under such winter treatment as I have tried to describe they should keep in rollicking health and condition, and I wish to emphasise that the winter management is of the

water paint procured in paste form with petrifying fluid is as good as anything, both for walls and cages. A good thing in its favour is that red mites avoid it. I find they will leave alone a cage that has been treated with it, and will occupy one that has been enamelled standing next to it.

The Importance of Method.

After the cleaning has been effected, it is a great advantage to place each hen in the breeding cage allotted to her, number the cages, write the numbers and the description of the inmates into a register, which everyone should keep for breeding records, and future reference.

Under this plan the hens should get a few weeks (about two at the least) to settle down comfortably and get used to their breeding quarters. They may now be given a pinch of niger seed three times a week, as well as a cube of mutton suet hung on the wires, as both of these help the ovary to become in a suitable condition for easy egg production.

The cocks by now should be in stout and lusty song, and can be given the previously mentioned seed mixture on alternate days, which, after the plain diet of the winter months, will make them as anxious to commence breeding operations as the most enthusiastic of us could wish.

Under no circumstances do I believe it advisable or profitable to start until the latter end of March. What says the immortal William (not William the Hun)? "Beware of the Ides of March." This is applicable to the Canary breeder as well as to Shakespeare's hero.

Many advocate placing the cock in a separate cage or behind a wire partition during the early courting days to prevent serious quarrelling and fighting, but I have never found this necessary, and find they settle down to business in earnest if both cock and hen are in proper mettle.

From the time they are put together the mixed seed can be continued, also on other days just a little egg-food is beneficial; a leaf or two of young dandelion can also be given, but this should be kept indoors in water for a day before being given to the birds.

A cube of cuttlefish or a lump of limey old mortar, hand-made, of the old-fashioned sort, is a good thing to supply. Also fowl eggshells can be used by first placing in the oven to get them brittle and then pounding them up into tiny fragments (not dust). From these sources, which contain various limes and salts, I believe the bird derives the chemical substances which cover her eggs, and not so much from purely gritty substances as many opine.

How to Make Nest Linings.

When they seem to be settled down the nest pan with a little nest-making material should be placed in the cage. The best nest pan to clean and replace, as well as the most sanitary, is the perforated red terra cotta, lined with swansdown lining.

These linings are easily replaced when necessary by getting one yard of swansdown lining from a shop that supplies tailors' trimmings. Cut it into squares about 5½ inches square, and then, pulling the opposite corners over the top of a block of wood with a thick blunt point, to get the shape, stick them in the pans with paste. Office paste is a good thing, a 4½d. pot will last the whole season without getting sour, and it is always ready. Trim the edges round with a sharp pair of scissors after the lining is stuck in and you have it again as when first purchased.

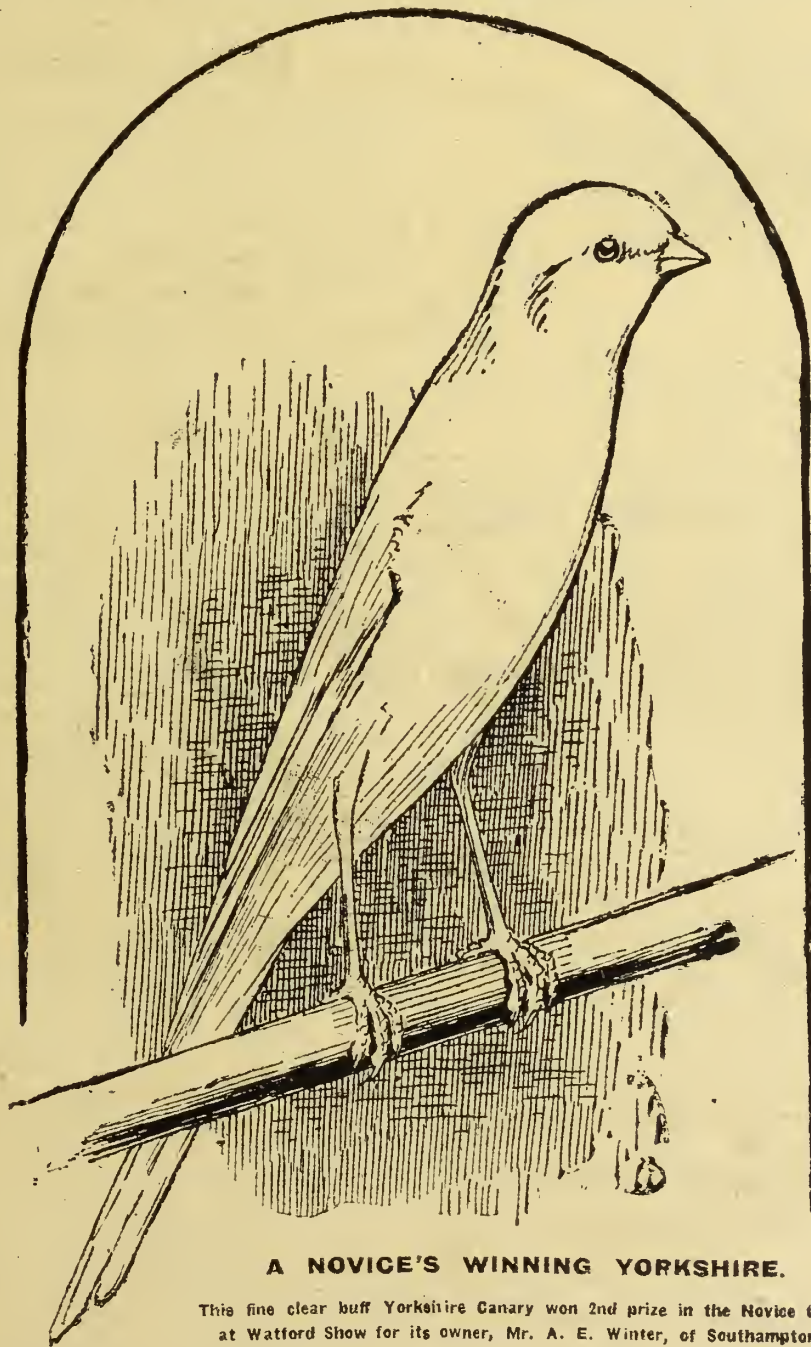
The nesting material should only be given at first in very small quantities for them to play with; some never do anything but play with it, and waste a lot, while others will make themselves ever so "comfy." Even if they don't make a nest at all, it does not matter. The material has given them something to do, and fixes their minds more on housekeeping than if they had none.

I like to see them make a nest for the first round, as they are so much warmer during the early spring nights, but if they don't make them I don't bother or interfere. With the second round I never give nesting material, and if I did they would hardly have time to use it, neither do they want it for warmth.

When the eggs arrive take them away each morning, and place them in bran in a chocolate-box that has been divided into sections and numbered to correspond with numbers on the cages. Replace them under the hen the evening of the day on which the third egg is laid, then make an entry of the date in your register, so that you may know when they are due to hatch.

In most cases it is well to take away the cock at this juncture, and cage him separately and leave the hen to sit and rear the young herself; some hens won't submit to this, and of course the cock must then be left.

(To be continued.)



This fine clear buff Yorkshire Canary won 2nd prize in the Novice Class at Watford Show for its owner, Mr. A. E. Winter, of Southampton.

spring, and I give plain canary as a staple diet, with red rape in a separate vessel about three times a week in quantities of half teaspoonful to each bird.

A Variety of "Tit-Bits."

On the days that rape is not given a supply of soft sweet apple, boiled carrot, white cabbage stump, Brussels sprouts halved, or white leaves of celery, may be given during mild weather with advantage, but care should be used if the weather is frosty. Of course, don't give it all, but whichever is handy, giving preference in the order mentioned.

Should we experience a severe spell of cold weather during the winter these items are best cut out, and a mixture of hemp, niger, linseed, teazel, maw, and crushed groats is a good help, if not given too frequently.

Another item which I consider indispensable in keeping birds healthy during the dull dark months is a plentiful supply of grit, not sand. I have very little faith in the bird sand of commerce, and consider it of small value, as only about 10 per cent. of it is large enough to be of use. I am sure hundreds of good

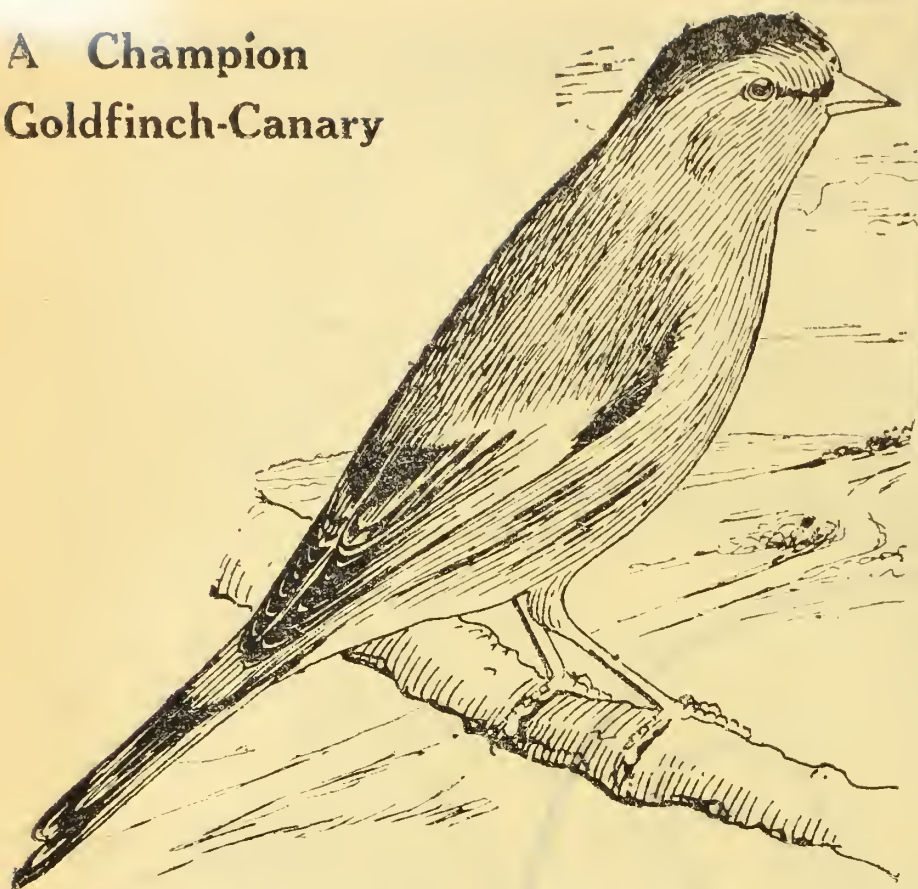
utmost importance, specially for hens, as I am sure that 90 per cent. of the breeding season trouble that many always get is the direct outcome of bad management during the winter months, resulting in the hens becoming dull, fat, and sluggish.

This diet and general treatment will suit both sexes until after the spring cleaning (which, of course, is always necessary), as I am of the opinion that it is better to let your birds' own good health and strong vitality bring them into a natural condition of mating, than to force them with a lot of rich and oily foods into a premature breeding condition, as many do, only to be checked by the cold weather.

The first week in March should see our birdy spring cleaning; commence by thoroughly cleaning and redecorating where necessary, first the room, then all cages and utensils, both those in daily use and any spare ones. Here let me say, don't let this conflict with the annual domestic upheaval.

Some use whitewash and others enamel for cages, but I find a good distemper or

A Champion Goldfinch-Canary



The Young Dark Goldfinch Mule in our picture is the property of Mr Peter McQuiston of Ayr. Although opportunities last season were few, it won 1st prizes at Carlisle, Glasgow and District, Glasgow Red Cross Show, Cowdenbeath, Larkhall, etc.

HOW TO CAPTURE THE CANARY TRADE. WHAT BRITAIN CAN DO.

A FURTHER discussion on the important question of the capture of the German Canary trade took place at a meeting of the Canary Trade Committee, held at the Offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet St., London, on June 5. Present: Messrs. F. Carl (chairman), G. Crabb, W. T. East, H. J. Full-james, H. W. Gutierrez, A. Howard, H. J. Kybert, E. C. Last, G. H. Maclellan, J. W. Ramsden, J. Robson, W. H. Vale, and the organising secretary.

An interesting letter, discussing the scheme of the Central Committee, and making suggestions was received from the Lochgelly Cage Bird Society. It was discussed and marked down for further consideration at a future date.

Mr. A. Howard, of J. Howard and Sons, London and Norwich, attended the meeting at the invitation of the committee, and very frankly gave the members the benefit of his large experience, answering many important questions in a way which enabled the committee to form accurate views as to the possibilities of the British Canary Trade in relation to German competition.

We are unable to give an actual report of what transpired, because certain questions were answered on the understanding that the discussion would be regarded as private and confidential, but it is possible, without any breach of confidence, to give one or two conclusions to be drawn from the debate.

A Golden Opportunity.

Approximate figures were given relating to British and German exports between Germany and the United States, and Britain and the United States, and it was made perfectly clear, not only that there is an enormous trade in Canaries to be captured from the Germans, but also that it can be captured if certain methods of organisation are adopted, and if Canary breeders of all classes will co-operate with the organisation.

Perhaps the most interesting question discussed was whether British breeders could reasonably expect to succeed against the Germans if they continued to breed the same high quality of birds which has won them their present reputation, or whether it would be necessary to breed a common class of Canary with a trained song, like that exported from Germany.

The view was emphatically expressed that the British Canary can easily hold its own against the German bird, either in this country, or in the States, or in the Colonies, and "the better the bird the better the price."

It is true that the dealers meet with customers who will have Rollers, and that no-

thing else will satisfy them. On the other hand English Roller breeders are now producing birds of this type which will certainly challenge the position held by the German variety.

But for the bulk of the trade the British bred birds of colour and type are wanted, the only bar to their complete success over the German bred birds being that they are not produced in sufficient numbers. In other words, the supply is not equal to the demand, and the German birds come in to fill the gap.

The impression conveyed by the discussion was that, given sufficiency of supply, and satisfactory organisation, the British bred birds could undoubtedly oust the German birds from the market.

Even in normal times there should be no difficulty in competing with the Germans, because if Norwich and Yorkshire birds were to be had, the bulk of the bird-buying public in the States would not look at a German bird. They will have birds, and if they cannot get British-bred Canaries they, of course, take the Germans. The birds which they want can be counted in hundreds of thousands, and show birds will always fetch fancy prices either here or in America.

Help the Wounded Soldiers.

In the course of the meeting the wounded soldiers scheme was discussed, and a large number of applications were produced showing the need of a very large number of birds, and considerable sums of money, if these deserving cases are to be satisfied, and the gallant boys who have been disabled in the war for the benefit of those at home, are to be enabled to make a new start in bird breeding.

Many of the applications are from fanciers who had to sell out their stock before enlisting, and are now reduced to such circumstances that it is quite impossible for them to buy new stocks out of their scanty resources.

The breeding season is now in full swing, and there must be hundreds of breeders who would gladly mark down a few young birds, to be given at the end of the season in aid of the wounded heroes who so sorely need them.

As showing that the Central Committee is in deadly earnest, it was decided to send out circulars to all bird societies, inviting them to appoint local representatives to assist the Central Committee in its work. It is hoped that each society will take the matter up seriously, realising that the increased success of the Fancy in the future depends upon the success of the scheme to capture the German trade in Canaries.

The Roller Canary: Its Feeding and Training for Song.

By JESSIE LAWSON (Preston.)

(Continued from p. 273.)

THERE is considerable difference in character between the Hartz Mountain Roller and the Norwich Canary; the Norwich are very much more affectionate, and more easily tamed than the Rollers, which are very suspicious of people, even of those who rear them from the nest. The Rollers are always very wild, even though kept with tame birds, but it is characteristic of the Norwich to gain confidence in their owner.

The Norwich hens, I think, are exceedingly fascinating; they are such little coquettes. Even my Hartz Roller cocks agree on this point, for even they show preference for these. When I want the Roller hens to captivate I have to remove the little coquettes, which otherwise draw all the attention, and the Rollers get left on the shelf.

Hens in Rivalry.

It is very amusing to let a Norwich and Roller hen fly loose in the bird room, keeping the cocks caged up. The Norwich, who believes in making herself scarce, after inspecting the cock in his apartments, will fly away out of his sight, while the Roller will sit under his nose all the time trying to look her best. The Norwich remains in the background until the cock, in his most persuasive tones, calls her back, and when this is continued for some time she condescends to reappear, making the poor little Roller quite envious, to the extent of fighting with the Norwich hen, until the latter again disappears; then war wages between the cock and Roller hen, and after this she sees it is hopeless.

When the baby Rollers reach the age of nine or ten weeks they ought to have a Schoolmaster to teach them how to sing properly; just as our voices require training, so do theirs. The choosing of a Schoolmaster is very important indeed, and a person who is really musical ought to be the one to choose the Schoolmaster, as it really requires a trained sensitive ear to detect some of their faults, which perhaps are only heard occasionally, especially as some people are not averse to high, shrill notes, which a trainer should certainly not have.

Of course, one must admit that even a very good Roller has some fault or other, but this is allowable if the fault is not repeated more than once or twice during its song, and is not a very objectionable one. It is always the best when choosing a Schoolmaster to have several on approval, and compare their voices. The baby Rollers ought to have singing lessons up to ten or twelve months old, and should be caged off separately always.

One usually hears it said that the Rollers make the best mothers, but I have found the Norwich hens far more reliable, so for this reason I always have a Norwich hen sitting at the same time as the Rollers, and when the latter do not feed their young I always transfer them to the nest of my Norwich, who makes an admirable foster mother.

An Extra Special Offer.

During the week Mr. A. Cooper, the superintendent of Children's Homes in Mile End, London, was good enough to call at the offices of CAGE BIRDS, and to make a magnificent offer.

Mr. Cooper has eight cages, each 3ft. long, 18 inches high, and 11 inches deep, all freshly enamelled, completely equipped with appliances, and in all respects equal to new. Each cage has a sliding compartment converting it into two separate cages. Another cage is 3ft. long, 2ft. 6in. high, and 11 inches deep, and in all other respects similar to the rest.

He has three Norwich cocks and seven Norwich hens, all bred from winning stock. These birds are related and should form a most valuable nucleus for building up a strain. They have been kept throughout the winter in the outdoor aviary, in which they are now flying, and are in absolutely perfect health; no bird is more than two years old.

There are also four Goldfinch Canary mules, sex not stated, and an Orange Bishop just coming into colour. This bird was privately imported, and has won a 2nd prize on the show-bench.

Mr. Cooper has quoted us a very nominal figure for this grand lot of birds and cages, and all that we can get over this amount is to go to the benefit of the fund for re-starting disabled soldiers in their hobby.

We shall be pleased, therefore, to receive offers for any item or the entire lot. The nine cages above would be an acquisition to the best appointed bird room, or they would be a splendid property in the fitting up of a room for bird-keeping of any kind. Their

There are three diseases common to Roller Canaries. Inflammation of the intestines is a common disease amongst all Canaries, and is due to various causes, such as cold, moulting, or improper feeding. In Roller Canaries it may be set up through giving them hemp seed, which is most injurious to them, and often fatal, so I am going to relate how I killed my first Roller with hemp seed.

The first Roller I ever had was eight weeks old when I bought him in July. I fed him on mixed seed, the same as my Norwich Canaries. In October I purchased my seed at a different shop, and this mixture contained a great deal more hemp seed. I continued feeding him on this new seed until December, when he became ill.

One morning I noticed him looking very fat and puffy, and not at all well. I immediately thought the room was too cold for him, so carried him downstairs into a warm room, but the next day he was worse, so I took him to a bird-shop keeper, who told me it was inflammation, and he recommended very little seed, and Liverine in the drinking water.

Some Simple Remedies.

The following day he was still worse, and as evening came I saw my little Roller was not long for this world, so I went to a bird friend from whom I bought him. She told me what to give him, but it was too late, he died that night.

This was the remedy, which is splendid for inflammation: A piece of bread moistened by boiling water, and a drop of milk, then sprinkle on a little raw sugar and maw seed, and a few drops of olive oil. This is all the food a bird suffering from this complaint should have. The symptoms are excessive fatness, and the bird very puffed out, with feathers very rough, and eyes very dull, and the bird crouches to its perch.

Bronchitis is prevalent amongst all Canaries owing to the sudden changes of our climate. The signs of this complaint are breathing accompanied by wheezing and rattling, and frequent coughing. The bird appears dull and quiet. Before attempting a cure, give an aperient. Then in the water give three drops of solution of tar three or four times a week only, as it is poisonous. Bread and milk, with a little raw sugar sprinkled on, and a few drops of glycerine. For another meal give hard-boiled egg and bread crumbs, mixed with cod liver oil. If the bird is only a nestling don't give solution of tar, but a few drops of whisky and glycerine.

Roller cocks often suffer from hoarseness and loss of voice. The symptoms are merely inability to get some of their notes, and their voice sounds rusty. Sometimes they lose their voices completely. The cure for this is glycerine and whisky, and a lump of sugar covered with glycerine put in the bars. Bread and milk, the same as for bronchitis, only, instead of sugar, a little niger seed sprinkled over.

uniform size makes them especially valuable to the purchaser of the lot, and their complete equipment renders them available for the keeping of either Canaries, British, or Foreign birds.

Mr. Cooper's address is 17, Cottage Grove, Bow, London, E., and he will be pleased to show the cages and birds to anyone on appointment. Onright offers may be sent direct to the Organising Secretary, CAGE BIRDS Offices, 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

A NOTE TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

How to Make an Application.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Committee at the meeting held May 29, wounded or otherwise disabled soldiers who require assistance in re-starting their hobby of Canary breeding will expedite attention to their applications if they will send their discharge papers or a certified copy of the same, and will also state whether (1) they have already any birds, (2) what kind of birds or appliances they need, (3) whether they are married or single, and, if married, how many children are dependent upon them, (4) their wages and pension, if any. They must also say that they are prepared to make a genuine attempt to breed Canaries if assistance is granted. We need hardly say that all communications will be treated as being strictly confidential, and that no use whatever will be made of them excepting in the interests of the applicants.

Correspondence.

Hen Bullfinches and Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read Mrs. G. Christie's letter in last week's *CAGE BIRDS*, and beg to say that for the last fortnight my cock Canary has been feeding the hen Bullfinch. The hen Bullfinch up with the Siberian cock Goldfinch has laid one egg only; this was on May 29.

CANARY-BULLFINCH.

The Clashing of Show Dates at Coventry.

SIR,—Will you be kind enough to notify through your valuable weekly *CAGE BIRDS*, that the Coventry Godiva C.B.S. are forced to cancel our open show this season for the reason that the Coventry O.S. have fixed their open show three days previous to our date, although our date was fixed on Dec. 6, 1915, and was notified in *CAGE BIRDS* in *Twitterings* about a week later. As we had to alter our date last season for the same reason, our members feel very sore, and hope in the future that a better fanciers' spirit will prevail.

F. A. GREEN, Hon. Sec.

Two Kinds of Virginian Cardinals.

SIR,—Re your interesting picture of the Virginian Cardinal in last week's *CAGE BIRDS*, I wonder how many of your readers are aware of the fact that there are two distinct kinds of this interesting bird. I lived in Virginia for many years, and took considerable interest in this particular species of Cardinal Grosbeak (*Loxia Cardinalis*). The one you reproduce is the common Virginian Cardinal, not the "Nightingale," and is more interesting for plumage than song. It is much brighter in colour than the "Gale." This bird has a pale bill, and legs of similar hue. Its song, while admired by some, is a monotonous piping, which it continually repeats, and which, to me, is very tiresome and unattractive. Both have crests.

The real Virginian "Gale" is much darker in colour, has a dark purple beak, and legs of the same colour. In fact, many assert that the ordinary Cardinal is the female of the other. This, however, is not correct, as they are two distinct birds. Very few of the genuine Virginian Nightingale have been exported. They are difficult to trap, being one of the shyest of American birds, and if not taken very young invariably die in captivity. Their song is exquisite, and far exceeds that of the Mocking Bird. In fact, I don't know—having heard both—that our own English "Gale" is at all superior. The song of the American bird is much louder, has a greater roll, and is much more continuous. While the bird is, to a certain extent, a seed-eater, it also feeds largely on insects, and the mosquito seems its favourite tit-bit. I am inclined to the belief that death in captivity is due to inability to supply it with this particular form of food. It is also much larger and more slender than the Cardinal, and its bill is not nearly so stunted.

J. H. HANSON, M.B.

The Value of Pedigree Breeding.

SIR,—There are two letters in this week's issue of *CAGE BIRDS* that particularly interest me; these are "The Value of Pedigree Breeding," by Mr. Crawhall, and "Hints on Line-Breeding Wanted," by "Beejay." Undoubtedly the subject of heredity and pedigree breeding is one that is little understood by the majority of bird breeders, and yet if fanciers only knew the value of some knowledge of the subject, they would take every opportunity to glean all they could from breeders of live stock of all kinds.

Many of the laws relating to the reproduction of stock apply equally to animals, birds, and plants, and yet if at any time one strives to illustrate one's ideas by reference to cattle or poultry, he is met by incredulous smiles or some such remark as "What has that to do with birds?" Yet we owe a good deal of our knowledge to outside experience. The pedigree book is not an innovation of the Canary breeder. Most fanciers, I fear, do not keep this as they should, but I am glad to see that Mr. Crawhall is not one of them; the page from his book should be an object-lesson to those who only pretend to do it.

To be able to trace back the parentage of any given bird is always a pleasing and instructive task, and at times absolutely necessary to the scientific breeder. If I understand Mr. Crawhall's letter correctly, he is striving to acquire some knowledge on the production of colour, and is utilising buff cocks to produce buffs. Now, unless he is also using yellow cocks with the object of producing yellow, I fear he will be somewhat misled in his experiments. Colour in both animals and birds, we know, is regulated in a manner by the laws of heredity as ex-

pounded by Mendel, and throughout the Canary world buff colour is undoubtedly the dominant colour. It is therefore more easily bred than yellow, but I have proved from experience that where yellows in any number are bred from a given pair, one of that pair possesses the yellow blood to a degree that dominates the buff blood of his or her partner, and by taking advantage of this knowledge one can considerably enhance the number of yellows produced in the stock.

Now, although all this appears so simple, when stated in this manner, there are many side issues, such as how and in what way the birds were bred, their relation to one another, etc., so that the subject is almost bewildering to any but a thoughtful breeder.

As regards in-breeding, one can say much for and against it. Where carried on for any length of time, there is loss of size, constitutional vigour, and fertility, and one could add in the case of birds loss of density of feather. These defects in a room of birds are difficult to detect, because they accumulate slowly, and the first evidence the breeder gets that his stock is not as it should be, is a loss of size and reproduction. Then if he takes a strong out-cross the effect is noticed at once; size is regained, and with it an improvement in vigour.

Yet in spite of all this we cannot possibly do without a certain amount of in-breeding if we are to retain the peculiar characteristics of each breed. Our pure breeds would not exist to-day without it, coupled, of course, with selection; but here I must put on the brake, the subject is too big to continue.

"Beejay" opens a wide field for discussion in his remarks on line breeding, which is undoubtedly safer than incestuous breeding, but of course even in this system one must be careful, particularly in the health and freedom from disease of the birds of the stud; their peculiarities are going to be handed down, and their weaknesses will be magnified by repetition.

H. NORMAN.

Just as we are going to press we have received from Mr. Crawhall the manuscript of a lecture on line-breeding, which he gave to the members of the Northern Border F.C. last season. Next week we shall have pleasure in publishing for the benefit of our readers this instructive lecture, and we hope that others will help with their knowledge of such an important subject.—EDITOR, *CAGE BIRDS*.

Hand-rearing Skylarks

SIR,—I should be very grateful if any reader of your valuable paper *CAGE BIRDS* could tell me the best way to rear and feed young Skylarks. I have had two given to me, and am at present feeding them on "Eggbiscio," and they are taking it very well. In your issue of June 3 Mr. W. Clifton points out that he has successfully bred a Canary Mule, with another bird, but he does not state what kind of bird it is. I have a Canary-Linnet Mule, and am trying to breed it with a Redpoll. They seem very happy together, but do not seem inclined to nest. I should be very grateful to Mr. Clifton if he could give me a few hints on this, and I will willingly let you know how I get on. Wishing your valuable paper every success.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

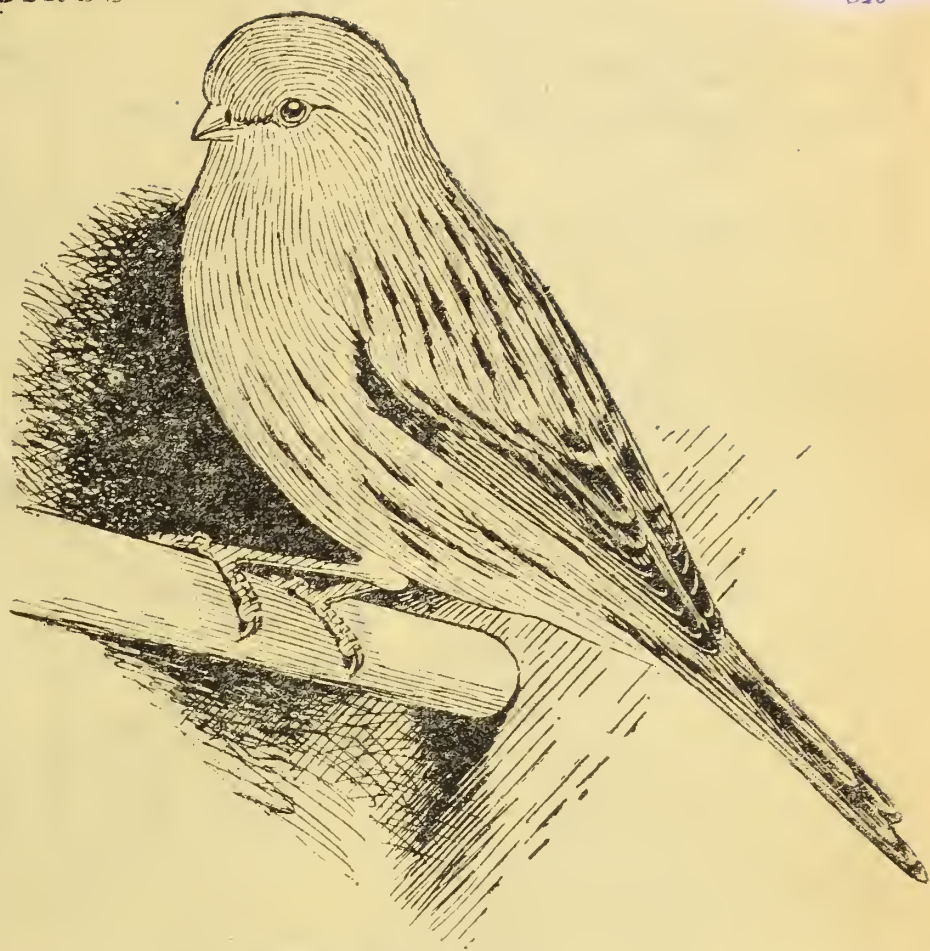
W. E. BLAKES.

Hand-rearing Canaries with a Syringe.

SIR,—I have had considerable good and bad luck during the present season with my Canaries; good luck in having almost all fertile eggs in my nests up till now, and bad luck in regard to hens not feeding regularly after about a week or ten days, and I have had to hand-feed the young ones. I tried with a pointed match, and found the results very trying, as with the young Canary in one hand and the match with a portion of soft food on in the other, the usual thing was that the food dropped off on opening the beak with the match, and so the operation took a great deal of time and patience. However, I have found out a better way, and thinking that the wrinkle might prove helpful to beginners like myself, and in return for the many tips I have had from your valuable paper, *CAGE BIRDS*, I have much pleasure in passing it on.

I procured a small glass syringe like an ear syringe from the local penny bazaar, and, taking out the plunger, filled it about two thirds full with the soft food ground fine (I use Spratts' and Eggbiscio mixed), then on taking the youngster in the left hand and holding the syringe in the right, with the thumb on the end of the plunger, I could open the bird's beak with the small glass end of the syringe and carefully insert a little food at a time just where it is wanted, viz., at the back of the throat, of course taking care not to choke the little one.

I have brought Canaries up from one week



THE GREEN NORWICH CANARY.

A popular variety in the Liverpool District.

old by this treatment, and have thereby saved the lives of many young Canaries, who, I hope, will repay me in the future with song galore. I would mention that when not in use I keep the syringe in a tumbler of clean water, and the contents keep quite fresh and good for 24 hours.

E. COOPER.

Shepherd's Purse from the Farmer's Point of View.

SIR,—So much has been said of a weed called shepherd's purse as being so excellent for Canaries that I am sending you an account which appears in the "Farmer and Stock Breeder." It may be interesting to your numerous readers. "Shepherd's purse" (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*), a cruciferous weed, common everywhere, in field and waste. Probably among the six worst weeds we have, as it is the host of practically every insect and fungus pest affecting other cruciferous plants, such as turnips and cabbages. It keeps these causes of disease alive when there is no cropping, so that turnip-fly, turnip sickness, turnip-blossom beetle and weevil, and a host of others are never likely to be exterminated. It is harmless to farm animals.

C. PARMITER.

"Do Sugar Birds Build Domed Nests?"

SIR,—I was much interested in the article on Sugar Birds by Miss Dyddgu Hamilton in *CAGE BIRDS* of May 27, but perhaps I may be allowed to point out none of the three species which went to nest with me built a domed nest. I should very much like to know if they do so when at liberty, or to which species Miss Hamilton refers as doing so. I may add that the same hen Yellow-winged Sugar Bird has just completed a lovely little nest in the same place as last year.

E. F. CHAWNER.

We sent Miss Chawner's enquiry to Miss Hamilton, the author of the article, and have received the following reply:—

In reply to your query, I must confess to never having bred Sugar Birds, but my authority for saying that they build domed nests is, I think, good, being that of Dr. Bowdler Sharpe's "Wonders of the Bird World," page 155, and the British Natural History Museum "Guide to the Gallery of Birds," page 131. I shall be exceedingly interested in reading Miss Chawner's article, and hope that she may achieve complete success with her Sugar Birds before the season is over.

DYDDGU HAMILTON.

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The Song of the Nightingale.

LAST summer, while in Berkshire, I renewed my acquaintance with the Nightingale. The most remarkable, and certainly the most popular, because the most easily recognised parts of the bird's performance, are the "jug-jug-jug" and the celebrated trill, "the water-bubble trill," as it has been called, a close imitation of which may be got by partly submerging the bowl of a tobacco pipe in water and then blowing through it, as children do when making soap bubbles.

The length of time during which the bird continues the trill varies. Sometimes it is tantalisingly short—a few seconds merely. At other times the bird continues "as long as you can hold your breath," according to a popular belief. The trill and the "jug-jug-jug" are only a very small part of the bird's repertoire.

There are said to be twenty-four phrases which are the common property of all Nightingales; but my experience has been that the bird repeats his favourite phrases—not more than four or five—much oftener than does the Thrush or the Blackbird.

While listening to the Nightingale I was often reminded of the attempt a famous ornithologist made to reproduce the bird's beautiful melody by combinations of letters. This attempt, at first sight, appears a meaningless jumble of vocables, but it is certainly useful from one point of view.

It shows the duration of each of the bird's twenty-four hereditary phrases, some of them being very short, and others long; and it also shows which syllables, in some of the phrases, seem to be preferred by the bird. Some phrases consist wholly of repetitions of the same syllable.

For example, one phrase consists wholly of "do" repeated nine times; another of "tion," four times; in a third, which is composed of different syllables, "zo" is repeated twelve times—an attempt to reproduce the trill; in a fourth, "ez" is repeated seventeen times—the trill again.

For these facts of construction and repetition we may trust the ornithologist to whom I have referred, for he kept Nightingales in his aviary for many years, and was able to study them at leisure. In the district in Berkshire in which I lived last summer the Nightingales do not sing at night, but only during the day and in the twilight. They are diurnal and crepuscular singers, not nocturnal.

During a former visit to the same district I walked many miles after dark before I discovered that, on Barnham Common, near Windsor, the Nightingales are nocturnal, and sing so uninterruptedly and loudly that they keep the insects awake. "A.T.B." in the "Sootsman."

How I Commenced in the Hobby of Canary Breeding.

By H. W. VALENTINE (Bedford).

(Continued from page 315).

And this is how I became a Norwich fancier. A customer of mine, himself a Norwich fancier, hearing that I kept Canaries, asked me if he could propose me as a member of the local Cage Bird Society, and I forthwith became a member. This took me to the next show, where my newly found fancier friend took me round, and I found that all the exhibits were either Norwich or British birds with the exception of a few foreigners shown by one exhibitor only.

I also got into conversation with several of the members who were exhibiting, and I found them all very ready to show me their birds, pointing out where they failed and where they excelled, until I could feel myself catching Norwich fever.

An Easy Win for the British Canary.

When I got home I turned the matter over in my mind, and came to the conclusion that Norwich were the birds for me. They only required one room, you did not have to learn a foreign language to understand their song, and you did not have to shut them up in the dark to make them sing properly.

A few days after the show one of the exhibitors, whom I will call "Mr. A.," invited me round to see his bird room, and as soon as I got inside the room he popped a pair into a show cage and pointed out that they were just the sort to breed winners with.

He named his price, and offered to take a Roller cock in part exchange, so I finished up by having them and another pair besides. I remember them well; an old buff cock that had seen his best days (and the trouble I had to keep that bird alive till the breeding season), and a really nice yellow hen.

The other pair were a long rakish yellow cock and a great wide buff hen with tons of feather all round her legs. She gave me the impression that her body was too big for her head and tail. I advertised my Rollers in CAGE BIRDS, and soon sold out of all birds and the cages connected with them, and I then seriously set about getting my stud together.

I paid a visit to my first-found Norwich friend, the one who proposed me as a member of the society, and who for convenience sake I will call "Mr. B." I spent many a half hour in his bird room, and a quaint old place it was. I used to sit on an old box close to the window, with my back to the light, so that I could get a good view of his birds; some in their cages just in front of me, which he was moulting out in twos and threes, and a crowd in the fly by the side of me. Nearly every bird was related, for he had been breeding Norwich about thirty years.

The Assimilation of Knowledge.

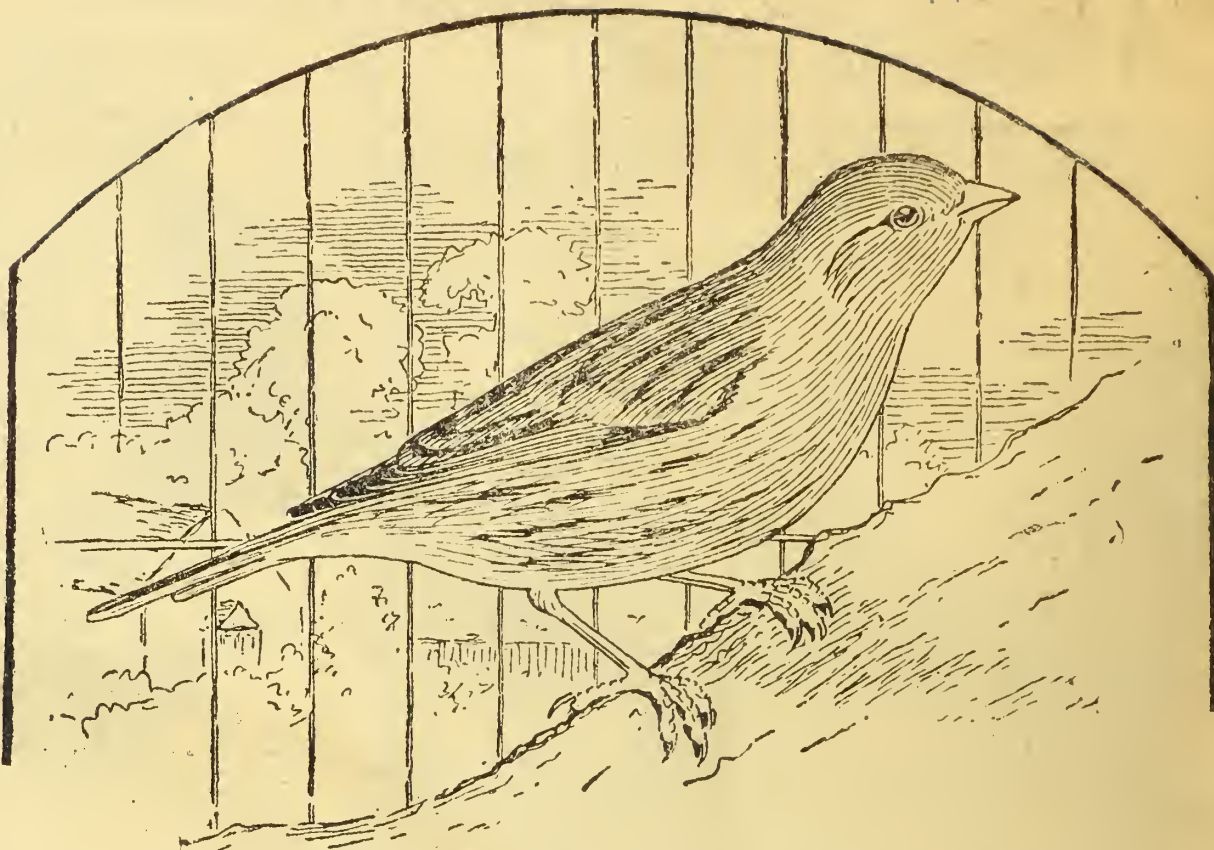
If he thought I went there to make a purchase he was mistaken, for I went there simply to study the Norwich Canary, as I had made up my mind that I should buy no more birds until I found out who had the right stuff. But he was a good chap; he never even talked of selling me a bird, and yet he would go to any amount of trouble to catch a bird up and put it into a show cage for me to see.

Then I would ask him, "Which pair is this bird bred from?" or "What was the idea of mating those two together?" and from him I learned more about Norwich than one could learn at any amount of shows.

He had three particularly fine youngsters, all out of one nest, that I liked very much, so I made up my mind to see what they would do at the coming show. There being two societies in the town at that time, we had two shows a year. He only showed one of the three which I liked, and that got first. He was also well up with most of the birds he exhibited, so I thought that was good enough for me.

A day or two after the show I again went round to see my old friend, this time bent on business. I took up my accustomed seat on the old box, and ran my eye over the birds, only to find some of my favourites missing.

"Where is the tick winged one gone?" I asked. "Oh! so and so had that, and took the marked yellow and that big clear as well," he answered. "So and so" was one of the well known Norwich men I had had pointed out to me at the show, and then I remembered I had read somewhere that the big showmen don't breed all their own winners. "Why," I said, "I had come to buy those birds." "You don't want to buy them," he answered. "What you want is the birds that



A FINE REDPOLL-CANARY MULE.

Winner of 2nd prize at the London and Provincial O.S. Show for Mr. W. Andrews, of Weston, Olney.

bred them," and he offered the pair of birds that bred four winners in one season.

The price was reasonable; in fact, I was surprised at his moderation, considering what the birds had bred, so of course I took that pair and a very good coloured marked yellow cock bred off them. This bird, mated to the buff hen which I had bought from "Mr. A.," bred me a spanking clear yellow cock which won me my first medal for hottest coloured bird in show.

I also asked him the price of a buff hen, sister to this bird, but seeing that he asked me more than I was paying for her parents I thought I would be content with them, and trust to luck to breed one like her. I have since bought her, however, after he had bred from her one season, and the bird reproduced in CAGE BIRDS issue of Dec. 18 last is one of her offspring.

Altogether I bought of "Mr. B." for my first season's breeding nine birds, and from two other local fanciers, apart from "Mr. A.," two birds. Of these I am sorry to say I lost a very big clear yellow cock and a smart buff marked hen before the breeding season came round.

I was doubly grieved because I expected great things from these, as they were unrelated, a perfect match, and had won me my first 1st prize at our local pair show. However, I contented myself with the thought that though they were winners as a pair I had not actually lost my best birds, and my first season's breeding brought me numerous Nest Feather winners, and carried me out of the local novices at the annual show with three 1st, three 2nd, three 3rd, three medals, and highest points in show.

At our next annual show, when I had to come out and show against the men, I was second for highest points in show, being beaten by British birds. One might ask, where was Mr. B. seeing that my strain all originated from him, and I am sorry to say I did not come into competition with him, as a few days before the show a rat paid a visit to his fly and took the whole of his birds with the exception of one.

But the local fanciers will not see him drop out of the fancy, and I for one shall take great interest in watching him build up his strain again. I know of no other man who can use birds like "Mr. B." I have seen his room apparently cleared of all his best birds, so that from the material he has left to work upon it looked impossible for him to breed a winner, yet at show time they still pop out. You ask him why, and he will tell you. "I know how each one is bred, so I know how to mate them." That is the value of having an established strain. I know other breeders who pay a lot of money for good birds every year, but still have no strain, as they do not establish the blood.

I had a curious experience with one hen; she had two nests of four eggs each time, and all perfectly clear. I tried another cock bird with her, and again all clear. I tried her again with a third cock bird, and got one youngster, a very fine buff cock which this year was 1st in a class open to Bedfordshire.

I tried the same hen again this year with the cock that she had bred to before, but she died after the second nest of clear eggs. I look upon this as curious, because the hen was always healthy and active, and the cock birds were all sure breeders with their hens.

Another curious experience I had was with the buff cock I bought of "Mr. A." He was either too old or too lazy to feed his own young, and used to sit on the nest pan while the hen was doing his work, and take the food out of her beak. When he had got his fill in this way he would cut off to the perch and go to sleep.

FERTILE GOLDFINCH EGGS IN AN ALL-WIRE CAGE.

By "A Devonshire Fancier."

WHILE looking through CAGE BIRDS this week I noticed that you called attention to a letter you had received from Mr. Dan McArthur giving an invitation to bird fanciers who only keep birds as pets to relate a few of their experiences, so I am sending you one of my own. I have been in the hobby now for about five years, and have had several ups and downs, I can tell you.

I started with one pair of common Canaries and a breeding cage of my own manufacture. The first year I bred about six youngsters. But since that I have advanced by leaps and bounds with Canary breeding. The second year I reared 14; the third year saw 25 on the sticks; and last year I only had 16, as I had begun a little mule breeding, and it is this of which I most particularly wish to speak.

Just before the breeding season last year I purchased a pair of Goldfinches, and I paired the cock with a nice hen Canary of the Norwich type. After a few days they began building, and the hen laid four eggs.

On the morning when the first egg was laid I walked into the room and discovered that my poor Goldie had broken its leg. How it happened I have no idea, but there it was. Well, this was a puzzle to me, as I did not know whether to leave him with the hen or separate them. At last I decided to take him away.

Then arose the question of where to put him, as I had no empty cage. Anyhow, I thought the best place would be back with the hen Goldie, as they always seemed to agree fairly well. The leg was broken above the joint in the thigh, so, of course, I had to let it take its chance.

Crippled, but Cheerful.

The most wonderful thing to me was that, although it could only get about on one leg, it never stopped singing. I used to give him plenty of wild food, such as groundsel and

dandelion, and one morning when I went in the room Mr. and Mrs. Goldie were both carrying the dry stems of these about the cage. This was only three days after they had been together, and the cage was a brass all-wire singing cage, with the ruby glass around the bottom, the same as used by most people who keep a songster in the drawing room.

I thought this was rather remarkable, so I tied a nest basket up in the corner of the cage, and put a cloth over the top of it to keep it somewhat secluded. After a few days I took a peep, and found they had nearly completed the nest.

It was not long after this that I found four eggs in the nest, and Mrs. Goldie busy sitting. Let me here state that cock bird's leg was still swinging, and he could only hop about on one leg, so I had very little hope of any young. However, the hen did her part well; she sat splendidly, and got so tame that when I went to feed them I could put my hand right up to the nest and she would not leave.

Bad Luck.

When she had been sitting for three days over her time I resolved to break one of the eggs to find if they were fertile, and great was my surprise to find a dead chick inside. Upon examining the others I had the same experience; every egg was full. I cannot account for the chicks being dead, as the hen sat nicely.

I have often wondered if any breeder has ever had a case like this with a broken-legged cock bird; also if ever Goldfinches have been bred in an ordinary all-wire singing cage. I might say here that the Canary's eggs were clear.

After a long time the leg set, but the claws had become reversed, so the leg was no use to the bird, but it still kept singing, and one day I put it out in the garden in a trap cage to try and get another. Then a disaster happened. A Hawk came by and fancied the Goldfinch. I happened to see it dart to the front of the cage, but it had nearly killed my bird with its claws before I could get to it, so I put it out of its misery.

This year I have procured another Goldie, and I have a hen Greenfinch which I reared under a Canary. I have paired the Goldfinch to a hen Canary, and the hen Greenfinch to a cock Canary, and they both have eggs, so now I am anxious to know the result.

The Water-hen as an Opportunist.

The only place in the neighbourhood of Berwick where the Magpie still survives, says "E.A.C." in the "Scotsman," has just been cleared of them by the keepers. As far back as the memory of the oldest inhabitants it has been a favourite haunt of this declining species, but ancient tenure has not availed them. The last of the Magpies in this corner of the Border country was found shot last week; its mate had predeceased it; but their nest, one of a dozen among high thorns around old water-logged limestone quarries, not only remains, but has been used; a Water-hen, studying war-time economy, has lined it with rushes, and laid its eggs in it.

HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

(Continued from page 250.)

We are indebted to Mr. H. F. Witherby, the Editor, for permission to extract from an exhaustive article entitled: "THE MOULTS OF THE BRITISH PASSERES, WITH NOTES ON THE SEQUENCE OF THEIR PLUMAGE," which is appearing monthly in the magazine "British Birds," the portions which refer to such birds as are generally kept in cages or aviaries. Readers are referred to the magazine mentioned for the complete account.

FAMILY MOTACILLIDÆ.

THE members of this family, comprising the Pipits and Wagtails, all have very similar moults, differing only in details. The adults have a complete autumn moult, and a spring moult involving the body-feathers, a varying number of wing-coverts, usually some of the innermost secondaries and the central pair of tail-feathers, occasionally the outer pair of tail-feathers, and exceptionally all the tail-feathers. This moult varies in details in species and also individually in the same species.

The moult from the juvenile to the first winter is very much like that of the adult in spring, but usually more restricted with regard to the wing-coverts, innermost secondaries and tail, but the extent of this moult varies in different species. The first spring moult is usually like that of the adult.

In the Pipits there are sexual and seasonal differences in the adults of the Red-throated and Water-Pipits only. The juveniles do not differ very markedly from the adults and the first winter birds only in three species.

In the Wagtails, on the other hand, the adult male and female, the winter and summer plumages the juvenile and the first winter and summer plumages all have differences.

TREE-PIBIT (*Anthus t. trivialis*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August or September. From January to March there is a moult involving the body-feathers, wing-coverts (some outer, greater, and median occasionally do not moult, and primary-coverts never do), innermost secondaries, central tail-feathers and exceptionally the outer tail-feathers or all the tail. There is no sexual or seasonal difference in the plumage, except that when worn in summer the dark markings of the upper- and under-parts become more accentuated and the throat, breast and flanks become whiter and less buff.

JUVENILE.—Much like the adult, but the upper-parts more buff, not so greenish, and more prominently streaked, and flanks with only very fine dark streaks.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers are moulted in August or September, but not the wing- or tail-feathers, primary-coverts, greater or median wing-coverts. The new feathers are like those of the adult, but a certain number of juvenile body-feathers are sometimes retained until the bird reaches winter quarters. The spring moult is as in the adult.

MEADOW-PIBIT (*Anthus pratensis*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August to October. From January to March there is a moult similar to that of the Tree-Pipit. There is no sexual or seasonal difference in the plumage except that when much worn the upper-parts become very dark and the under-parts whiter and more boldly streaked, owing to the edges and tips of the feathers wearing away.

JUVENILE.—Like the adult but more boldly streaked on the upper-parts, the pale edgings to the feathers being narrower; usually tinged with yellow on the under-parts.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-plumage is moulted from July to October, but not the wing- or tail-feathers, primary-coverts, or greater or median wing-coverts. The bird then becomes like the adult, and the spring moult is the same as in the adult.

FIRST SUMMER.—The juvenile body-feathers are moulted in August, but not the wing- or tail-feathers, primary-coverts, or greater and median wing-coverts. The male is like the adult winter female, but the chin and throat are often tinged with buffish-pink. The female I cannot distinguish from the adult.

ROCK-PIBIT (*Anthus s. petrosus*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult August to October. From February to April there is a moult involving the body-plumage and occasionally lesser and median wing-coverts and some of the innermost secondaries; rarely all the tail-feathers, but usually not any. The primary-coverts, greater coverts and the rest of the wing-feathers are not moulted.

The sexes are alike, and there is very little difference in the winter and summer plumages, but in the summer plumage the upper parts are very slightly less olive and the under-parts slightly more whitish.

JUVENILE.—Like the adult, but the upper-parts slightly browner, the chin and throat speckled with blackish and the sides of the throat darker than in the adult; the streaks on the breast are rather darker and narrower.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-plumage, lesser wing-coverts and usually the median and some greater wing-coverts and some innermost secondaries are moulted in August and September, but not the tail- or wing-coverts. The new plumage is like that

of the adults and the spring moult and summer plumage are apparently the same as in the adults.

BLUE-HEADED YELLOW WAGTAIL (*Motacilla flava flava*) and the subspecies of this species on the British List all have the same moults.

ADULTS.—Complete moult in August or September. There is a moult from January to April which involves the body-plumage, most of the lesser and median wing-coverts, many inner greater wing-coverts and usually the innermost secondaries and central tail-feathers, but not the primary-coverts nor the rest of the wing- and tail-feathers, though exceptionally the whole tail moults. There is considerable variation in individuals in the extent of the moult, but it seems to be the rule that in *M. f. rayi* (the Yellow Wagtail) the central tail-feathers are not so frequently moulted as in the other forms of *M. flava*.

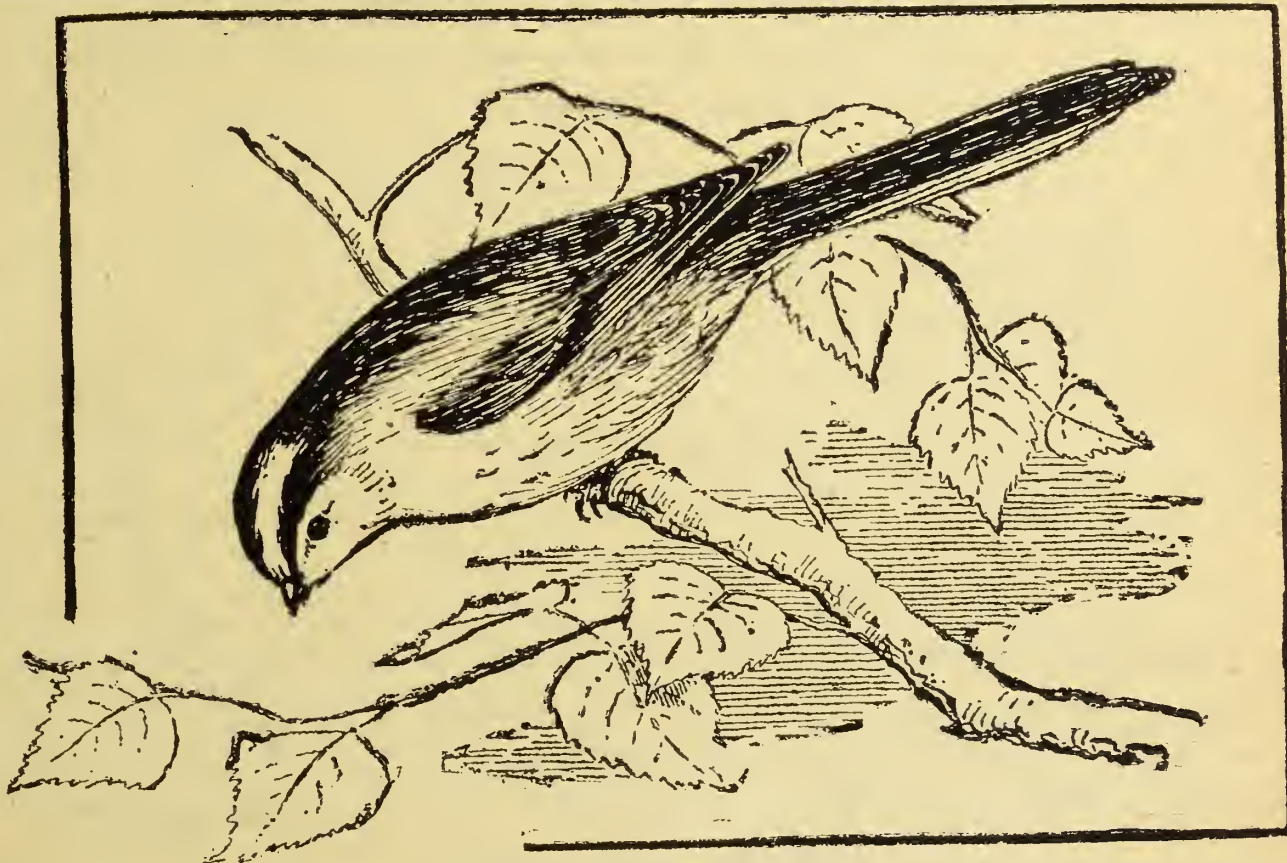
JUVENILES.—The juveniles of *M. f. flava*, *thunbergi* and *rayi* are alike, and I have not been able to examine juveniles of the other

subspecies. The upper-parts are earth-brown, with blackish markings forming dark lines on the sides of the crown; the chin, centre of throat and lower breast are pale buff, the sides of the throat from the bases of the lower mandible to the breast and a band across the breast are brown-black, while the rest of the under-parts are pale yellowish-buff.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers and most of the wing-coverts are moulted from July to September, but not the primary-coverts nor the wing- or tail-feathers. The various forms when in this plumage are usually indistinguishable except for the first winter male of *M. f. foldvigi*, which always has some black or blackish feathers on the fore-head.

FIRST SUMMER.—Moult as in adult. The new plumage of the male is like that of the adult male, but the female differs from the adult female in being browner on the upper-parts, and whitish-buff instead of yellow on the throat and upper-breast.

(To be continued.)



THE LONG-TAILED TIT.

This tiny British bird builds perhaps the most marvellous nest of any of our native birds. It is entirely closed except for a tiny hole in the side near the top. Over two thousand feathers have been counted in the lining of one of these nests.

Canary Management for Beginners.

By WILLIAM FAIRLIE.

(Continued from page 283.)

THE general practice in giving colour-feed is to mix it with egg-food, the same as given to hens when feeding their young, adding a good teaspoonful of colour to one hard-boiled egg, and about the same quantity of crushed biscuit or stale breadcrumbs, well mixed together, and giving to each bird about a good teaspoonful of this mixture daily.

After the birds get used to this, add more colour gradually, till a good teaspoonful to one egg, etc., is reached. Continue giving daily doses regularly till it is seen that the old body feathers are all moulted; in fact, that all the feathers are moulted save those of the head, which is always the last part to moult. This is the time to stop their feed gradually, so as not to get the head too fiery a colour in contrast to the body.

The process of washing is rather a difficult operation to tackle at a first attempt, and requires a deal of care in handling the bird, as sometimes, with those who have had no experience, it has very painful results. To those who are accustomed to it, it is a matter of small moment, but even then there is a considerable amount of skill required to do it thoroughly, for if a bird is only half-washed it will certainly look far worse than if it had not been touched at all.

Birds should never be washed more than is actually necessary, but when seeking them to shows it becomes imperative, if you wish to

stand any chance of winning. It would be very advantageous to the beginner, if he has the opportunity, to watch some experienced fancier perform this operation, as he would learn more by seeing it done than in any other way.

When this is not possible, it will be found best to proceed in the following manner. Make up a good fire and rake all the dust from the bars, getting the fire as clear as possible and placing a kettle of water thereon to boil. Next get two or three chairs to put the washing utensils on, and a low stool to sit on, and place them near the fire.

Put a large open-fronted cage, with two or three perches across, and scrupulously clean, on the fender to warm, with a perfectly clean duster or so placed inside on the bottom for the birds to lie on whilst drying. Cover this over with a light towel or piece of flannel to keep the heat in.

Two medium-sized basins will be required to wash the birds in, one for washing and the other for rinsing, and a piece of soap. Use a badger-hair shaving-brush for washing them with, as the hair is very soft and does not injure the bird's eyes like most other brushes. Place two or three towels on the fender to warm for drying the bird on, and fill a jug full of cold water, to make the bath of the proper temperature (about 80 degrees); and, last, but not least, wash your hands thoroughly clean. The operation of washing should be done close to the fire, and all doors should be closed to keep any draught from the drying cage.

Catch the birds which are to be washed, and put them into a cage all together, covering it over if they begin to quarrel, in case they should damage one another's plumage. Take the least valuable bird first and hold it in the left hand, with its head between the finger and thumb, the tail lying along the wrist. Dip the bird into the warm water and rub the brush on the soap and commence to

wash the back and neck first. Don't be afraid to rub the soap well in.

Proceeding gradually along the sides of the wings to the tail, next wash the head, top of break and sides of neck; and as this part is mostly the dirtiest, it will require a lot of working to get the dirt thoroughly out.

Having done those parts thoroughly, turn the bird over and wash the throat and under part of the neck, proceeding along the breast to the tail again. Then rinse the bird well in the other basin of warm water, as the soap must be got thoroughly out of the feathers.

Having completed this part successfully, place the bird in one of the warm towels, quite close to the fire, and get as much water out of the feathers as possible, finally putting it into the drying-cage.

Sometimes a feather of the tail is a little bit curled or twisted at the end when dry. Should this be the case, give the bird a little water to bathe in; but if this should not rectify it, put the feather or feathers into a little warm water, and draw them gently between the fingers and thumb a few times. This will generally put matters right. Occasionally, a wing or tail feather may get damaged or broken, and, should this happen, it is best to draw the quill out; but until it grows again the bird will not be fit for show purposes.

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- J. C. BARNES**, 113, Northfield Road, Watley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
- THOS. BENNETT**, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidgate Green, Bradford.
- J. W. BRUCE**, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
- W. A. COWGILL**, 115, Washington Street, Gillingham Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
- SEO. GARDNER**, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
- G. HOBBS**, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
- J. HOLROYD**, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
- J. R. HOUGHTON**, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
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- H. NORMAN**, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
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- J. H. PAYNE**, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
- C. E. SILK**, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
- JAMES STANGER**, 59, Gange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
- HENRY TAMS**, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
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- J. WILCOCK**, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
- G. WILSON**, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
- W. YOUNG**, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

First Feather show June 3, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C. The show was well patronised by visitors, and the exhibits were well arranged round the room. Entries, 38, were six more than last year. Mr. H. Bell captured special best bird; other specials went to Messrs. Culhies, Gilbert, and Durham. Mr. J. Hazell judged. Champ. Nor., Cl. or Tick (5): 1, 2, vhc and sp, Gilbert; 3, H. Bell; 4, Shakespeare. Mkd. or Var. (3): 1, 2, 3 and sp, H. Bell; vhc, Shakespeare; 4, Gilbert. Yorks., Cl. or Tick (3): 1, 2, 3, c, Gilbert; vhc, he, Harrington. A.O.V. (1): Shakespeare. Amat. Nor. Cl. or Tick (1): Culhies. Mkd. or Var. (2): 1 and sp, Culhies; 2, Harrison. Crest or C.B. (2): 1, 2, Harrison. Nov., Yorks. Cl. or Tick (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc and sp, Durham; 4, Stubbs; 5, Dyer. Mkd. or Var. (5): 1, 2 and sp, Durham; 3, Dyer; vhc, Stubbs; 4, Sullivan.—W. Gilbert, Hon. Sec.

LAISTERDYKE (Bowling and Tong Combination).

First show of season June 3, Band and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. The entry was only moderate owing to birds being as yet too young for show. 51 birds entered. Mr. H. H. Towers, Keighley, judged, and gave satisfaction. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, vhc, Wardman; 2, Casey; 3, Padgett; 4, Gledhill. Buff.: 1 and 2, Casey; 3, Swains; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Pound Bros. Even, etc., Yell.: 1, Casey; 2 and 3, Gledhill; 4, Hodgson, Jun. Buff.: 1, Hodgson, Jun.; 2, Casey; 3 and 4, Padgett; vhc, Hudson. Yell. Cinn.: 1, Biegrave; 2, Casey. Buff.: 1, Biegrave; 2, Baper; 3, Hudson. Nov., Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, 4, Wood and Mirfield; 2, Nichol; 3, Robinson. Buff.: 1, Robinson; 2 and 3, Nichol; 4, Wood and Mirfield. Even, etc., Yell.: 1, H. Hodgson. Buff.: 1, 4, Nichol; 2, vhc, Wood and Mirfield; 3, Robinson. Yell. Cinn.: 1, J. G. Hodgson. Special best bird in open, Wardman; novice section, Nichol; most points, Casey.—J. E. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY O.S.

First N.F. show, May 25, Mr. Yarborough was elected a member. Only three entries were made in the Canary class, D. C. Thornton securing 20 points. Mr. C. Smith obtained 16 points in British. Total points to date: Brit. Silver Cup, C. Smith 328 points, W. Watson 54. Nov. Nor. Can. Silver Cup: D. C. Thornton, 40 points. New and old members should give us a look in on any club night, last Thursday in every month, at Slater's Room.—D. C. Thornton, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Nest Feather show, June 3, Brownlow Hill Cafe; 39 birds were staged, and the judges, Messrs. Benson and Vining, gave every satisfaction. The show was visited by many members and friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Bray, of Earlestown. The officers were in attendance, and thanks are due to our ast. sec. for the manner in which he staged the birds, so as to give every credit to the exhibitors. Special winners: Bratherton, Bray, Phillips, Metcalf, and Milner. Cl. or Tkd. Yorks. Yell.: 0, Bray; 2, Algie; 3, Corkhill. Buff.: 1, Bray; 2, Algie; 3, Poole; vhc, he, Corkhill. Green Yorks. Self Yell.: 1, Milner; 2, Metcalf; 3 and he, Algie; vhc, c, Bell. Buff.: 1 and 2, Metcalf; 3, Milner; vhc, Poole. Foul: 1, Metcalf; 2, Algie. Nor. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 3, vhc, c, Phillips; 2, he, Metcalf. Bord. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Bratherton; 2 and 3, Bunner. Buff.: 1, Bunner; 2, Bratherton. Greens: 1 and 2, Bratherton; 3, Bunner. Goldf. and Bullf.: 1 and 2, Smith and Cowan; 3, Jones. Linnel: 1, Smith and Cowan; 2, Jones.—T. R. Jones.

Club Reports.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (East End)

Meeting May 31, Blue Bell Inn, Shields Road, presided over by our chairman, Mr. H. Beunet, Kelso, and Mr. A. Hay, Tweedmouth, were elected judges for third annual show, Nov. 24 and 25. Classification same as last year, subject to revision at future date. No further meeting until meeting Aug. 30.—Ed. Colman, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting, June 1, there was a fair turn out of members, but we are being hardly hit with the recruits for military service. Members, however, decided to have a First Feather Show for Yorks., clear and marked in Co-op. Library, July 1. Mr. W. Collins, judge. Birds to be staged by 7.30.—Geo. Havver, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting Headquarters, May 22, Mr. G. F. Crawford, chair. Three new members elected. The meeting had been called to allot patronage, but as several applications were incomplete, the matter was postponed. We are open to receive application from one more London society; will secretaries please note and write me at 136, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E. Members are reminded that subs. are now due, and I have still room for adverts in the Manual. Date of next meeting will be announced in "Cage Birds."—Geo. Burton, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting, Village School, Alexandria, May 30, Pres. W. B. Gillies, chair. Chairman introduced the lecturer of the evening, Mr. J. F. Park, of Glasgow, who gave one of the most instructive and interesting this club has yet had. Questions having been invited, the lecturer replied to same in a manner that left no room for criticism. Mr. A. Maxwell and others having taken part, and unanimously borne out the lecturer in his remarks, a very enjoyable and instructive meeting was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.—A. H. McLean.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

A Council meeting was held May 27 to hear the report of the sub-committee appointed to revise the rules. The altered rules were taken separately and thoroughly explained, reasons being given for the suggested alteration and afterwards they received the full approval of the delegates. It will now be necessary to submit them to the various societies to be voted on. The Union has decided to grant full patronage to Sheffield show, Nov. 3 and 4, where all the Union specials and medals will be competed for under the same conditions as an ordinary Union show. Of course, no Union show will be held on that date.—S. Midgley, Hon. Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Meeting, Headquarters, Windsor Castle, King St., Hammersmith, June 1, Mr. Turner, chair; ten members present. Principal business, the young bird show for next meeting night, July 6, Mr. Crisp to judge. Mr. Butterfield offers 2/6 special for best amateur Canary, and Mr. Turner's special for points in this and annual show. The prospects of the breeding season are far from rosy. The following report young birds on the sticks: Messrs. Bonniwell, 22 Nor. and Yorks.; Butterfield, 15 Nor.; Onslow, 15 Nor. and Yorks.; Withers, 5 Nor.; Dyets, 8 Yorks.; Turner, 3 Crests; Clappell, 15 Nor. Meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to chair.—H. Clappell, Press Corres.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES N.C.C.

Meeting and show of British birds and mules in Good Templars' Hall, 123, Ingram-st., June 3, Mr. Wm. Dinwoodie presided over a good attendance. Annual show was fixed for Jan. 27; judges were elected, and will be published when I receive their acceptance. Judge for F.F. Show, July 29, Mr. Alex. McFarland, Glasgow. New members, Messrs. A. Dougan, Goran, and J. Clarkson, Rutherglen. Decided to have a ramble on June 17. Sec. to make arrangements, and members will be notified of destination and time of train by p.c. At next meeting, July 1, a special meeting will be convened at 6.45, prior to usual meeting, to consider the latter part of rule 4. The following members answered the call for specials, and were cordially thanked: Messrs. Dick Trotter, Dinwoodie, Robb, McCrystal, and Adam, and Mr. P. Pettigrew presented a silver medal for judging competition over Bramblefinch class, which was won by vice-pres. Wm. Dinwoodie, Messrs. Dick, Brown, Cross and Steel, judged Table Show.

Bramble: 1, sp, Pettigrew; 2, Adam; 3, Telfer; 4, Trotter. Chaffinch: 1, Trotter; 2, Pettigrew; 3, Bannerman; 4, Adam. Bullf.: 1, Trotter; 2, sp, Pettigrew; 3, Fitzpatrick; 4, Telfer; 5, Adam. Bunting: 1, Pettigrew, Snow; 2, Trotter, Yell. Hammer; 3, Adam, Black-headed; 4, Telfer; 5, 6, Chambers. Brit. A.O.V.: 1, Trotter, Haw; 2, 3, 4, Pettigrew, Theatre, Ring Onsel, and Song Thrush. Light Mule or Hyb.: 1, Pettigrew, Yell. Goldie Can.; 2, Trotter, Goldf. Greenf.; 3, 4, Pettigrew, Goldf. or Linnel Mules. Dark: 1, 2, Pettigrew; 3, sp, Trotter. Mules, A.O.V.: 1, Pettigrew; 2, 3, Adam, all Siskin-Canaries.—J. B. Adam, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting, new headquarters, Ivy House, Handsworth, May 20, a fair number attending. Decided to hold first N.F. show June 17, Mr. Weaver (Wolverhampton) to judge. We hope every member will do his best to make it a success. Decided also to have a ramble to Bewdley on June 11. Mr. Jeffery (Harborne) will conduct. Train leaves Snow Hill 8.4, stopping at all local stations. Members do your best to come; also we hope to see our Birmingham and Wolverhampton friends, to whom we give a hearty welcome. Mr. Tonks gave a very interesting lecture on British and Mule breeding.—P. T. Cowley.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Winners for season 1915-16:—Yorks., champions: W. Jones, silver cup, 63 pts.; medal, J. McDermott, 57; 2nd medal, J. W. Metcalf, 31. Champ. Nor. Sec.: Silver cup, J. Walker, 76; medal, J. Thornton, 71; 2nd medal, F. Handley, 70. Borders: Silver cup, J. Johnson, 76; medal winners will be announced later. Novice medal, B. J. Roberts, 43 points; all points count in this section. Subs. 5s. now due, so as to enable us to get along. Applications for patronage due now will be considered at July meeting. The late E. Page won medal, presented by Mr. J. W. Metcalf. Next meeting, June 22, at Headquarters, Oldham-st., Liverpool, at 8.—Fred Handley, Hon. Sec.

WALLSEND (Mid-Tyne) C.B.A.

General meeting, Station Hotel, May 10, Mr. L. Simpson presided before a good attendance. Schedule for N.F. show was drawn up and gave satisfaction. 5s. was given by Mr. Greenwell for best bird, and 2s. 6d. best British, by Mr. W. Studholme. A suggestion was made that all members be present at next meeting, June 14, to see if we were able to hold an open show on behalf of Red Cross fund, 20 per cent. of the prize money to go to the charity. Members not able to be present kindly send postcard and let me know if they are in favour of an open or members' show. A hearty invitation is given to fanciers to join our society; 1s. nom. and 2s. 6d. subs. New member elected: Mr. R. Lowery (Gateshead).—G. Greenwell, Sec.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Meeting, June 1, Crown Hotel, W. J. Lapworth, chair, with a good attendance. Decided to hold F.F. Show, July 1, and sec. was instructed to write Mr. J. Parfitt, Abertillery, to judge. Prizes 3s. 1st, 2s. 2nd, 1s. 3rd; also 2s. 6d. special for best bird in each section; silver rose bowl for most points, and 5s. special for the runner-up. Seeing that we have not yet had a reply from the Swansea Sec. re clashing of our shows, it was decided that we guarantee our open show in Show Dates Fixed. Letters read from members serving in France thanking the members for parcels sent to them, which were appreciated by all present. Entries close for F.F. Show, Sat., June 24. Members please enter as many as possible.—G. Broome, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Meeting May 31, headquarters, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglinton Toll, the President, Mr. R. B. Cairns, in the chair, and a good attendance. Decided to hold ramble June 10. Members are requested to take single tickets to Thornthall. Train leaves Central Station at 3.3, calling at Eglinton St., Strathbungo, and Crossmyloof. A hearty invitation is given to all friends and fanciers, ladies or gentlemen. New member admitted, Mr. Hector Bremner. Agreed not to purchase any new trophies from club funds till after the war. Several members spoke on the subject of how to keep egg-food good and sweet, and Mr. E. Steel promised to introduce the subject of colour feeding at a future meeting. Vote of thanks to the members who promised specials for F.F. show, same date as next meeting, July 1, at 3. Mr. Peter Houston judge.—A. K. Hunter, sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, June 3, Griffon Hotel, Boar-lane. Mr. F. Heaton, chair. Owing to delay in the post, the meeting was not announced as usual in "Cage Birds," but there was a fair turn up of members. A discussion cropped up re proposed control board, and a code of rules was drawn up which I shall send to every Roller Club sec., to be deleted or added to. By this means every club will have a chance of expressing its views and make it easier for the postponed conference to be held at the Griffon Hotel, Boar-lane, Leeds, Nov. 4. Annual Club Show was fixed for Nov. 3, 4, in the large room of the Griffon Hotel. Fanciers seem to be doing very well, several have over 30, and a good few over 20, so I consider this is going to be a good season, and I sincerely hope it will be so that we shall have a good collection of birds for CAGE BIRDS scheme for wounded soldiers. Mr. Walton promised to bring translations from most eminent breeders to be read as a paper (by Mr. Montague) for the benefit of our members and any friends who care to come; breeders heartily welcomed (date not stated, Editor). Mr. B. Green was elected a member.—H. Best, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting, May 12, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, Mr. P. Allan, presiding over a good attendance. One of our vice-presidents, Mr. W. G. Hamilton, having resigned, Mr. John Campbell was unanimously elected vice-president. Mr. Walter Reid was elected a member of committee. New member enrolled, A. Thomson, an additional "special" for F.F. Show was kindly intimated by Mr. W. Colquhoun. Members were treated to a lecture by the well-known British bird judge and exhibitor, Mr. M. Craig, Tolcross. Mr. Craig said he did not propose to read a paper, but would confine his lecture to his personal experience, over a great many years, in the breeding and rearing of light and dark mules and hybrids, and to the type of British birds required for the show bench. He dealt with colourings at great length, and said he strongly believed in plenty of wild seeds in their season being given to British birds when moulting. After many questions had been asked and answered Mr. Craig was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, which brought this meeting all too soon to a close. Next meeting June 9, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, at 8, when we hope to have a good attendance.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

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Abertillery C.B.S.—June 10, Prince of Wales' Hotel, 620. Several important items to be discussed.—Wm. Newell.

Altrincham Open C.B.S.—June 14, Station Cafe, 9. To decide on the postponement of all meetings until the end of the war, and to arrange an equitable scheme for members' subs. and balance in hand.—C. Bailey.

Bolton Roller C.S.—June 12, Joiners' Arms, 730. Lecture by Mr. Massey. All interested in the Roller Fancy invited.—Joia. Kishlaw.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—June 10, Social Club, 7. Last meeting for new members to join for present season; arrange for N.F. show.—T. Sanderson.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—June 9, Victoria Hotel, 730. Entries for F.F. show, June 10, Victoria Hotel, 230. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock.—H. Fretwell.

Bradford City O.S.—June 10, Flying Dutchman, 730. Election steward for members' show, June 17.—W. Helliwell.

Burnley O.S.—June 13, Star Inn, 730. Further arrangements for N.F. show.—H. Eastwood.

Bradford Wess C.B.A.—June 10, Shoulder of Mutton, 730. Ballot for new Y.U. rules; most important.—F. P. Terry.

Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.—June 14, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 730. Schedule for young stock show, etc.; audit of books.—W. D. Fryett.

Clydebank C.B.C.—June 15, 81, Kibbiewood Road, 745. Arrangements for F.F. show and other business.—Wm. Kane.

Dalton Inn Furness C.B.A.—June 10, C.M. Rooms, 715. N.F. show and other important business; intending members invited to attend.—T. Hale.

East Ham and District.—Monthly show, June 17, Liberal Club, opposite Town Hall, East Ham; members please assist in erecting pens, etc., 8.30 to 10.30 p.m.—W. A. Harwood.

Eastleigh C.B.S.—June 13, Sec's residence, 8. Arrangements for N.F. show and other special business.—J. Alderslade.

Farnworth C.B.S.—June 14, Church House, Church Road, 8. Question night, and other business.—W. Dawson.

Gt. Horton O.S.—June 10, Station Hotel. Members' show, birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. J. Thornton.—B. Hainsworth.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—June 10, M.F.F. show; birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. G. Smead.—A. Firth.

Halifax O.S.—June 10. Ramble to Stockmoor and Kirkburton. Meet at Halifax G. Post Office, Commercial Street, 2 p.m. sharp. Leader, Mr. A. Kaye, of Lindley. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. J. Dunn.

Idle C.B.A.—June 17, Springfield Hotel, Members' show, judge, Mr. J. Lunn, Manningham; entries up to time of judging, 2.30.—J. Chippindale.

Keighley C.B.S.—June 13, Black Horse Hotel, 730. Selection of stewards for show, and other business.—C. W. Town.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 14, Railway Hotel, 745. Important business; orders for colour food to be given in; selecting new prize cards, etc.—R. Charleson.

Laisterdyke F.F.A.—June 10, Railway Hotel, First members' show, judging at 3; judge, Mr. F. Selt; excellent list of specials; entries day of show.—L. Hodgson, Junr.

Leyton C.B.A.—June 10, The Parish Hall, Church Road. F.F. show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; open to visitors 5 p.m.; admission free.—A. W. Farmer.

Leeds C.B.S.—June 10, Leadeate, Victoria Club, 630. Business important.—G. Foster.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—June 13. Ramble, meet at Park Green Post Office, 9 a.m.; fanciers and friends especially invited.—W. Moon.

Mansfield F.A.—June 10, Victoria Hall, Mansfield, 5.50. Table show; classes, 2 Canary, 1 British.—E. O. Davies.

Maesteg C.B.S.—June 19, Bird in Hand Hotel, 730. Committee's report re alteration of rules and subs.; new members wanted.—O. Cozens.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—June 14, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. Discussion re annual show. N.F. show. Classes, Champ. 2, Nov. 2, clears and mkd. Judge, Mr. F. W. Laidlow.—R. Havis.

Openhaw, Gorton C.B.S.—June 14, room back of stage, Alhamra Theatre, Higher Openhaw, 8.30. Entries F.F. show; subs. due.—A. W. Newton.

Oldham C.B.S.—June 13, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Business important.—G. Mills.

Pontypool C.B.S.—June 17, Headquarters, 7. Business of N.F. show, important; Sec. leaving the district.—H. H. Vaughan.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—June 15, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Schedule young stock show, CAGE BIRDS' Canary scheme; bill for 1914 closed rings due to Mr. Botell to discuss; please attend.—Geo. H. Maclellan.

South Shields "Always Ready."—June 14, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 730. To decide division of prize money; new members invited.—W. Watson.

Springburn, Possil Park, and D.C.B.C.—June 14, Reid Hall, 8.—J. Waugh.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—June 14, 730. Delegates from Wanstead and Stratford combined shows; next show June 28.—A. Wasey.

Wakefield O.S.—June 13, Crown and Anchor, 730. Special general meeting; matters of importance will be brought forward.—J. Isherwood.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 17, Church Schools, 230. F.F. show, judge, Mr. J. Broadley, Windhill; entries Friday night, 6.30 to 9.30, at Blue Bell Hotel—Taylor and Halliday.

Wallsend Mid Tyne Association.—June 11, Station Hotel, 7. Important show business; subs. now due; new members heartily invited; send your names to Sec.—Geo. Greenwell, 17, George Road, Wallsend.

Wolverhampton Norwich Plainhead.—June 15, "Duke of York," 7. Table N.F. show; birds staged 7.30; classes, 3 Nor., 3 Yorks., Mule or Hyb.—Wm. Harrison.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

E. A. and H. F.—Answered by post.
FOOT TROUBLE (L. G.).—This kind of trouble with the feet or legs is not very rare in sitting hens, and is possibly due partly to the cramped inactivity of sitting constantly, and partly to the high temperature setting up slight inflammation. As a rule it passes off without any trouble when the hen resumes a more active condition. Therefore, if she is performing her maternal duties satisfactorily I would not advise you to interfere with her, or worry about these symptoms, until you see how they appear when the young are nearer doing for themselves, and thus avoid the risk of upsetting the normal process of rearing the young. If the symptoms do not disappear to your satisfaction by the time the young are doing for themselves, you may bathe the foot in a warm solution of wick hazel for a few minutes each evening, and after drying on a scrap of soft linen, paint the foot with a little of the strong extract. For bathing use a solution of a small teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. It will also help it if you add ten drops of lemon-juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water every second day for a week.

NO RESULTS (Disheartened).—I'm afraid the cock is very much out of condition for breeding, and I rather doubt whether he is of much use as a stock bird at all; therefore, as the season is now getting advanced, if you wish to avoid a great chance of total disappointment I would strongly advise you to replace him with a more vigorous and, preferably, and younger cock in good song. The following treatment will do all that can be done towards bringing him into breeding condition, but you must not overlook the fact that whilst this treatment is going on the best part of the year is also passing. See that he is not exposed to direct cold draughts, and give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of egg food with about half the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame mixed with it. Give also a small growing stool of dandelion daily. Cut through the root just below the surface, shake off the soil, and give the whole, seed heads and blooms included, to the bird. In the water for three consecutive days add ten drops of lemon-juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after this four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of steel, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

YOUNG DYING (W. S.).—It is quite impossible to say from such particulars as you give what was the cause of the young dying. Even with the fullest particulars one can, as a rule, only hazard a guess in such cases. A post-mortem is the only reliable means of knowing with any degree of certainty. Still, your feeding is scarcely correct, and that might have something to do with the deaths. At six weeks old the youngsters should have had a supply of canary and summer rape accessible. You might also examine your hemp, to see if it is sound and sweet in the kernel, and if not see that you get at once a sample that is, for unsound hemp is apt to prove very fatal to youngsters that are fed largely upon it at so early an age. The kernel should be of a nice milky-white colour when it is broken. With future broods, when you take them from the parents, see that they have a box filled with a supply of good, sound canary seed, on top of which you place a little summer rape each morning. In addition to this give a teaspoonful per bird of egg food, mixed rather on the dry side, each morning, and in the afternoon throw out any remainder and give in its place, after washing the vessel, of course, a similar quantity of a mixture of cracked hemp, crushed dry biscuit, and broken groats with a sprinkling of maw, adding, as the birds get a little older, an equal part of niger, teazle and white millet. Give a regular supply of pure clean water daily. Keep the cages clean and strewn with clean gritty sand, and then you should have no difficulty in rearing the young successfully once they get able to feed themselves.

A TRIO (Various).—(1) It is the exception rather than the rule, for the cock, which is the one you seem to refer to as "the bird," to undertake feeding of the young the first few days after they are hatched, so little blame can be attached to him for the desertion in your case. As the hen has failed to do her duty both when the cock was with her and when he was removed, the only rational way of saving her young is to endeavour to have another hen nesting at the same time, so that you can transfer the young from one to the other, or distribute them among two or more with small broods. Before removal, however, try the effect of giving a variety of tempting foods and green food. Make the usual egg food with equal parts crushed sponge cake, crumbs of stale bread, and egg yolk, and sprinkle it with maw. Also offer a little soaked rape daily, but see that it does not become sour, and give a small

scrap of green food, freshly gathered, three or four times daily—crisp young lettuce, chickweed, flower heads of groundsel, or watercress. (2) You should have dropped the oil on a morsel of bread and milk, or other soft food, and not attempted to give it forcibly in the beak. The feathers may be reproduced again at the autumn moult. (3) To help to prevent egg-binding in this hen give about half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger and linseed about every third day, and when she is about going to nest add to the drinking water every second day 20 drops of gin and five of molasses, or ten of glycerine as a substitute if molasses is not handy, though the latter is preferable. You may stop the snut which is of no practical use for the purpose.

VARIOUS (A. E. Rose).—(1) Yes, Norwich Canaries which have been bred and reared in a normal temperature, if turned into an outdoor aviary at any time now when the weather is fair, they will thrive all through the winter, and live and breed permanently in such a place as yours. (2) There are several reasons for making it advisable to remove the cocks from the hens after the breeding season until the following breeding season arrives, but the method is not absolutely indispensable. I know fanciers, for instance, who keep mated all through the year their birds that are kept indoors in cages. But that is a method I would not advise. (3) If the birds are flying at liberty in the aviary it is advisable to have at least two hens to each cock, and two cocks to five or six hens is quite sufficient. (4) The Zebras would do all right themselves, but they might make themselves a nuisance to the Canaries, and I should say they would be much better left out. Half-inch wire would hold them, providing it was not faulty.

SAMPLES OF CANARY SEED (R. C. C.).—No. 1 is very small, but is clean and sweet, and of very fair quality, so that there is no other objection to it but its small size. No. 2 is of very fair size, well ripened, clean and sweet, and of first-rate quality. It is better all round than No. 1, and is fit for any class of birds.

IRRITABLE (A. M. C.).—The bird is probably suffering from a little digestive derangement which gives rise to the irritation. Give this bird, and also the rest of the brood, a spray of sedgy chickweed each day, but avoid very succulent stuff just yet,

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/12); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3/4); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

and feed as follows. Give a regular supply of good sound canary seed daily, and each morning place on top of it a pinch of summer rape. In addition to this give a small teaspoonful of egg food, or any other soft food you use, mixed rather on the dry side, per bird, or a heaped teaspoonful between each two birds, each morning. Sprinkle a little maw seed over this. In the afternoon throw out any remainder, wash the pan, and give in its place a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts cracked hemp (see that it is sound and sweet in the kernel), niger, crushed dry biscuit and broken groats. Two or three times a week you may give a similar quantity of boiled summer rape in the afternoon as a change from the seeds, etc. Keep the cage floor well strewn with clean gritty sand. As soon as you see that the birds are beginning to crack the canary seed freely, gradually reduce the supply of soft food, and withhold it for a day now and again until eventually you give it only twice a week. Add to the drinking water of the one that is so irritable twelve drops of fluid magnesia every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add instead six drops of dilute sulphuric acid and four of tincture of gentian. I would not say that birds reared solely on bread and milk were more backward than those reared on the orthodox egg and bread. Backward broods will occur now and again from various causes with any kind of food, even egg food. It may be more a question of the quantity given when they cannot help themselves and the amount assimilated.

TOO OLD BEFORE FORTY (Homer).—(1) It is very probable that the cause of the clear eggs in your case is that the birds are past the prime of their reproductive powers. Two six-year-old birds are quite unsuitable mates in point of age. Each bird really ought to have been mated with one some years younger, and then you would probably have found the eggs more productive from both pairs. If you can do this for a final round you would be well advised to do so. Also treat them rather freely with sedgy green food, especially dandelion seed heads. (2) For the later broods, when the weather is nice and warm, it is advisable to allow the hen to bathe two or three times a week whilst sitting, but in the earlier part of the season there is nothing to lose by withholding it, especially in the case of very vigorous bathers.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GOLDFINCH DULL (Irishman).—The fact of your Finch "not caring much for the hard seed" makes me inclined to think there is something wrong with the seed. There is so much indifferent seed on the market just now that fanciers cannot be too careful. You should examine it very carefully, and if you have any doubt, purchase some from another source. At this time of the year you cannot do better than give your Goldfinch plenty of wild food; there are many kinds now in bloom and daily forming seed pods, that are useful, and as the summer advances others will be easily collected. Give him 8 drops of syrup of buckthorn in an oz. of water for one day only, and repeat two days later. Allow a spoonful of soft food twice a week until you see an improvement, or if you are able to get some good teazle seed give a spoonful soaked instead of the soft food. Let him bathe on all suitable occasions.

BREEDING GOLDFINCHES (Wm. Hill).—It is quite possible to breed Goldfinches in confinement. This I have managed on two separate occasions, once with them flying loose in a room, with a rough bundle of branches in one corner to nest in, when they built, laid, and reared their own young. The

other pair was in a cage; the young on this occasion were reared by a hen Greenfinch. I would advise you to fix a nest-box (which they take to better than a nest pan), in one corner of the cage, and screen it with a few twigs, such as heather or box; give them plenty of building material, particularly moss and cow hair, and interfere with them as little as possible. If the young hatch give egg-food, soaked seeds, all kinds of wild food, and sprays of herbage with green fly on it, besides their usual seeds. Shall be pleased to hear if you succeed.

BREEDING LINNET-CANARY MULES (F. E. Riddell).—Your birds are both anxious to breed and should be put together at once. It is evident

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Harbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3/4); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

by your description that they have taken to each other, and it is very probable that if you insist upon them mating otherwise the results will not be satisfactory. As regards feeding the Linnet, if, as you say, he is in full song, he needs no other treatment, unless it is to supply him with a little shepherd's purse and chickweed. Give them a nest pan and plenty of moss and hair. The pan should be lined with a piece of felt or stout flannel.

BREEDING FINCHES IN AVIARY (New Beginner).—All the Finches you mention have been known to breed in an aviary, but I fear yours is a rather small one in which to expect much success. If you mean to try seriously I would advise you to limit the numbers to three pairs, say one pair of Linnets, one pair of Redpolls, and then as you have the cock Greenfinch and Bullfinch there you might try them, although I think you would stand a better chance with a cock Goldfinch instead of the Greenfinch. Do not add any more to these, feed them well, giving plenty of wild food with seedling tops to it, and fix up two or three old nests and nest-boxes, supplying, of course, plenty of moss and cow hair.

BIRD BREEDING IN A ROOM (A. M. C.).—I am sorry to hear your first round of eggs were clear, but this is not at all uncommon with muling pairs; there is plenty of time yet, and you will probably do better later. Your feeding appears to be correct; keep up the supply of wild food if possible, otherwise soak some rane and teazle in a shallow dish until it commences to germinate, and then give to the birds—it is a capital substitute for green foods. Add a spoonful of strong quassia solution to the bath water. A spoonful of egg-food given twice a week would be beneficial just now.

WHAT BIRD? (A Devonshire Fancier).—I am afraid I cannot assist you in identifying the bird you saw, as your description is so slight. The size, construction and position of the nest would have helped me. Are you sure the breast was spotted like a Thrush? The only small bird I can call to mind with a spotted breast in your district would be the Woodlark, possibly this bird is known to you.

LOSING GOLDFINCHES (A. T. Wright).—If your Finch died after treatment of the gland, evidently that was not the cause of illness, and some other should be looked for. Any other you may lose should be sent to Mr. Yates for examination and report, when you will probably be able to deal with the trouble. I am afraid you do wrong to trust to the price of your seed just now to ensure its being of good quality; you had better trust to your own judgment. Unless your birds have a contagious disease I cannot but think there is something wrong in either your feeding or treatment, but I am sorry I cannot put you right, although I might do so if I could have a personal interview. You do not say what book you refer to, surely it was not the Nutshell dealing with ailing cage birds, that is full of information respecting diseases and cures. Respecting the catching of Finches with bird lime, you have of course every right to express your views on the subject, but might I suggest that you send us an article on your method of trapping, which I have no doubt the Editor could find room for. Finches are as a rule very fond of bathing, and I cannot understand all yours refusing the bath.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

TOVI PARRAKEETS AND BUDGERIGARS (G. R. S. Novice).—Tovi Parrakeets come from South America, i.e., S. Mexico, Central America and Columbia. Fruit will be the most tempting dainty; when you have discovered the kind which most pleases its taste, it can have any kind it will take. Apple and banana are very wholesome. (3) There are no small books on these birds alone, but they are dealt with among other species in "Foreign Bird-keeping" (Dr. A. G. Butler, Vol. II., the Parrot section—the Editor would obtain it for you. (4) Your Budgies should breed, but your cage only provides accommodation for one pair; each pair should have two hanks hung up for them to choose from. Once they settle down, you should have luck with them, if you follow out the directions in your booklet.

ABOUT BUDGERIGARS (Bullfinch).—Your aviary 10ft. long, 5ft. wide, and 6ft. high, would accommodate 25 to 30 of these birds; at the same time I should not put in more than three to four breed pairs, as when they have young about, if you have decent luck, your accommodation will be fully occupied. Put up at least twice as many hanks as you have pairs of birds. They do not require any nesting material. When in breeding condition the cere round the nostrils is bright blue in the male and varies from dark cream colour to deep brown in the female. Cockateels, Black-checked, Blue-winged and Madagascar Lovebirds usually agree fairly well with Budgerigars; of course, there is some sparring, but very seldom real scrimmages.

WHAT SPECIES? (Pellie).—It rather reads like being either a young male, or a hen Ringneck, but I could be more definite perhaps if you stated whether it has a long or short tail, and compare it as to size with some well known bird. You possibly changed its dietary too suddenly, but do not go back to soaked bread again; it can, however, have

some maize. It should also have ripe fruit daily; most parrots are fond of sweet apple, but it can have any kind it will take. Also it can have such extras as pieces of biscuit and plain cake, stale crusts of household bread, and shelled nuts in variety. Keep grit and cuttlebone continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Spray it twice a week with a tepid quassia solution, but not on cold days. It should certainly improve on its present vocabulary, talk to it when you renew its food supplies, and when it is in quiet mood teach it by constant repetition, such words and short phrases as you wish it to learn. It should also pick up many words and calls which are uttered in its vicinity.

LOVEBIRDS WANT TO NEST (H. Snow).—I presume your "Lovebirds" are Green Budgerigars, and you had better get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2d., post free, from our manager, which will give more detail than is possible in this column. Hang up two coco-nut husks in their cage or aviary, with the entrance holes towards the light; they require no nesting material, and will fashion the interior of the husks to their liking. Canary and white millet seed is the main dietary; give a few crushed oats about three times a week, when they have young keep a millet spray hanging in their enclosure. At the present time supply as much seedling and flowering grass as they will eat. If kept in an aviary young and old can be kept together indefinitely, but if in a cage the young should be removed to a roomy flight cage as soon as able to fend for themselves.

PICKING ITS FEATHERS (Fitzgerald).—By this time I am afraid that the feather picking has become a vice and will be most difficult to mitigate or cure. I can only advise perseverance with the following treatment; spray it twice or thrice weekly (not on cold days) with a tepid quassia solution; every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days put half a teaspoonful of chemical food in the drinking water. It would be the better for ripe fruit, any kind you can get it to take, also biscuits, stale crusts, and a little plain cake, also nuts in variety. Do not omit to keep up regular supplies of grit and cuttlebone in its cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. You must persevere with the treatment, and there will probably be relapses before it is cured of this annoying habit or vice, if a cure can be effected after it has been so long indulging in the habit.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3/4); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Aracaculs," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 24 "Fasabills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

MACAW LAYING IN CAPTIVITY (Mrs. E. B. H.).—There is no reason why Macaws should not breed in captivity, providing one possesses a true pair and can give them suitable accommodation. Most Macaws would quickly hew their way out of any aviary that was not constructed of brick and iron; that yours does not do so by no means proves that any mate procured for her would be equally able. Most probably your bird if it did cut its way out, would return regularly to the aviary for food, and spend a greater part of its time about the trees in the vicinity of the aviary; but, it is equally probable that if it wandered far afield it would soon be shot; your neighbours with orchards certainly would not love it! These birds mature slowly, and it is quite probable that it has only just reached nesting age, though this stage may have been somewhat delayed by the weakness you referred to when last writing. If you cannot see your way to get a mate for her, then fix up in the aviary a good large barrel, wherein she may set up a sort of spinster domicile. If you are able to get a mate (you should not have much difficulty) for her, then you must supply either a large barrel or roomy hollow log as a nest receptacle. Your bird is not the first Macaw to lay in captivity. I heard of one, a short time ago, that for a number of years past had laid several eggs (four, I think) annually.

GREEN PARROT WITH FITS, ETC. (Mrs. Ball).—So long as the bird has no return or appearance of having the fits, cease giving the bromide, but continue giving the chemical food and fluid magnesia as already advised. Give daily a little honey and borax, either direct to the mouth by means of a small stick or feather, or spread thinly on bread, biscuit, or plain cake, whichever the bird's demeanour makes most convenient; also give daily, by same method, a little cod liver oil emulsion, but there should be an interval between the two—give the honey and borax in the morning, and the C.L.O. emulsion in the afternoon. Keep the canary seed and oats in a separate seed-bin, in the cage, and ultimately, I think, the bird will take to it. The bird appears to be on the mend, but, of course, while these symptoms remain, anything may happen.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Canary with Two Heads (J. C.).—The hatching of an abnormal Canary such as you mention is not at all an unknown occurrence, though such cases are of course infrequent. Monstrosities occur at times in everything, and they sometimes live, but generally they do not have more than a very brief existence.

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MULING cock Goldfinch, 10/6; Cardinal, fine condition, 12/6: Richmond, Woodstock, Prestwick, Ayrshire. (493)

PAIR of Norwich Canaries, nesting, 14/6; cock full song; Canary and cage, 4/6; breeding cage and wife front, 2/6; stamp reply: Ormston, 42, May-st., Basingstoke. (492)

EXTRA large house-moulted cock Brown Linnet, 6/6; house-moulted cock Siskin, 8/6; both proved mulers and in full song; two giant cock Greenfinches, 2/6 each; fast singing cock Chaffinch, 2/6; 20 hen Canaries, untried and ready for nesting, 3/6 and 4/6 each: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester.

WANTED.

WANTED hen Californian Quail.—Rev. W. J. Corstable, Uppingham. (488)

WANTED hen Cockatiel at once: Mrs. Barrow, All Saints Rectory, Hastings. (490)

WANTED, a few singing cock Canaries: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (483)

OFFERS in Canaries; exchange bed quilt, sell 15/6: Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (492)

WANTED African Grey, good talker, full particulars: Philip, 1, West Bank, Scarborough. (488)

WANTED for immediate cash. Parrot or Cockatoo, particulars to: W. Jones, 7, George-st., Aberystwyth. (491)

WANTED puppies and adults any variety; stamp reply: Herbert Radcliffe, 10, Pomona-st., Rochdale. (491)

WANTED hen Lavender Finch, pair Cordon Bleus: Mrs. Falcon-Steward, Carbery, Sway, Hants. (491)

WANTED Canaries, Foreigners, ex. pictures, various goods; good value given: Cypher, Bedwas. (491)

WANTED 1916 Norwich, Yorkshire, and Crested Canaries: Bennett, 34, Broadwater-avenue, Letchworth. (490)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also Parrots and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 94, Cowdens-st., Glasgow. (491)

WANTED hen Rainbow Bunting and hen Blue-breasted Waxbill, pair of Cordon Bleus and pair St. Helena Waxbills: Lady Samuelson Cobham, Surrey. (488)

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A TALK ABOUT FOREIGN BIRDS.

With Special Reference to the Hobby in Scotland.

By GAVIN ALSTON.

THE keeping of foreign birds has been indulged in since the earliest of times. In ancient Scripture we read that Solomon had a navy of ships, and that they brought ivory and apes and Peacocks, and when that wise King spake of all fowls I have no doubt he gave his experience of those he obtained from foreign lands also.

I believe it has always been the custom when sailors and travellers visited foreign countries to bring home specimens of the avifauna of these countries. The Parrot family lent themselves more readily to this custom than perhaps any others. Their bright plumage, together with their adaptability to captivity, were reasons enough to make them favourites with seamen, and as most of them found a ready market when the ship returned, it is easy to see how these birds so admirably suited Jack.

But I think there is another reason why Parrots were among the first foreign birds to be imported to this and other countries. These birds nest in holes in trees, and are more easily caught than most birds on that account. For instance, every schoolboy knows that it is easier to catch a Sparrow on the nest than, say, a Chaffinch, and, as the average sailor has no appliance for bird-catching, Parrots naturally fell an easy prey.

Then and Now.

Although foreign birds have been imported for centuries, it is only within the last thirty or forty years that they have come in number and variety. Even when I started keeping them, the trade of importing might be said to have been in its infancy, but the money that is now paid for imported birds must amount to several hundred thousand pounds per annum.

The literature about them at that time was also scant and dear. There was then no specialist weekly paper for cage birds, and the papers there were dealt more particularly with poultry and Pigeons, and in some cases with quadrupeds also, so that foreign birds hardly ever had a look in at all.

True, there was the "Avicultural Magazine," and it was doing a useful work among a favoured few, but among the many ignorance prevailed, and the names of the different species were to most people so much Greek or Latin, or Hindustani for the matter of that.

Contrast that with the present time. Now we have in CAGE BIRDS a most up-to-date weekly journal, dealing exclusively with birds, foreign birds receiving their just share of attention. Besides, there are two monthly magazines dealing almost entirely with foreign birds, and several cheap books have also been written on foreign birds, and anyone wanting to learn about them has plenty of reliable literature ready at his hand.

What is the best time of the year to purchase imported foreign birds? This question, like many others, is more easily asked than answered. Coming from warm countries, as most foreign birds do, it needs no stretch of imagination to see that winter is not the proper time, as the extreme change from a warm to a cold climate cannot be expected to agree with them.

The Seasons Considered.

Spring appeals to us as a more suitable time, but as a large proportion of foreign birds come from the Antipodes, their natural moulting season is in our spring, and, as we all know, the moulting season is a trying time for birds, even when the conditions are favourable; therefore it is much more trying when they have to endure a lower temperature at a time when their vitality has been reduced by a long journey. I have no hesitation in saying that summer is apparently the best season to purchase imported foreign birds, but it is best not to be too hasty in arriving at conclusions.

Birds are often confined in large numbers in small compartments during long journeys, and the consequence is they arrive in bad condition, their heads often bare and their flight and tail feathers broken.

Given roomy quarters, their body feathers are soon replaced, but their wing and tail feathers will not grow again till they moult the following spring, and to keep them all through the autumn and winter in this ragged condition is what no aviculturist likes. I have never heard autumn advocated as the best time to get foreign birds. The shortening days and the weather turning cold and damp seem instinctively to tell us that is not the time.

But there are other factors to be reckoned

with when getting together a collection of rare foreigners. In the first place, it is only at certain seasons that some species are imported and only once in a while that others are. Thus you have either to secure them then or pay double afterwards, and run the risk of perhaps not getting them at all. Then there are other species that only appear in the market at very rare intervals, and you have to buy there and then, or you may have grey hairs before you have another chance.

Spring the Best Time.

In reality, there is no right time for purchasing imported birds, but I think for preference early spring is the best. They have time then to recover from the journey before the moult sets in. Of course you must supply artificial heat till the summer sun drives away the cold out of the air. By that time they will be through the moult, and then you may turn them into an outdoor aviary, and as a rule you need trouble yourself no more about them.

As I said before, foreign birds are now imported in large numbers, but the figures which dealers advertise are often very much exaggerated. You may often divide the birds advertised by ten, and in some cases by one hundred, and you will then arrive at the approximate number they hold. I advise purchasers to deal with firms who have the birds actually in stock, and not in their mind only, as is often the case.

As foreign bird dealers' terms are generally cash, it is wise to endeavour to know a little about the reputation of the firm you intend dealing with, as there are men in this trade, as in all others, who may be classed as good, bad, and indifferent. Foreign birds are a very fickle commodity, both as regards condition and nomenclature. It is best, therefore, to deal only with firms who have a reputation to lose.

It would be out of place to mention any names, but one dealer has taken several trips to Africa to secure his stock, whilst one of the firms sends one of its partners to Australia to catch their own birds, and superintend them during the voyage. But while there are many bird shops of repute, there are others to visit which makes you leave them a sadder but a wiser man.

Two Points of View.

The ideas of those who object to the keeping of birds in cages have been formed when passing shops such as I have referred to. Had they instead happened to have a look through a well-ordered aviary and seen the little captives—content, singing, courting, and perhaps nesting—their views might have moderated on the subject.

Of course you cannot persuade these people to enter a bird show where they would see the finished article in a cage suitable for its adornment, or they would be convinced—ay, and against their will—by the bloom and steadiness of the exhibit that the little inmate was healthy, happy, and well cared for in its adopted home.

But to return to the purchasing of foreigners. I prefer, when possible, to get them from private aviaries acclimatised and in perfect condition, and although you may have to pay a-half more for them, they are usually cheaper in the end.

Take a look at the food they have in the travelling cage, and let them have access to the same kind in their new quarters. Birds coming off a journey are invariably thirsty; therefore, put water inside the cage, but be sure not to put in cold water; let it be tepid. The drinking of a lot of cold water renders the birds liable to take a chill, or it may start diarrhoea, the results of which often prove disastrous.

When the new imports are, as it were, hardened off, you may try them in flight cages or aviaries, but you must keep an eye on them for a day or two to see that they are getting on all right.

As aviaries are preferable to cages for foreign birds, it will not be deviating to say a word or two about them. Although it is desirable, it is not always possible to have artistic or expensive erections, nor is it necessary that they should be. The cost must be determined by the funds at the disposal of the party involved.

Small aviaries are more suitable than large for small birds, or, in other words, a large aviary is better divided into compartments than in one big stretch from end to end.

There are various and obvious reasons for this. Birds of the same size and habits can in this manner be enclosed together. The

THE BLACK-BACKED TANAGER.



A beautiful bird with copper coloured head, pale yellow shoulders, and sea green body plumage. Our picture is a portrait of a well-known winner belonging to Mr. S. M. Townsend, Fulham.

weak and defenceless can be separated from the tyrannical and strong, any that develop pugnacious habits can the more easily be caught and removed. Young ones can be put in a different compartment as soon as they can shift for themselves, and the parents can be separated from each other when the breeding season is over, which it is often necessary to do. The arrangement of the aviaries is also a question of some importance. The aspect should be south, but south-east to west will do. A portion enclosed and an open flight seems to find most favour, and on a fine summer day I would not like to enter into argument with anybody on the subject.

This arrangement seems almost ideal, but here in the West of Scotland, where we have six months of winter and six months of, often, a very cold and wet summer, I have found an aviary built on a different principle work out with better results. I think an aviary enclosed all round, so that it can be shut up in stormy weather, and the windows opened on fine days, is most suitable for our variable climate.

Heat or No Heat?

Then the question of whether artificial heat should be supplied or not is a debatable question. Some aviculturists are always telling us about the hardness of foreign birds, how, notwithstanding that they come from tropical climes, they can endure the frost and fog which we alternately experience. They tell us that fresh air is the great invigorator and disease resister, that artificial heat is not only unnecessary, but detrimental, and they ask how many degrees of frost you think foreign birds can stand.

I must confess I could not tell them, for I have never tried. I believe in making my birds as comfortable as I can, and if one has valuable birds he does not care to work too many experiments or take unnecessary risks. Further, a little heat on a cold day makes it more comfortable when performing the feeding and cleaning operations.

The food supply in an aviary should be kept on or near the floor, as by having the food vessels higher up the birds are more ready to sit on them when not feeding, and so keep the others back. It is all the better if you can have a gravitation water supply in the aviary, with each saucer doing service for two compartments. Let the water run off at least once a day, rinse the saucers well out, and if the spigot should be leaking a little so much the better.

I think I hear someone say: "I cannot have an aviary. I have no place to erect one, not even a backyard." You can keep foreign birds for all that. For six months of the year I keep many of my foreigners in three-foot cages, and they are bright and happy among themselves and a source of joy to their owner.

Having gone through the preliminaries of foreign bird-keeping, let us now proceed to have a talk about the birds themselves. When being shown through some fanciers' stock of birds I sometimes ask if they do not think of adding a pair or two of foreigners to their collection. Their answer regularly is: "Foreigners are pretty, but I am not fond of

them. I prefer the British and Canaries."

Foreign birds are like some foreign fruits—you don't care for them at first, yet you acquire a liking for them. When I first procured a copy of the "Avicultural Magazine" I scanned the contents, and thought there was nothing in it to interest me. But, as I had paid something like 10d. for its few sheets, I put myself under the penalty of reading it, so as to try and get a return for my money.

It does not need a deep pocket to start keeping foreign birds. Many interesting and charming species cost little more than British, and, as most readers of CAGE BIRDS already keep some British, they will understand the rudiments of bird-keeping, and be able to manage foreigners right away without any trouble.

Canaries were originally foreign birds. All the different varieties of Canaries have sprung from a little greenish-grey bird found in the Canary Islands, and the different types and colours of Canaries are the work of artificial selection. Dealers advertise many different kinds of birds as wild Canaries, but these mostly are only nearly-related species, for the genuine wild Canary is comparatively rare in the trade, but is sometimes brought home by people who are returning from convalescence.

The Parrot family contains some of the most strikingly coloured of all birds. In some of them the colours do not seem to harmonise very well, and have the appearance of having been applied with a brush by an unskilled artist. But, no doubt, Nature has found these colours more suitable for the protection, combined with the ornamentation, of the individual.

Ideal Pets; But—

In others of the Parrot family, the colours are so delicate, and so beautifully blended, as to admit of their being classed among the loveliest of all the feathered race. In fact, many of them would be ideal cage or aviary birds but for their voice being more or less discordant to the human ear, whilst the screams and cries of some are nothing short of distracting.

Parrots are among the longest-lived and hardest birds kept in confinement, and some of them are remarkable for their intelligence, and capability of imitating sounds, even the human voice. The Grey Parrot is the one most favoured in this direction, but although some of them can say many words, and even repeat long sentences, I wish to dispel the idea that is very prevalent that they can engage in conversation. Although at times they do slip in a word that seems appropriate, it may be regarded as purely coincidence, but for the most part the muddling up of their words and sentences is amusing, if nothing else.

There is said to be more roguery in the Parrot trade than all others; anyhow, if you want to purchase a Grey Parrot, take care you are not landed into a Rosy Cockatoo, which is only worth a few shillings, as these birds are often advertised as Pink and Grey Red and Grey, or Australian Grey Parrots. See that you get the African Grey Parrot, and so save disappointment.

(To be continued.)

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest, June 10. Black Horse Inn; Fairless judged: 1, 2, 3, Mequack. Timekeeper, Dixon. Match: McKinley beat McQuack. Next singing, June 17; and general meeting at 7.—McKinley, Sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Rock Inn Linnet Club open contest for time and quality, June 3; 27 birds entered, quality: 1, Statham; 2, Raby; 3, Bates. Time: 1, J. Murphy, 14; 2, Donnelly, 108; 3, F. Murphy, 97. Judges, T. Statham, G. Bates; timers, Woodward, J. Murphy; minutes, R. Disley.—T. Knowles, Sec.

PEMBERTON.

Pemberton Linnet Club open contest for time and quality, June 10; 28 birds staged (quality): 1, A. Peay; 2, Ashcroft; 3, R. Ashcroft. Time: 1, Atherton; 2, Brimlow; 3, Milligan. Timers, Milligan, W. Aspey. Judges, R. and W. Ashcroft. Next open contest, Headquarters, July 8.—P. Aspey, Sec.—(Please send your address.—Ed.)

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest Club sing, Woodman Inn, Horsfair, annual Whitstide sing, June 10. 72 birds entered for 23 good prizes: 1, 4, 11, Blackheart; 2, 13, 18, Plovers; 3, 19, 23, Piper; 4, 5, 8, Beard; 6, E. Clayton; 9, 10, 13, Butler; 12, Scotson; 14, 17, 20, Pugh; 16, Elks; 21, 22, A. Clayton. Open sing, June 11, 33 birds for 3 minutes time singing: 1, Williams; 2, Nelson; 3, E. Clayton; 4, Piper.—J. Beard, Sec.

BARNSELY.

Melbourne Hotel, open sing, June 10, under a moderate company for 3min. time sing. 1, 2, Hardman, 5min. 53sec. and 3.44; 3, 4, Wright and Jones, 3.43 each; Jones 3.34. June 11, members' sing, when we had a novice pop to the front in Glassblower Jones, with 2min. 35sec.; Hardman, 2.44; Davis, 2.43.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Clarence Hotel Linnet and Canary Club, Skinner Lane. First annual contest, June 10, 18 birds competing; 1st prize 22-1, 2nd 21-1, 3rd 20-1, 4th 19-1, 5th 18-1, 6th 17-1, 7th 16-1, 8th 15-1, 9th 14-1, 10th 13-1, 11th 12-1, 12th 11-1, 13th 10-1, 14th 9-1, 15th 8-1, 16th 7-1, 17th 6-1, 18th 5-1. Our host gave a special prize to be shared between the winners: 6, Brown; 6, Lightfoot; 7, Chippendale; 8, Shepherd. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, A. Bins, S. Butterfield. June 11, 26 birds, and some very good singing was heard: 1, Brown; 2, Bins; 3, Wigfield; 4, Walker. Judges, T. Summers, S. Butterfield, and J. Hutchinson. We are open to receive both old and new members from this date; the book will be open every Saturday and Sunday.—Messrs. J. Wharam, S. Summers, joint Secs.

Twitterings.

The National Green Marked Y.C.C. will hold its annual general meeting at the Market Hotel, Bradford, June 17, 3.30, to be finished before the meeting of the Y.C.C. at same place.

We have received from the Hon. Sec., Mr. A. J. Watcham, 192, Mare Street, Hackney, the 1916 Rule Book of the London C.B.A. Besides the rules of the society and show rules, it contains a list of officers, and members' names and addresses.

Plasmarl and Dis. C.B.S., a new society open to a radius of 20 miles, will hold its First Feather Show on July 22, at the George and Dragon Hotel, Landore. Schedules can be had on application to the sec., H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl Terr., Landore, Nr. Swansea.

The popular ramble of the Sheffield O.S., better known as the "half-way house," writes Dr. W. Craig, is fixed (weather permitting) for June 18. Meet New Inn, Wadley Bridge, at 2. Tea (ham and eggs) at Norfolk Arms, Grenoside, 1s. 6d. each. All friends invited.

Mr. W. B. Smart, sec. of the Border Fancy C.C., 13, High Street, Loanhead, writes that the balance-sheet has been sent to members, and that anyone who may have been accidentally overlooked may obtain a copy on application. From the copy sent us we note that, although the considerable amount of £24 was expended in purchase of medals, there remains in hand or at bank a nice little sum of £15 8s. 6d. The names of the medal winners are appended to the balance-sheet.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

The closing date of the Cinnamon marked Y.C.C. patronage is July 1. Secretaries of societies wishing for the patronage of the club should write before that date to Mr. R. Garnett, 32, Carr Lane, Windhill, Shipley. Applications for the patronage of the Southern Norwich P.C. should be made immediately to the hon. sec., Mr. F. Cole, 51, Melbourne Grove, E. Dulwich, London, S.E.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Swansea C.E.A.—Fletham, High Street, July 8.—Open to 20 miles' radius. Judge, W. Jenkins. Young birds, 22 classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 4, Bord. 6, Chin 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 5. Old bird, 22 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, Bord. 2, Brit. 11, Mules 5, For. 2. Prizes on sliding scale, 1st 6d. Entries at show room at 3. Judging at 4. Schedules from J. H. Ford, 83, Norfolk Road, Swansea.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

We also should like to express our satisfaction with CAGE BIRDS, and think it a good idea to enlarge it and increase its cost. Considering its contents we still think it cheap. You have our best wishes.

T. W. CHRISTER AND SON, Chopwell.

The principal lightkeeper on the Tinscar Rock, Wexford, has sent to Mr. C. J. Patten, of the Sheffield University, an example of the Black-eared Wheatear. It is not yet been ascertained whether the bird belongs to the Western or Eastern species of Black-eared Wheatear. In any case it is a rare find, for neither, we believe, had hitherto been notified from Ireland. Witherby's "Hand-list of British Birds" only mentions one example of the Eastern Black-headed Wheatear as having been found in Great Britain, near Pett, Sussex, in 1905, but gives several instances in England of the Western species.

Flitting of the Temple Rooks.

The Rooks which recently started house-keeping in the plane-tree in Fountain Court, Temple, have disappeared after building four nests.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers from framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Sport for All.

Writing of worms as an item of food for insectivorous birds, and giving various methods of procuring them, "Secretarius," in his monthly notes in the Avicultural Magazine for June, says, "Worm-hunting really provides excellent sport to those who cannot afford a salmon-stream or a deer-forest."

Wake Up, Chopwell.

A meeting of the Chopwell C.B.S. will be held in the Club Hall, Chopwell, on June 17, at 6, to try and revive the Fancy in Chopwell, writes Mr. W. H. Christer, Sec. According to rule our general meeting should have been held in January, but no members turned up. So will all members and intending members please try and attend. The radius is four miles and a hearty invitation is given to all.

Southampton Secretary Called Up.

Mr. W. L. Page, the hon. sec. of Southampton C.B.S., whose interest in the society has been so sincere that he has never missed a meeting since its formation, has been called to the colours. The assistant secretary, Mr. G. J. Slade, 34, Milton Road, Fitzhugh, Southampton, has taken over Mr. Page's duties during his absence, and all communications relating to the society should be addressed accordingly.

From the Firing Line.

I have just received from my wife a copy of CAGE BIRDS dated May 20, containing on the front page an illustration of one of my Yorkshire Canaries, writes Gunner W. J. Ratcliffe, B.E.F., France. It does your artist great credit to produce such a life-like model of my bird, and it has greatly cheered me to see same in print, and to see and hear that the fancy is being kept going in our absence. I wish the fancy in general, to which I hope to return, every success.

Bird Shows to Pay

Entertainments Tax.

In CAGE BIRDS of May 13 there appeared letters from the hon. sec. of the Sheffield C.B.S., and the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., asking whether admission to Cage Bird exhibitions would be subject to taxation under the new Finance Act. To these we replied as follows:—"Seeing that it has been decided that a tax will be levied on admission tickets to Zoological Gardens, it is to be concluded that bird shows will also come under the heading of amusements, and that tickets for admission will be subject to the tax."

As will be seen from a letter published in our correspondence columns this week, the reply of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the enquiry of the hon. sec. of the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., is to the same effect. **The Meadow Pipit.**

That little brown bird which looks something like a Skylark, and sings a shrill and not unmusical song as it rises in the air over the pasture or moorland, is the Meadow Pipit, a bird whose resemblances to the Skylark have also earned for it the name of Titlark. It does not soar to any great height (not higher than 50ft. at the outside), and its little song is not long sustained; but it has a cheerful presence, and by reason of its abundance adds much to the interest of the wild open places it specially favours, where it may be seen running over the ground in search of insects, like a Wagtail. Its nest, built of dry grass in heather clumps or any tangle of herbage on the ground, is frequently made the nursery of a Cuckoo's babies. Instances of the Meadow Pipit's foster-parentage of Cuckoos have been observed on the loneliest of treeless moorlands, which is rather surprising considering that such places are the most unlikely Cuckoo haunts. The Meadow-Pipit remains with us all the year round.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—June 20, St. Thomas School, 8. F.F. show; entries received and full arrangements made.—A. E. Thorpe.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—June 17, Miners Hall, Ashington, 7. Final arrangements for N.F. show.—C. F. Tapson.

Bradford East O.S.—June 13, Park Chapel Schools, 8 to 9. Taking entries for F.F. show, June 17, judge, M. Broadley (Windhill).—J. Spencer.

Birkenhead Canary F.A.—June 20, Abell's Cafe Rooms, 8. N.F. show; dates June 24 and July 29, Trades Council Room, Argyle Street and Market Street.—A. E. Lloyd.

Burnley C.B.S.—June 17, Club Rooms, 75, Lindsay Street. Annual F.F. show, good classification; judge, Mr. A. Hirst, Averington. Entries close June 10, 10 p.m. A hearty invitation given to all fanciers and friends. Birds staged 3. Members requiring colour food are requested to give their order to the steward as early as possible, as the supply is limited.—H. Broxup.

Cardiff C.B.S.—June 20, Carlton Hotel, 8. The Rev. C. B. Jolliffe will give his paper; entries for young bird show.—M. Thomas.

Chopwell C.B.S.—June 17, Workmen's Club Hall, 6.30. General meeting, election of officers.—Wm. H. Christer.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—June 21, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Table show. Classes, (1) Goldf., (2) A.V. British not shown at the other table shows; other business.—Smith and Lees.

East Ardley and Dic.—June 17, Black Swan. First members' show, staged 3; judge, Mr. P. Jowett, Marnham.—A. Walten.

East Ham C.B.S.—June 17, 4. F.F. show, Boys' School, High Street South, East Ham (opposite Town Hall); judge, D. Norman.—F. Onslow.

Garston C.B.A.—June 21, Redhite Hall, Seddon Road, 8. Novice judging competition; table show, British and Canaries.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Guch, or Priory C.B.S.—June 17. Rumble; meet at 2. June 24, F.F. show, Charlton's.—A. Knaggs.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 19, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Revision of the Yorkshire Union rules.—A. Lawford.

Halifax O.S. June 17, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' N.F. show, staged 2.30; 7 Yorks., 3 Norwich, 1 A.O.V. or Mule, 2 Brit. Entries up to time of staging; judge, L. Dykes, Bradford.—J. J. Dunn.

Nests in the Ivy.

According to a keeper on a North Cheshire estate, a pair each of Wagtails, Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Wrens, have built their nests within a space of a couple of yards on an ivy-covered wall, and a Water-hen has her nest on the top of the wall.

Golden Orioles in France.

A correspondent to the London "Times," writing of the birds in a French wood just behind the fighting line, says: "One suspects that the Crows rather bully all the other birds. They certainly make life difficult for the Kestrels; and, what with Crows and Jays and Magpies all together, and all such expert egg-thieves, one wonders how the Doves, and especially the Orioles, ever bring off a brood. The Orioles are, of course—not even excepting the mysterious large Hawk—the chief joy of the wood. So secretive are they that no one yet has been able to find their nest, and opinion is strong that, either because the Crows will not let them build or for some other reason, though we are on the edge of June, they have not yet begun to nest. But they are always in the same small section of the wood. One has only to go there and stand still for a while, and sooner or later, when the clamour of the Crows has for a moment subsided, the beautiful liquid flute-like call comes ringing from somewhere out of the green world above. Then a brilliant meteor of yellow and black flashes through a gap between the tree-tops, and the liquid whistle which first sounded on the left hand is now on the right. Then it is behind one, then in front. It is as if the bird was trying from which point of the compass it sounded best; and from somewhere inside the circle of sound one hears the harsh wheezing answer of the hen bird. The note of the hen Oriole is as ill-matched to her lord's as is the croak of the hen Nightingale.

In connection with the foregoing paragraph referring to Golden Orioles in France the following remarks on the species which appeared in the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News" of June 10 will be of interest:—

"The case of the Golden Oriole, which comes to these islands in spring, nowadays in very sparing numbers, is rather a melancholy one. It is undoubted that this beautiful bird was once a good deal more numerous in England than it is at present. But its lovely golden-yellow plumage renders it so conspicuous an object that it is now, with the growth of population, so harassed and disturbed that, even if it escapes with its life, it has comparatively small chance of nesting and rearing its young. Collectors, either of eggs or birds, are always on the look-out, and the Oriole has but a poor time of it with us in these days. I see that a specimen was noted near Salcombe, in Devon, towards the end of last month. What became of it I know not, but there can be little doubt that the bird suffered far too much attention for its own well-being and comfort. Golden Orioles

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S. June 12, 8. Yesteryear by Mr. Geo. Gardner. Bushes to young bird show. Please forward special prizes to Mr. Hyde and avoid depletion of Society's funds.—P. C. Knight.

Manchester and N.C.O.S. June 19, Denogate Hotel, 8. F.F. show business, etc.—F. Wilkinson.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—June 17, Market Tav. Hotel, Bradford, 3.30. Annual general meeting, and election of officers.—J. Chambers.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 20, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, 8. Important business, sub. due; new members invited.—A. Colley.

Openshaw, Coton C.B.S.—June 17, Club Room, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw, 1.30. First nest show; judge, Mr. T. Harrison. The birds of Mr. Daley will be on view and will be for sale, as Mr. Daley has been called up for service with the colours.—A. W. Newton.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—June 17, Fleece Hotel, 2.30. F.F. show; entries close Friday evening.—Roy Kell.

Plymouth W.C.O.S. June 20, Oddfellows Hall, Morley Street, 8.—W. A. Iyer.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—June 20, Warring's Dining Rooms, 8. Special business for F.F. show.—G. Lord.

St. Quintin Pk. F. & S.—June 22, Street Traders' Institute, Portobello Road, W., 8. Election of stewards and general show business.—A. S. Tarrant.

So. Shields.—June 17, Cypress, 7. Alteration of young show date.—Notice unsigned (Ed.).

Sacriston P.P.R. and C.B.S. June 17, Mrs. H. Abbott's Tea Rooms, Front Street, 7. Consider a motor excursion to Hexham show on August Bank Holiday; electing a treasurer, and other important business.—Win. Doel.

Stockport and Hazel Grove B.F.A.—June 17, Trinity House, Shaw Heath. F.F. show, stage at 1; judge, H. Boothman, admission free; please give your order for colour food.—W. Stafford.

S. London Ccl. F.A.—June 22, Headquarters, 7.30. general meeting and young stock show of Canaries.—J. Luckham.

Swansea C.B.A.—June 17, 8. Open show date; half-yearly subs. due.—J. H. Ford.

Tong C.B.S.—June 17, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show, birds staged 3; judge, Mr. C. E. Walker, West Bowling.—W. Walker.

West Stanley Victoria F.F. and C.B.S.—June 18, Club Room, 7. Nominations of judges for annual show, Dec. 2 and 3.—R. Hutchinson.

Wibsey C.B.S. June 17, Horse and Grooin, 3. F.F. show, and voting on new rules; judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe.—W. Chapman.

West Stanley C.B.S. June 17, Commercial Hotel, 6.30. Fixing date of show, nominating judge, and other important business.—W. Cresswell.

Windhill C.B.S.—F.F. show, June 17, is cancelled, owing to room being engaged; cup show as usual, July 22.—Taylor and Halliday.

are common on the Continent during the summer months. They travel thither from Asia and Africa, and breed in Europe as far north as the south of Finland, and in Russia up to the latitude of Petrograd. They are annual migrants to Cornwall and the Scilly Islands, where as many as forty have been noted during the month of April; and they are sparing and less regular visitors to our southern and eastern counties. A few years ago a friend of mine had the singular pleasure of watching one of these delightful birds for a whole April day in his garden on the edge of a well-known Sussex coast town. This Oriole had obviously just landed, and was resting after its long overseas trek. These birds are great travellers, and many of them pass south in autumn right through Africa and winter in Natal, Damara-land, and elsewhere. Here and there, in the south of England, in situations where they can obtain complete rest—a difficult achievement—Orioles manage to make their nests and occasionally even to rear their young, but these cases are exceptionally rare. If people would give them a chance we should see them much oftener than we do."

The June issue of the Avicultural Magazine, the journal of the Avicultural Society, will be specially welcome to the members who are interested in British bird-keeping, for most of it treats of this branch of aviculture. Dr. Lovell-Keays contributes "Some Experiences with British Softbills," particularly pointing out the danger of turning freshly bought birds into an outdoor aviary before one is sure that they have been thoroughly "meated off." Mr. G. E. Rattigan sends "Stray Notes on the Birds of the Country-side," Mr. J. H. Gurney writes of the 1913-14 irruption of Waxwings, and "Secretarius" in the new feature, "Monthly Notes," goes fully into the question of live food for birds in captivity. The foreign articles are "The Breeding of Buffon's Turacos in France," by M. Jean Delacourt, and an account supplied by Mr. F. Finn from notes by Mr. E. Ashby on the Lyre Bird. In these notes the bird is styled "The Australian Mocking Bird," and it is claimed for it that it is the "most wonderful bird mimic in the world."

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THE SCIENTIFIC BREEDING OF CANARIES.

A Lecture given to the members of the Border Fancy Canary Club by Mr. T. C. Crawhall. It shows how to introduce the system of line-breeding with the object of improving the exhibition points of any kind of Canary.

FOR the views which I am going to put before you to-night I claim no originality. The methods I hope to describe are not my own, and I have not up to the present put them to the test, but so soon as the opportunity occurs I intend to do so; in fact, I may say I have really made a beginning this season.

You will readily understand when I have explained my propositions that such methods are not to be entered upon haphazard, or without the necessary and requisite stock to work upon. You will also see that one season's breeding will prove nothing; it is only after a few years that we shall be able to obtain results that should justify our labours.

You must bear with me if I give you a few impressions of my own particular variety, the Yorkshire, but what is applicable to one variety is in a greater or lesser degree suitable to all. What has puzzled me very greatly, and it is a thing that I have thought a great deal about, is why the men who are able by reason of their business or their longer purse to get hold of a great number of the best birds do not breed more winners for themselves than they do.

Exhibitors; not Breeders.

A few years ago, when I had more time, and was better able to get away from my business than at present, as I got into conversation with different fanciers I heard such remarks as these about prominent exhibitors: "Oh, he buys all his winners; he bought such a bird from so and so, another he bought from somebody else," and I found, perhaps, that the greater part of the birds which were making a name for an exhibitor were not bred by that exhibitor.

A few years ago I was in conversation with a very prominent exhibitor, and we were discussing birds shown by another who had been very successful that season. He startled me very much by saying that the gentleman under discussion had never bred a winner. Now all this, coming not from one source but from many, and being borne out by my own personal knowledge, led me to wonder why such things should be.

There is an old saying often quoted, and seldom believed in its fullest sense, "Like begets like." How is it, then, that men who undoubtedly have some of the best exhibition birds in their possession are not able to perpetuate their excellence in their offspring? They have to buy other good birds year by year if they wish to continue in the foremost rank.

In stating that some of the leading exhibitors buy birds for exhibition purposes, do not let me lead you to understand me as being opposed to such a thing. A man who buys a bird is, in my opinion, quite entitled to show it from the moment the bargain is struck, but my purpose is to point out that even with the best of stuff to breed from such a man is not able to breed birds equal to those in his possession.

Many times I have asked why so and so, with such birds as he possessed, could not breed his own winners. To this question I never got a satisfactory answer; the usual reply was "Show birds won't breed show birds." Now, "Like begets like" so far as a breed is concerned; that is to say, two Norwich will not produce a Yorkshire, and two Borders will not produce a Crest or a Scotch Fancy. How far can we apply it to the particular breed in which we are trying to excel?

When Like does not Beget Like.

There is an element of truth in the saying. We can see it in the human family, for we often pass the remark that two sisters are as like as two peas or that a particular child is the image of its father. You can notice it with your birds also; that young bird is in type just like its mother, that one like its father. More often, however, the greater number of the produce of a pair of birds do not resemble either parent. Why is it? If we could solve that question our success as breeders would be assured.

I have come to the conclusion that the reason is our haphazard matings. A man may breed a good bird or buy one, and if this bird is in the hands of a fancier who is anxious to succeed in his variety he does his best to get a suitable mate for that bird. The fancier eventually gets what he thinks a good match, pairs the birds up, and awaits results.

Sometimes he is rewarded with success, sometimes, and I am sorry to say very often, he is disappointed. He consoles himself that the mating has not hit, and either disposes of one or both, tries fresh matings with other birds of his own stock, or makes fresh purchases, which may or may not have better results.

I will tell you what I think is the cause of his disappointment. The two birds are both good specimens, and may have been bred from good specimens, but when the two are blended the progeny throw back to some ancestor on one side or the other, or possibly a combination of remote ancestors.

I am becoming more convinced that breeders of Canaries should take not only a leaf but whole books from breeders of other live stock. We select our breeding stock according to



The Type of a Present-day Winner.

the outside value, without sufficient regard to the pedigree, and if the result is good all is well. If not, we try another mating, and so it goes on year after year.

It is not so with successful breeders in cattle, dogs, or poultry. The principal breeders of these animals and birds consider not only the sire and dam, but the grandsire, the great grandsire, and so on back for several generations. I have heard it said of a certain dog that, though a great winner himself, he never sired a winner. His progeny had the breeding in them, however, and in their turn produced many winners.

The Importance of "Strain."

Not only do breeders of stock other than Canaries consider the pedigree, but they are most careful to preserve it pure, to breed in to the same strain, and keep that strain as pure as possible.

This brings me to the point of inbreeding, and on this question there is now almost as great a diversity of opinion as ever. Certainly in the Canary world we seldom see it advised as a means to successful breeding. If done in other branches of breeding, and done successfully, why should it not be equally successful in Canary breeding to fix the exhibition qualities in our birds?

Let us consider what inbreeding is. It is the mating together of relations for some particular and specific object. The relationship may be near, or it may be remote; it may be that of father to daughter, or brother and sister, or it may only be 32nd cousins, but so long as there is a relationship it is inbreeding.

We must consider if any harm can come from inbreeding, and I confidently affirm that if you start with healthy stock, and use discretion in your methods, no ill effects will be noticed in your stock. But if there is any disease or weakness in your birds it would be better to leave inbreeding alone, for if good points can be bred in so can disease and weakness.

I want to give you an extract from a book I have been reading ("Scientific Breeding and Feeding," by the late Alex. Comyns, B.A., LL.B.). It was first published in 1889, and in it he gives a portion of a letter written 15 years earlier by a breeder of Turbit pigeons, so that is going back a long way.

This is what he says: "I have at this moment upwards of 50 pigeons that are all

bred from two pairs of birds that I bought ten years ago. They have never been crossed; they are perfectly healthy; are, many of them, larger and better in their fancy points than the birds they are bred from, one of which is still alive. They have been carefully selected for size and fancy points, entirely regardless of relationship." Now this experience of 40 years ago could easily be repeated to-day, I believe, with advantage to our Canaries.

Having explained thus far, I will go back to the supposition that we have a particular pair of birds which have hit off well together and have bred some excellent youngsters. For the sake of clearness we will suppose the pair to have been yellow cock and buff hen, from which we have bred a good young yellow cock and a good young buff hen.

In the second season you should pair the father to his daughter and the mother to her son, for by so doing you are fixing the likeness to the father in his offspring and the likeness of the mother in hers.

In the third season you should select the best buff hen bred from father and daughter and pair back again to her father, and the best yellow cock bred from mating of the son and mother should be paired back to the original hen. You might be able to repeat the process another year, when on the one side you will have strengthened the original

I could go on and explain how you will select a cock and a hen on each side, keeping the blood lines as distinct as possible, but each fancier must be guided by his own observations and the results obtained. It is sufficient to say that the chart indicates many and varied ways that are open for us to work upon. I do not say that you can hold hard and fast to the chart, but it is one that is very largely used by breeders of poultry, both for exhibition and laying purposes, and, I believe, with very successful results.

It is often urged against inbreeding that it tends to diminish size in the stock. As breeders of the Border Fancy this should not greatly trouble you, but if care is taken in selection in those breeds where size counts I do not see that inbreeding should diminish the size of the offspring, for if other points can be fixed by inbreeding why should not size also be fixed? If a man with two pairs of pigeons, paired up irrespective of relationship, can increase the size of his birds and improve their fancy points, I do not see why it cannot be done with Canaries.

Wisdom in a Nuishell.

I will now leave you to think out the question for yourselves, briefly summarising the whole as follows:—

1. Selection on outward looks alone is not always satisfactory; too many such matings fail altogether to produce the desired result, viz., the production of exhibition stock.

2. Inbreeding from healthy specimens, and carefully regulated, is not detrimental to the health and stamina of the stock.

3. It is used with success by breeders and exhibitors of other live stock.

4. On the lines I have indicated it is likely to be useful to Canary breeders, and is a surer way to perpetuate a strain of winning Canaries than our present method of mating.

5. With care in selection, inbreeding should not diminish the size of our stock, but may even be used to increase it, as size, like other points, can be bred in.

In a discussion which ensued one of the members, Mr. Johnson, said it was practically impossible to succeed on the show bench without inbreeding. His own success he put down entirely to the adoption of the principle. There was not a bird in his room that was not related to the rest, and stamina had not been lost; some of his birds were seven years old.

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THE NEST OF THE MAGPIE.

SEVERAL years ago I watched the nest of a pair of Magpies from start to finish. It was in a high hawthorn hedge. I was only able to visit the nest at weekly intervals. At the end of the second week the mass of twigs had been roughly shaped into the form of a nest. In the third week a plastering of mud was applied about half-way round. The fourth week saw this plastering process completed, while the outer sides of the nest had been much heightened, and the top twigs guided over in a rounded form. At the end of the fifth week the inside had been lined carefully with fibrous roots, and the depth, which was originally over six inches, somewhat lessened. By this time the rising outside walls of twigs had converged, forming a complete dome over the nest, and by the end of the sixth week this had been much strengthened, having only one opening large enough for the bird to enter by, on the south-eastern side, which is the one facing the highway, from which direction the birds probably knew that danger was most to be expected. At the end of the seventh week the nest had been given another inside lining, consisting this time of fine fibre, with a few pieces of string interwoven here and there. The main body of the nest was so skilfully and securely built that hardly one twig could be extracted without disturbing many others. These twigs consisted almost entirely of the burnt branches of whin and heather which had been bleached clean by the weather.—"D," in the "Glasgow Evening Citizen."

father's blood and have almost eliminated the original mother's, whilst on the other side you will have strengthened the original mother's blood and have reduced that of the original cock to a very small quantity. By reference to the chart you will see what I mean. (Mr. Crawhall here exhibited a chart similar to the one which is published this week in our correspondence columns.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.)

The first produce contains equal parts of the blood of the two original birds. So it follows that when you have mated the best buff hen from this group to her father their young contains three-quarters of the yellow cock's blood and one-quarter of the old buff hen's blood. Again selecting the best buff hen from among these young and mating back to the original cock, you get stock containing seven-eighths of the old yellow cock's blood and only one-eighth of the old buff hen's.

A Double-Barrelled Proceeding.

Just the same on the other side; you get in the second year of breeding birds containing three-quarters of the original hen's blood and one-quarter of the original cock's, and the year following you get them with seven-eighths of the hen's and one-eighth of the cock's.

Thus you have two lines of breeding, each very distantly related to the other, for you see on the one hand you have only one-eighth of the hen's blood, while on the other you have only one-eighth of the cock's.

Now you can make a third line containing the same blood as in the first cross, for by pairing together a bird from one of the two groups you have manufactured, and one from the opposite group, you get offspring with a half of each of the original parents' blood, without the disadvantage of using brother and sister matings.

How to Capture the Canary Trade.

THE SUBJECT OF THE HOUR.

THE Economic Conference of the Allies is meeting in Paris this week. One of the objects of the meeting is to consider what action shall be taken against Germany, after the war, in the matter of trade and commerce. What course will be taken, from a national point of view, is in the lap of the future. It is, fortunately, not necessary, and hardly desirable, to wait for a lead from this or that Government. While statesmen are discussing abstract theories business men may be able to put in a lot of real spade work; and that remark applies particularly to the organisation of the Canary trade.

At the end of the war the Government of the day, and the Governments of the Allied Countries, may, and probably will, impose restrictions on German imported goods, including birds, and these restrictions may react to the ultimate benefit of the British Canary breeders by giving them an advantage in the markets, or, at least, in many of the markets of the world, over the German breeders.

That, however, is by the way. What we have to consider at the moment is the preparation for the commercial fight when it comes. Obviously it will be impossible to oust the German Canary trade from this country, and capture it in other countries, if we are not in a position to supply the market when the opportunity arrives.

The opinions of men who are already engaged in the Canary trade in these islands support the view that up to the present the birds produced here do not much exceed in numbers the demands of the home market. If, for instance, the American buyers prefer English-bred birds, and cannot have them because of the shortage, they will take the German birds.

To prevent this we must make the supply meet the demand, and the way to efficiency in that respect is through the organisation of the whole of Britain. Fanciers and others should be encouraged to breed larger quantities, and they should do all they possibly can to encourage others to take up the hobby for similar reasons.

In course of time the Central Committee may be able to give advice as to the type of bird which it is most desirable and profitable to produce in quantity, but for the present breeders will do well to make the most of the material which they have in hand, and be careful not to part with sound healthy stock, which may be invaluable to them next year for breeding on a larger scale.

The Central Committee is now considering the best method by which it may successfully attack the German Canary trade, and it dealt, amongst other things, with this question of retaining stock for next year's operations at a meeting held at the offices of CAGE BIRDS on Monday, June 12, when there were present Messrs. H. J. Fulljames (Cage Birds League), H. W. Gutierrez (British Roller C.C.), J. Jeffrey (Metropolitan C.B.A.), H. J. Kybert (East Ham C.B.S.), E. C. Last (Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.), G. H. Maclellan (Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.), J. Robson (London C.B.A.), J. W. Ramsden (Streatham Hill), D. Reeks (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.), T. R. Trower (Caledonian Road), and the Organising Secretary. Mr. H. J. Fulljames was unanimously voted to the chair.

Mr. Trower "set the ball rolling" in a very lively discussion on the policy of the Committee. He wanted to know where they stood. As a Committee they were, he contended, brought together to promote the production of Canaries, but they now appeared to be drifting into the trading of Canaries.

The Chairman replied to this to the effect that both subjects were bound up together. The breeding season being in full swing it was desirable that they should be able to show that there will be a market for the birds if breeders produce them.

Mr. Trower followed this up by suggesting that the opinions of the readers of CAGE BIRDS were desirable on the methods to be adopted, and to this end he urged that the report of the Sub-Committee should be published.

The meeting generally agreed on this point, and it was decided to ask CAGE BIRDS to reproduce the Sub-Committee's report "so far as it concerns the cost of rearing and the possible production under the two systems (cage breeding and aviary breeding), with the idea of getting the opinions of other breeders."

One of the most interesting discussions swung round a letter received from the well-known breeder and dealer, Mr. Joe Thomas, of Ambler Thron, Halifax. On the suggestion of Mr. Robson, Mr. Carl had invited Mr. Thomas to give the Committee the advantage of his experience. This Mr. Thomas very kindly did, to the great benefit of the Committee.

The subject matter was of a confidential nature, and on that account, it may not be

published, but it may be stated that it fully supported the view that there is awaiting a big market, especially in America and the Colonies, for British-bred birds that can sing and that can be sold at a reasonable price.

It was in the course of this discussion that Mr. Ramsden raised the important question of preserving stock birds for next year's operations. "We should," he said, emphatically, "tell the people to keep their birds this year, and place them at the disposal (for purchase) of willing breeders, so that we may produce all we can next year."

Mr. Reeks asked if British breeders could compete with German breeders in the matter of price?

Mr. Ramsden: We never can compete with the German for price.

Mr. Kybert: We can put up something better.

Mr. Ramsden: Produce a fairly good bird that can sing well, and you will get your price.

The Chairman: The production of birds on a commercial scale has never been a question in England at all. We have produced birds to show on the bench. We want to show that there is a marketable produce to be brought into existence by our own British people to supply a world-wide demand for singing birds.

A very cordial vote of thanks was, on the motion of Mr. Ramsden, accorded by the Committee to Mr. Joe Thomas for the kindness and assistance rendered to them in his letter. This concluded a very profitable evening.

The Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

I am sorry to have to inform the many wounded soldiers interested in the above idea for providing them with Canaries, cages, etc., that I am reluctantly obliged to discontinue for the present any work in connection with it. I will see that all offers received to date are carefully dealt with at the earliest moment, but I cannot, owing to labour conditions and other causes, acknowledge or reply to any offers of birds or requests for help except those that have been already received. A detailed statement of expenditure of the £16 7s. 6d. received to date will be made in an early issue. Of this amount £10 has been provided by myself.

F. CARL.

SIR,—If only this wretched war would cease I am sure Canary breeding would go forward with leaps and bounds. Your scheme is a good one, and should be the means of providing some pleasant hours for those who take up our hobby.

FRANK COLE, Hon. Sec.,
Southern Norwich Plainhead Club.

Some Suggestions from Lochgelly.

SIR,—At a meeting of the Lochgelly C.B.S. held May 23, the members held a long discussion on your scheme for the capturing of the Canary trade at home and with America, also the helping of disabled soldiers and sailors to start the keeping of cage birds by providing birds or appliances as seems necessary. While approving of your scheme, and the object in view, and promising to assist as far as possible to do their bit to try and assist our maimed soldiers and sailors to start in the Fancy, members were unanimously of the opinion that so far as the scheme affects Scotland it would be far better to have a separate committee for Scotland. In the meantime, all the various societies ought to form themselves into county or district committees or associations, each society to send a representative to such committees, etc. Then such county or district committees or associations to send a delegate to a central council, to meet at Glasgow or Edinburgh. In their opinion the present committee, as composed meantime, is too far removed from Scotland to receive the wholehearted support of the Scottish cage bird Fancy, and if a serious attempt is to be made to attain success, it will want all the breeders in the country to organise themselves, and it must be done now. By adopting some such scheme as has been described, you would tap the great majority of the breeders in each district, while at the same time they would have a voice in the directing of such organised efforts through their societies, and, through such organisation, the collecting, despatch, and distribution of birds would be greatly accelerated. The main reason I have been asked to write you is to get the voice of the Fancy in Scotland. Any suggestions regarding the organising of the Fancy to make a successful attempt to capture a share of the Canary trade for this country would be welcomed.

W. GREWAR, Sec. (pro tem.)

The Organising of the Canary Trade,

Canary Breeding on the Colony System.

By Sergeant R. G. SPENCER, R.F.A.
(Edinburgh).

I HAVE read with great interest the scheme which has been taken up to capture the Canary trade from Germany, and I consider this to be a very important question which, if taken up extensively, will be the means of a good livelihood for many hundreds of men which have been disabled in the present war, and others who will be thrown out of employment when the market is flooded with men, i.e., when the war is at a close.

May I point out that although Canary breeding has been profitable to fanciers in the past, it has its pitfalls, and the novice who will start Canary breeding after the war should, I consider, be impressed that unless he thoroughly takes an interest in the undertaking he is likely to be very much at a loss at the end of a season.

A considerable amount of knowledge can be gained from the books which are offered for sale by CAGE BIRDS, and the prices for same are very reasonable, but without the actual experience, even with the books, one cannot hope to run a bird room with the cash balance on the right side.

When starting an aviary or even a whole room on the German system I am of the opinion that it would be to a great advantage to only turn into the room hen Canaries which have proved themselves to be good mothers in every respect; the cock, too, would have to be considered.

My experience in breeding on these lines (before being called to the colours from the

reserve) told me that when the hens are turned into the room with the cocks, say about April, and have become properly settled down by the end of May it is disastrous to disturb them by removing bad hens, viz., failing to feed young, etc., and eating their feathers.

When once the hens and cocks are turned into the room I consider it advisable to leave them entirely alone, except, of course, to feed and clean them out, which is best done always by the same person, as they soon learn the voice of the one who feeds them, and they are less disturbed—even the hens will not budge off their nests while you may be looking after their welfare.

When the first round of youngsters have left the nests you will find that in the second round these first youngsters will help to feed the second brood, which relieves the mother considerably.

In August, if the first brood were hatched early they will want to pair up, of course this is left to the discretion of the breeder if he wishes them to pair or not.

In the middle of September the whole room should be cleared of sitting hens, and the stock sorted, the hens being placed in suitable cages to keep them snug and warm during the winter months.

I should like to impress upon the novice who is starting this hobby the vital importance of looking after the hens, which have had a very hard task during the season's breeding. Every care and attention should be bestowed on them, and success will come. After all it is far easier to procure a good cock than a good hen, and one that will bring up her broods is honestly worth her weight in gold.

The cocks also require attention, and should be caged if possible separately, the young being disposed of after sexing them.

I wish I had time now to go further in the feeding and rigging up of the bird room, but I will deal with this later. All I can say is that I wish every novice success, and I sincerely hope that they will take a thorough interest in the welfare of their birds, for this is the only way to real success.

Correspondence.

A Soldier's "Pal."

SIR,—I was unable to buy CAGE BIRDS while in hospital, but an old fancier, Mr. Flint, came to hospital this morning bringing CAGE BIRDS with him, and I was pleased and surprised to see what I may call my "pal," the variegated Norwich, which won so many prizes for me, and helped me to spend many a pleasant hour away. Good Luck to CAGE BIRDS.

W. GARDNER, Sergt., A.V.C.

New Society for Ryhill.

SIR,—Please announce in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that we have formed a Society at Ryhill. We give all fanciers within a ten-mile radius an invitation to join us. We are having a First Feather show on July 8.

JOSEPH GOVIER, Sec.
South Hindley, nr. Barnsley.

Khaki Canaries.

SIR,—With regard to Miss D. Hamilton's article, "Khaki Canaries," in this week's CAGE BIRDS, I had a clutch of three eggs, all of which were fertile, and two of the young birds were khaki variegated, with deep red eyes; unfortunately one has since died. The parent birds were a cock Yorkshire buff var. and hen Roller pale yellow. This is my first attempt at Canary breeding, after having bought a copy of Mr. St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and I wish your paper every success.

READER.

A Roller Fancier Asks for More About his Favourite Variety.

SIR,—In the current issue of CAGE BIRDS I notice that the members of the Leeds Roller C.C. are to have a lecture on the Roller Canary, at which a paper will be read giving translations from the works of several Continental experts of this species. Now I do trust that you will endeavour to reprint this lecture in CAGE BIRDS. I am certain that many of your readers, like myself, are looking forward to it. Since the increase in price, and the corresponding increase in readable matter of your paper, the Roller has had a great deal of space, for which many of us are, indeed, most grateful. So keep the price up, and the quantity. It is a distinct improvement on the 1d. edition.

I know other "types" are of more interest to many of your readers, but considering that we are now out to capture the German trade in Rollers I think a good deal more could be said for this variety. Articles on the training of the Roller would be especially interesting

to many of us. The recent articles by Miss Jessie Lawson, of Preston, were interesting up to a point, but they were very vague (e.g., the duration of song to last "whilst one counted 80 to 100"). Well, that might mean any time. Again, the extraordinary reason given this week by another contributor why he gave up the breeding of Rollers, because he could not pronounce or understand the various tours. So let us have this Leeds R.C.C. lecture, and therein we shall get something, I guess, worth thinking over.

R. DUGGILL.

[We have written to Mr. Best, the sec. of the Leeds Roller C.C., asking him to get, if possible, Mr. Montagu's consent to the publication of the paper, and to supply us with the date of the lecture, which was omitted from the report as received.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Nine Canary Eggs in a Clutch.

SIR,—Can you tell me whether nine eggs for a Border Canary is a record clutch? I am anxious to find out, as every bird fancier that I have told tells me it is, and I should like to know officially. I am sure that I made no mistake about the one hen laying the nine eggs, for I keep each pair in separate cages, as I have no aviary. Mrs. Thynne, who is well-known to you and all fanciers, will verify my statement, as she kindly took the trouble to come and test them for me, and there were seven fertile and two unfertile. I should be glad if you would help me to find out definitely through your columns whether this has created a record or not.

B. C. ALLAWAY.

Successful Breeding with a Hen Mule.

SIR,—I am sorry that I did not state in my letter published in CAGE BIRDS of June 3 what kind of bird I bred with, but would like to inform Mr. W. E. Blank through your columns that it was a Canary that I paired my hen Canary-Linnet Mule with. I should advise him to pair his Redpoll with a Canary. I might mention that last year I paired a Siskin with a Canary, and brought off a Siskin-Canary Mule, which now sings like a Canary.

W. CLIFTON.

SIR,—I am very pleased to say that since writing you last, my hen Mule Canary is sitting fast on four eggs. If Mr. Clifton can give me a few hints on how to treat her, I should be greatly obliged to him, and will let him know through the medium of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS how I succeed.

W. E. BLANK.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 334).

A Red Cross Show for Barrow.

SIR,—At a special meeting of the Barrow C.B.A., held June 3, it was decided to run a great Red Cross open show on Nov. 3 and 4, the special object being to provide a bed for some wounded Tommy who has done his bit to secure our safety and liberty. Our classification will be of the very best, and there is at present a goodly number of guaranteed classes, with still more to follow. We hope that the Fancy will rally round us in this noble effort, and re-establish the once-famous Barrow open show. Fanciers can rest assured their exhibit will have the best attention, as our members number up to fifty, and there are among them some very old exhibitors with a wide experience. Our judges are Messrs. Battye and Houghton, and, with two popular judges, we should have a popular show. Our nest feather show, on July 8, is local, not open as was announced in CAGE BIRDS. The judges are Messrs. House and Wilson.

D. McFARLANE, Hon. Sec.

Bird Shows and the Entertainment Tax.

SIR,—As we could not satisfy ourselves re the explanation given in CAGE BIRDS in answer to my letter as to our liability re tax on admission to shows, etc., it was decided at our meeting that I write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for further information. This I did, and got the enclosed reply, which was read at our meeting, and for the benefit and information of the fancy generally it was proposed that I send on an exact copy of the letter to be published in CAGE BIRDS. It is as follows:—

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of May 23 I am desired by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to say that under the terms of Section 1 (6) of the Finance (New Duties) Act the expression "entertainment" includes "any exhibition to which persons are admitted for payment." Entertainments duty is therefore payable on the shows of the Cage Bird Association.

(Signed) ALAN PARSONS.

A. E. THORPE, Hon. Sec.,
Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.

Does the Hen Cuckoo "Cuckoo"?

SIR,—If you think the Cuckoo has not already monopolised too much of your space, as it has of so many other papers, perhaps you might find room for the following extract from an article on Birds in the New Forest in "Country Life."

"There is one disputed point that I have settled to my own satisfaction this year; that is, that the hen Cuckoo 'cuckoos.' The other day, when walking in the Forest, I heard a Cuckoo calling from a beech tree. He was answered by another from an isolated tree standing in the open. In a minute or two he flew straight over, and the pair flitted in the air and returned together obviously mated for the time being. Since then one of the higher Forest officers, a man who is a keen observer and spends his life in the Forest, told me he had no doubt that both sexes use the familiar call note. The Cuckoos this year seem to have come early, to have been unusually numerous, and to be in a great hurry. They begin calling before it is light, and one energetic bird sounds as if he was hoarse, as no doubt he is. The notes changed at the end of April to the excited 'cuck cuck oo' which is here much sooner than usual, and I am watching with interest to note if they make an unusually early departure this year. Their favourite nests in these parts are the wagtails, and pied wagtails are numerous; but if every Cuckoo's egg finds its billet there will be few wagtails hatched this year."

NATURALIST READER.

The Value of Pedigree Breeding.

SIR,—Mr. Norman's interesting letter in this week's CAGE BIRDS makes me feel like Oliver Twist. Dare I ask for more of your esteemed correspondent's observations upon the subjects under present notice? Something off the beaten track is more than welcome in your journal, and notes from such a keen observer as Mr. Norman cannot help being both interesting and instructive to those of us who are groping more or less in the dark for guidance.

The letter I wrote with the chart published in CAGE BIRDS of June 3 was very hurriedly done, and possibly I have not made my meaning very clear. With the exception of the first three buff cocks from which the male was descended, all the sires on the chart are yellows. Now, from the exhibitor's point of view of breeding I do not know if this is correct. I have heard it stated that to breed correctly the colours of the sires should be reversed each new mating. My own observations do not favour either view definitely; it will, however, be noticed that on the hen's side I have bred yellow cock to

buff hen for at least four generations. Undoubtedly on the hen's side buff is the dominant colour, for though I can trace the breeding of this strain back for more years than the chart shows, and many winning birds have come from the strain, they have all been buff until last year, when I got a good yellow from this hen's mother. On the cock's side yellow is the dominant colour, though there are to my knowledge more buff sires.

I am afraid that in the past my aim has been first to breed the best birds I could, irrespective of the colours, but I have noticed that from one strain I have had a larger proportion of buffs, while from another yellows have predominated. I am blending the two strains in this particular pair, and from the result up to the present I am inclined to think that buff is uppermost, but I have improved size, which, with a few exceptions, has been lacking on the hen's side.

An exhibitor is handicapped very much in noting the matings and their results, as his first aim is to produce as large a percentage of exhibition specimens as possible; the effect of colour must take a secondary place, and yet by careful noting of matings it is possible that we may accidentally stumble some day upon some as yet hidden rule which will help even in the production of exhibition specimens.

So that if Mr. Norman can oblige us by the results of his observations, either tabulated or in general terms, he will be sure of at least one interested reader. Your correspondent "Beejay," when he has read my incomplete notes, which you so kindly consider worth a place in CAGE BIRDS, will probably give us the results of his experience in line breeding in other kinds of live stock, that we may try to apply them to our own favourites.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

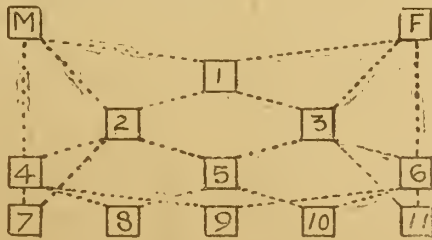
SIR,—It must have been obvious to all who have given any thought to the subject that the breeding of Canaries on rational lines is in the hands of a very few, and that the majority of Canary breeders have been going on from year to year pairing up a bird with certain desirable points to another with certain other desirable points, in the hope that in the offspring will be found a bird or two with all the desirable points combined. The only rules that have been followed seem to be, "Pair buff to yellow, or vice versa," and "Do not mate up two birds with the same fault."

Whether the points of a particular bird, be they faults or good qualities, are just an accident, or whether they be the result of inheritance through a generation or two, does not seem to have been considered at all by the majority of breeders. Yet herein lies all the value, or worthlessness, as it may be, of any particular cock or hen as a breeder. Faults are hereditary as well as are virtues; and if either the one or the other be the result of pedigree breeding, that one or the other will be passed on to successive generations. If not, not.

Fortunately, Canary breeders have, if they choose to profit by it, the benefit of the labours of poultry breeders, who have made a serious study of line-breeding, its limitations, and its results. These breeders have proved that with rigorous selection and strict regard to pedigree, almost anything may be achieved. They have proved also that some characteristics are dominant over other characteristics, and that such characteristics, when desirable ones, may be improved by attention to pedigree breeding, and judicious selection, and when undesirable may be eliminated in the same manner.

They have proved also that a 250-egg hen will not necessarily produce 250-egg offspring. If she has been line bred, and is mated to a line-bred cock, she will probably do so, and better, but if her parents and their parents before them have not been scientifically bred, her own young will be more likely to produce 150 eggs, or less, than 250 or more.

Let us see how this knowledge may be applied to Canary breeding. Elaborate charts extending through generations are followed by poultry breeders, but for our present purposes it is only necessary to use one, such as that produced below.



In this chart M represents the male bird and F the female. By the mating of these we get brood No. 1. If the original birds have come from a strain in which the points have become more or less fixed, the young of Group 1 will combine the points of both

parents, with the "dominant" points more apparent than the "recessive" ones.

Some of these dominant points will be desirable ones, and some possibly undesirable.

If we mate a hen bird out of Group 1 back to the original cock (M), these points, either good or bad, will become accentuated in their offspring (Group 2), and the same happens if we mate a cock of Group 1 to the original hen (F), in which case we should produce Group 3. Further, these young birds will be more capable of transmitting their own properties, good or bad, than either of their parents, because these have become more fixed in their nature.

Now, if we require to perpetuate the points of the original male bird we simply have to select a hen from Group 2 and mate her back to her grandfather. Similarly, on the other side, a cock from Group 3 mated to the old hen (F) will produce young favouring the old hen in appearance.

Young birds of Group 2 mated with M will produce Group 4, and the birds of this group will be seven-eighths M and only one-eighth F. Those of Group 3 mated with F will produce Group 6; these youngsters will be seven-eighths F and only one-eighth M.

If after this the birds F and M have become too old for further use, or if there are better birds in Groups 2 and 3, or in Groups 4 and 6, then 2 and 3, or 4 and 6, may be mated together, and the progeny, with a power of transmitting their points intensified, will be of the same blood as the original young ones in Group 1, i.e., half of M and half of F, and through their use the desirable properties of either may be cultivated, and the undesirable ones eliminated, this being only a matter of selection, and of selection among birds which by virtue of their pedigree will have become more capable of passing on their own points than the original pair, M and F.

I trust I have made my meaning clear without unnecessary explanation, and will, therefore, only say that the chart shows how selective breeding may be carried out for yet another generation, with the result that the transmissive powers of the birds, and their value, therefore, as breeders, may be still further accentuated.

F. J. H.

The Morals of the Cuckoo.

SIR,—"W. C.," the writer of the Nature Notes in the "Manchester Dispatch," says in the issue of that paper for June 3 that he does not know whether the Cuckoo is polygamous, and as there are probably many readers of CAGE BIRDS who are in the same state of uncertainty perhaps some of the writers who have recently been contributing letters to your interesting paper will enlighten them and the "Manchester Dispatch" correspondent.

For myself, I believe that the Cuckoo is both polygamous and polyandrous. Its morals seem to be on a par with its other qualities. Some species of birds pair for life, and nearly all for the period of the breeding season at least, but Cuckoos pair only for the moment. Certainly the hen Cuckoo will accept the attention of as many males as come her way; that is, providing they do not all come at once, and the cock Cuckoo, I think, is equally indiscriminate. It is the fact, I believe, that there are more cock Cuckoos than hens, so if the species were a polygamous one a great many of the cocks would be lacking mates altogether.

Mr. Craig in his last says he could tell a great deal more about the Cuckoo, and perhaps he will give us the benefit of his knowledge in this particular.

ENQUIRER.

The Welsh Northern Counties Show.

Shall it be Held as Usual?

SIR,—I am sending you herewith a report of the last meeting of my Committee, but with your kind permission I should like to bring to the notice of your readers a few further particulars relating to same. In view of the fact that the Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A. has run a show for a number of years, and on several occasions has had to face an adverse balance (which through the efforts of my Committee and others interested has been promptly defrayed), my Committee could not see their way to decide definitely to hold the show this year as expected, owing to circumstances arising out of the war, but decided to defer the question of the holding of it, or otherwise, until their next meeting on July 12.

"Between now and the next meeting my Committee intend canvassing for support, and if they are satisfied with the result, in spite of present adverse circumstances, there is a possibility that the show may not be abandoned. Everything now rests upon the support and co-operation of exhibitors and fanciers generally, and as it is the intention to make the next show an open one in all sections, with an increased and more attractive classification, excellent prize money, also to make the membership of the Association open to all, instead of being confined to North Wales, thus allowing everyone who joins to compete for the Association's valuable chal-

lengo trophies and specials, I now appeal to them for their kind patronage and support.

There is, of course, no time to be lost, therefore I sincerely hope to receive a prompt response to my appeal in the shape of offers from secretaries of specialist clubs and exhibitors to guarantee classes or provide specials.

Shows are few and far between nowadays, and I think your readers will agree with me that it is the duty of all interested in such fixtures to assist in keeping the flag flying.

GEO. E. CRAGG,

Hand-rearing Canaries and Young Goldfinches.

SIR,—In reference to E. Cooper's letter in this week's issue re hand-rearing Canaries, the idea of feeding with a glass syringe is an excellent one; it makes a good substitute for the "flup" feeder, but while this is a good idea of feeding, the holding in one's hand and forcing the mouth open is a bad method, and I doubt if your correspondent will rear many birds that will not open their mouths of their own free will. I remember when I was a boy my father hand-reared many nests of British birds, chiefly Linnets and Goldfinches, and he used to say the handling of young birds was poisonous to them. Although I do not pin much faith to this, I know that young birds are better left in the nest when feeding. If treated properly they will open their mouths without much coaxing or forcing. The chief thing to look after when hand-rearing young birds is to feed very early in the morning; birds in their wild state get their breakfast hours before many of us are awake, and if they don't get it early they go weak and refuse to open their mouths, and although you may revive them for the first morning or two you won't be able to continue to do so, and they will soon join the majority. No matter what kind of food you use, unless you feed the birds early it is useless. When I was between 12 and 13 years of age my cousin brought a nest of Goldfinches—four, I believe—to my father. I don't know what age they were, but I know they could not see. Father told him they were rather too young, but of course it was too late to talk of that then; he had brought them, and the next thing was to feed them. We boiled an egg hard, minced part of it up very fine, mixed a little bread with it, added a little water to make it rather on the sloppy side, and fed them upon this, and we reared every one of these, and five other nests, altogether nearly 30 young Goldfinches. I was staying at home at the time, so I had the job to feed them, my father promising to buy me a pocket-knife if I did rear them all. I was delighted to have the job, as I always had a liking for pets. On rising at five in the morning or a little before, my father used to give them the first feed, then at about seven I would give them another feed, and continue this throughout the day every hour or hour and a half, with the result that only one died out of all six nests, and that one was accidentally killed. While my father had the youngster in his hand looking at the shoulder of the wing to know the sex, it fluttered out of his hand. Mother was looking on at the same time with a tablespoon in her hand, she made a grab to catch it, and she did catch it—on the head with the spoon. My father picked it up off the floor and looked again to see whether it was a cock or hen, and when he discovered it was a cock, well —. But I had my knife all the same. I may say that after the first nest father used to buy a penny packet of egg-bread, crush some hemp seed with a bottle, mixing this and the hard-boiled egg and bread altogether to a sloppy state, and I always fed them with a flat-pointed stick like a lead pencil. The nests and youngsters were brought together; the nest was put into a basket with a piece of flannel to cover them, and in this they were kept until they were well feathered and eager to get out of the nest. They were then put into a cage about 12 inches long, 5 high, and 7 from back to front until they could feed themselves. I don't know that one kind of egg-bread is any better than any other. There are plenty upon the market, but I have found nothing better than Spratt's cage bird food moistened with water, hot or cold, and mixed with hard-boiled egg, about double the quantity of Spratt's to the egg. Put it through the sieve two or three times to blend both together, otherwise the birds will scatter it about to pick the egg out. I hope your correspondent will get better luck with his hens so that the young will not require hand-feeding; it is a tedious job.

F. KENT.

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A LADY AMATEUR'S EXPERIENCE IN MULE BREEDING.

By MARGARET E. M. HEWITT.

AS an amateur I turned my attention first to Linnets, as a friend had made me a present of a hand-reared Linnet, and I had already a young variegated hen Canary named "Twitters."

The young couple set up housekeeping in one of the side divisions of my Crystal Palace aviary, and while "Twitters" was building the nest, "Taffy," the Linnet, used to amuse himself by pulling little bits of wool out of the nest to the floor of the cage, where, apparently in an ecstasy of delight, he would twist round and round, fluttering his wings all the time.

This I thought very pretty and amusing, but I thought differently when, after the young birds were hatched, I found him playing the same game on the sand at the bottom of the cage, only this time, instead of a piece of wool, he had one of his children in his beak, held by the little tuft of grey down at the top of its head.

After this "Taffy" had to be removed for a time. There was only one cock bird in this first brood of four, and a very fine fellow he was, very much larger than either his father or mother or his three plain little sisters, and although he was quite an ordinary dark Linnet-Mule, he was very much admired for his extremely tight, glossy plumage, large size, and elegant figure.

I had many more Linnet Mules after that, but none of them equalled "Hazel" in my affections. Once I was persuaded to give \$3. for a Linnet because he had been the father of some variegated Mules, and the young birds I bred from him certainly had a few pure white feathers in tail and wings, but such slight variation is rather a blemish than an improvement.

By far the most interesting Linnet-Mule that I ever reared is my cinnamon Linnet-Mule, which was hatched under the following circumstances: I had long since discarded my Crystal Palace aviary, and I had at the time of which I am writing a bird-room, in which about thirty birds flew about at their own sweet will. Beside Canaries, Goldfinches, Siskins, and Redpolls, I had two Linnets, both of which were sold to me as cock birds. One of them that I had bought on July 15, and had named "Swithun," was particularly tame, and would feed from the hand. I do not know its former history, but I should say it had very likely been hand-reared.

The following spring I found it was building a nest in a square wooden nest-box that

was hung up against the wall in the bird-room, and, to my surprise and delight, it laid five eggs, and sat splendidly, only coming off the nest for food. This is, I believe, an unusual thing for a Linnet to do in captivity.

I never saw the other Linnet take any notice of "Swithun," but I began to hope that I might succeed in rearing some young Linnets, or, possibly, some Mules.

The eventful day arrived when the eggs should hatch, and I hurried up to the bird-room to find, lying on the window ledge, three young birds with little black bodies and tufts of grey down, and all three quite dead.

Necessity the Mother of Invention.

Here was a disappointment! "Swithun," or one of the other birds (but I strongly suspect "Swithun" herself), had carried the young birds to the window, and either killed them or left them to perish. I looked into the nest, and there were the other two eggs not yet hatched.

Now it happened that I had a hen Canary sitting on eggs in a cage in my boudoir, so, without a moment's delay, I took "Swithun's" two remaining eggs and popped them into the Canary's nest.

Within an hour I looked to see if they could have hatched, and found—not another little nigger like the three dead ones in the bird-room, but a young bird with as pink a body as a clear Canary, with tufts of white down, and with (what was a still greater surprise), pink eyes showing under the skin.

The mystery was solved; the father of the young birds was one of my Cinnamon Canaries, of which there were several in the bird-room, and this young one, being a hen, had the light skin and pink eyes of the Cinnamon, whereas the others were doubtless cocks, and had they lived, would have been ordinary dark Linnet-Mules.

For the benefit of the uninitiated I must here state that unless both parents are of Cinnamon blood, the young cocks never have the cinnamon plumage and pink eyes, only the young hens have that distinction. This I have proved over and over again, and it is a fact known to all bird fanciers.

The next day another young bird with a black body and grey down was hatched in the Canary's nest, and grew up to be a very pretty dark cock Linnet-Mule, but the hen Mule with the pink eyes was the treasure, as such birds are most uncommon, for I suppose the father would be the Linnet and the mother the Canary in the case of ninety-

nine Linnet-Mules out of a hundred, and it would then be impossible to breed Cinnamon Mules.

"Vanilla," as I called her, became a beautiful bird of that delicate shade of fawn colour that one seldom sees in Cinnamon birds. She is now four years old, very tame, and will feed from my hand. She has been flying about my boudoir while I have been writing this account of her, and she has now flown back happily to the large cage which she shares with the Greenfinch-Mule, whose story I must tell presently.

I had in my bird-room two cock Siskins and three Redpolls, a cock and two hens. I had had the cock many years, but the hens I had bought only the autumn before, and they were so wild that whenever I went into the room they would fly frantically from one end to the other, as long as I was there.

The Policy of "Never Despair."

I mention this to show what pleasant surprises one often has in the delightful hobby of bird-keeping, for it was one of these hens that built a nest the following July in a square wooden nest-box hanging on the wall of the bird-room, and sat so well that she would allow me to walk about the room without flying off her nest. She laid five eggs, but as I thought it very unlikely that she would hatch them, I placed two of the eggs under a Canary that was sitting on eggs in a cage in my boudoir.

On the twelfth day one egg was hatched in the Redpoll's nest, and two in the Canary's, but one of these died. The next morning another was hatched in the Redpoll's nest, and the fifth did not hatch, so I had three young birds, two under the Redpoll and one under the Canary.

Directly the last one was hatched, I noticed that it looked rather different from the other two, it was smaller, and the down was of a lighter shade, nearly white, although the body was quite dark.

The cock and hen Redpoll were indefatigable in feeding the two young birds with groundsel and chickweed, which I gave them three times a day. The other birds did not disturb them at all, although one of the Linnets used to try and help with the feeding sometimes. I never saw either of the Siskins go near the nest.

The difference in size between the two young ones in the Redpoll's nest was more apparent after a few days, and I was afraid of the smaller one being smothered by the larger and more vigorous nestling, so I transferred it to the Canary's nest, and she fed the two under her charge with untiring care. But there was a marked difference between these two also, not so much in size as in the shape of the beak.

Redpolls as Foster Parents.

The young bird in the bird-room left the nest on the fourteenth day, and it was pretty to see the pair of Redpolls following it about, and watching over it lest the other birds in the room should molest it. When it was fully fledged it was a very pretty little creature, with plumage of a greyish hue, the breast very light, densely speckled with black.

I was surprised that this should be the plumage of a young Redpoll, although I knew that the nest feathers of a bird are generally very unlike the adult plumage; but I was still more astonished when little "Plucky" (as I called him) began to moult, for then the silver grey on the breast was replaced by a very pretty yellow green, and by degrees the plumage became that of the Siskin, except that the green was much less vivid, and the top of the head was dark olive green, instead of black.

There was no longer any doubt about "Plucky's" father. It must have been one of the Siskins, although neither of them took the slightest notice of the young bird. His song was more like that of the Redpoll than the Siskin, but in his manners and in his greediness he resembled the Siskin.

We had a very hot summer the year he was two years old, and the bird-room being at the top of the house was very hot, although the French windows were open all day long. The heat affected "Plucky" in a peculiar way; all his feathers came off his head and neck, and for months he was perfectly bald.

I thought I would try the open-air treatment for him, so I sent him to an outdoor aviary, and he came back to me after four months in splendid plumage. He lived for nearly five years, and when he died I took him to a naturalist to be stuffed. I asked the man if he knew what the bird was, and he answered without hesitation, a "Siskin."

I have still the history of the other two young birds, "Tot" and "Pet," to relate. "Tot," the youngest and smallest, was exactly like the old Redpoll, who must have been his father, which accounts for the difference which I noticed from the first between him and his half-brother. He was rather a weakly bird, and did not live much more than a year. As soon as he attained to his adult plumage there was not the slightest doubt about his being a Redpoll and not a hybrid.

"Pet" was the only hen, and was a most engaging little bird; her head and back were

brown like a Redpoll, but on the breast, wings, and tail there was a faint tinge of green, and there was no doubt that she (as well as "Plucky") was a Siskin-Redpoll hybrid.

She and a cock Canary, with whom she was brought up, were much attached to each other, and one spring she built a nest and laid two tiny eggs about three-eighths of an inch long, which, of course, did not hatch; but it was very pretty to see the little creature on her nest, with the large yellow Canary feeding her. She, like "Plucky," did not live to complete her fifth year.

I never found any difficulty in rearing those delightful little birds—the cross between the Siskin and Canary. They were always charmingly tame, and had only one fault—greediness, inherited from their Siskin father. They were bred in a large-sized breeding cage, with wired top and sides. I do not like the box-shaped breeding cages at all; the birds do not get enough air when a cage of that sort is used.

I only once paired a cock Redpoll and hen Canary, and I had no success with them, as the only young bird that was hatched had a deformed beak, and after a little while the mother seemed to be disgusted with its appearance, and refused to feed it; but it lived long enough for me to see that it would have had a yellow breast and brown head and back, so no doubt it would have been an attractive little bird.

Some Model Goldfinches.

Goldfinch Mules are by far the most generally admired, and are no doubt much more handsome than any of the others. Some people find great difficulty in rearing them, because of the tiresome habit that the Goldfinch has of pecking the eggs as soon as they are laid; but I must have been fortunate in this respect, for out of the five or six Goldfinches that I have had there was only one that could have been accused of pecking one of the eggs, and even in that case I am not sure it was not the hen Canary that pecked it.

I have always been very desirous of obtaining a good light Goldfinch Mule, and I have spent a good deal of time and money in the endeavour; but I am obliged to admit (as so many others have done) that after all there is a good deal of chance about it, although, of course, you do have a better chance if you get the right sort of parents.

Many years ago I gave a guinea for a Goldfinch that was reputed to be the father of Light Mules, and his children certainly were variegated, and one of them was a beauty with a great deal of white about it; but none of them could be called Light Mules, although an ancestor of the Canary's had been the mother of perfectly clear Mules.

Then, on another occasion, from a hen Canary with no illustrious ancestors, I bred much handsomer Mules, one with a perfectly clear yellow breast and a little crest on the head, as the mother was a crested Canary.

After in-breeding for many years, I produced a hen Canary that I thought really did look likely to be the mother of Light Mules. She was nearly white, except for cinnamon markings on head and wings, and, of course, with pink eyes.

Great was the excitement when, after two nests of empty eggs, one young Goldfinch Mule was hatched, but I must say, notwithstanding all the hopes raised by her mother's lovely appearance and pedigree, "Ena" is a very ordinary little dark Mule, and her only charms are her extreme docility and intelligence. And now I come to the last Mule whose history I have to relate.

A wounded Greenfinch flew into the house of a friend of mine through an open window. He may have been hurt by a cat; anyhow, his wing was bleeding, and he never recovered the use of it, but he soon made himself happy in a cage, and became very tame.

A Fastidious Greenfinch.

After two or three years he was given to me, and as he was then in full song I thought I would provide him with a mate. During that summer and the following one I tried him with five different hen Canaries, but he took a violent dislike to each of them until the fifth.

He seemed to take a fancy to her, and all went well. Two young birds were hatched, but one of them was deformed and blind, and had to be destroyed. The other, "Leo," is very like a Greenfinch, but much more slim, and of a much brighter shade of green. The yellow bars on the wings are very clearly defined, and in the spring the top of his head is very lustrous, his under parts are bright yellowish-green, and he is all life and vivacity. His mother was a handsome jonque Canary, which accounts for the brilliancy of his plumage.

He has three distinct songs, one that of a Canary, another that of the Greenfinch, and a third is the song of a Goldfinch which was in the same room with him when he first began to sing. He is more of a Greenfinch than a Canary in his ways, and is a very strong bird, never ailing, and always bright and cheerful. As pets I much prefer Mules to Canaries; they have much more intelligence, and, being more hardy, they live longer.

THE BEST INSECTIVOROUS BRITISH BIRD FOR A NOVICE.

SOME VIEWS OF OUR READERS.

The Waxwing and Its Keeping.

By B. Robinson.

I THINK the best British insectivorous bird to be kept by a novice is the Waxwing. He is no trouble to keep, if the right way is taken, and, if a little patience is given, can be made as docile as a Dove, while the beauty and docility which characterise these birds make them charming exhibits, as well as being a trustworthy addition to an aviary.

A store cage, four or five feet long, two feet high, and twelve to fourteen inches deep, will suit him well, with three perches, the centre one being slightly higher than the other two, so as to allow a nice wide hop from perch to perch. The food and water vessels can be hung inside the cage, near the two lower perches, so that he can reach them. The bottom of the cage should be thickly covered with white sawdust, so that when the bird is sufficiently steady, the droppings can be picked out of the cage. The bird will get used to this, after a few times, and take little or no notice, just moving on one side.

The use of the bath is most essential to the Waxwing, as it is to most other birds, and should be given every day, weather permitting. As to his food, he is somewhat of a gourmet, and should have two vessels, one always kept full of best ants' eggs, which should be his stock food, and, in the other, give him grocer's currants, sultanas, and raisins, cut up in small parts, mixing a tablespoonful of "Cecto" with it, each day. Mealworms, gentles, and any small insects will all meet with his approval, and ripe juicy fruit should be given him when procurable.

During the summer months he must be kept in the coolest place that can be found, as he is a winter migrant; this will play a great part in the bird having a quick and successful moult, so that he can be brought out for the early shows.

Throughout the moult he should be given as much colour food as would go on a three-penny piece daily, which will help to bring out those glorious colours, which this bird so admirably displays. In penning these few lines I trust they will be useful to the novice, and, if put into practice, I have no doubt as to the result.

In Praise of the Skylark.

By J. Taylor (Haworth).

The best British insectivorous bird for the novice is the Skylark, and a good one will take some beating even for a person who is not a novice. To begin with, the price of a Lark is within reach of nearly everyone; it is easily kept, if properly fed and looked after, is a more constant singer than any other cage bird, and the song is sweet and good. If you live in a town its song will remind you of green fields and open spaces, and of home and old friends.

A good cage for a Lark should not be less than eighteen inches long, twelve wide, and twelve high, with a wood back and ends, and the front wired; it should have a canvas top, a door of good size at each end of cage, and seed and water glass outside in front of cage.

A supply of good canary seed must always be kept in the outside glass, and the water must be fresh and clean. Whenever possible a fresh grass sod should be given daily. The bottom of cage should have plenty of clean sand; not just a sprinkle, but an inch deep at least, for your bird will soon get dirty and down in health without his sand bath.

Now comes soft food, which you should give fresh daily in a glass pot put inside the cage. If you only keep one or two birds it will be cheaper to buy than make your own: there are some good foods advertised. Green food your bird will like, and a bit of nice fresh lettuce or a few sprouted oats are good.

Then comes insect food, and plenty of it. I give mine live spiders, moths, daddy long-legs, bluebottles, meat maggots, mealworms, etc. Of course, if you live in town you cannot get such a variety of insects as in the country.

I get my live feed very easily in summer as I do a lot of night work. I have a gas jet close to a window, which I open, and I am not long before I get my bird his breakfast. It is amusing to see him take a moth nearly as thick as one's finger, knock its legs and wings off on the cage floor, then bolt it like taking a pill.

In conclusion I would say to the novice, don't keep a Lark in one of those small cages usually sold as Lark cages. And don't keep one at all unless you can give it proper food and proper care.

A Soldier's Vote for the Blackcap.

By Private J. Little (Flanders).

If a novice is thinking of taking up the keeping of a softbill as a hobby he cannot do better than to keep the Blackcap; he is a hardy and quite a cheerful little fellow, and will amply repay his master by his wonderful and beautiful song. He can be bought very cheaply; about 5s. or 6s. will procure a very good cock bird.

The best cage is a box cage, with a movable wire front, and the best size, I think, is about 20in. by 12in. by 8in.; this size has been used by myself for years; it is very roomy, and gives plenty of scope for exercise. The cage should have a door in the side, and also a door in the wire front, and the food and water holes must be large enough for easy access to food and water. There should be at least two perches, three if possible, of different sizes.

Sawdust should be used in place of sand; it is far better. In all my cages I have lengthwise on the tray a fillet of wood an inch or so back from the front, so that when any food is dropped it does not come in contact with the sawdust or droppings; grit can be placed in the small place if the bird-keeper wishes.

Now as to the feeding of the Blackcap. He will require a good insectile food. There are several advertised at about 1s. 6d. per pound in CAGE BIRDS, and a few flies and mealworms. He is fond of fruits, such as currants, pears, and bananas, and I have kept them entirely on bananas and soaked currants. A bird I kept thus had not a frayed feather on him; he was a real gem; in fact, the best I ever had.

If you give him a few mealworms and flies every day he will become very tame and confiding; also get CAGE BIRDS every week, and you will soon learn how to go in for the more expensive insectivorous birds. The last, and most important, thing is to give a bath every day.

Another Vote for the Blackcap

By W. H. Commins (Exeter).

For the novice nothing is better than the Blackcap; the male is very handsome, silvery-grey, with a black cap, very hardy, and, if properly looked after, easily kept.

As a cage bird the Blackcap, when properly tamed, makes a perfect pet, though with Blackcaps, as in other species, there are individuals which you can never tame. The right time to get them is the end of August or in September. Spring-caught birds never settle down, but always remain wild.

The Blackcap, being a very active bird, likes plenty of room, and its cage should be two feet long, one foot six inches high, and one foot two inches wide; the inside of top should be padded, as when migratory time comes they get restless at night. The door should be at one end for putting in bath, as Blackcaps are very fond of bathing. The food also should be put inside in a tin, and the water glass outside.

There should be four movable perches, placed so as not to be one over the other, as they require to be taken out very often and cleaned. Have a sliding bottom to cage for cleaning out, and use fine sawdust for the bottom of the cage.

The Blackcap lives during one part of the year mostly on insects, the other on fruit. As a staple food to give every day take some bread crusts and currant cake, also scraps of meat, not salted. Put it in an oven, and bake until it is hard and crisp. Then take it out and roll it with a rolling pin, and to each pint add threepennyworth of ants' eggs and some currants. Moisten just enough to use daily; this food will not turn sour. Give six mealworms daily, also hard-boiled egg two or three times a week, and any small insects that are to be got. When no other fruit is about give a slice of banana every day, but when the fruit season begins it will eat nearly all as they come ripe; cherries, red currants, and ripe pears are their favourites, and elder and privet berries they are also very fond of.

The Blackcap will sing nearly all the year round from early morn till night, and in the Blackcap you have beauty as well as song. If you have a good specimen, exhibit it, for a first-class Blackcap takes some beating on the show bench in the A.O.V. Small British Class. Get a nice show cage, and teach the bird to go from keeping cage to show cage without handling, and give a bath the day before showing.



THE PIED WAGTAIL.

A familiar British Bird partial to the banks of running brooks.

Ule, the Little Owl

By G. H. LEWIN.

A story of the introduction of the Little Owls as birds of our Countryside.

ULE'S parents had been brought over from Holland when very young; they came, with many others, to Leadenhall Market, and from thence some 30 or 40 had been sent in a hamper to a beautiful wooded district in the Eastern Midlands.

The half-grown youngsters were placed in a large cage almost like an aviary, and fed regularly each day for a week or more, until they had got somewhat accustomed to their new home; after that the birds were allowed to go free; but as they were so young, and not used to hunting for themselves, food was still placed near at hand each day until they all got strong enough to gain their own livelihood.

The New Home.

All this had happened some years ago, and Ule's parents had got quite accustomed to their new country, for it was thoroughly suited to their tastes and habits; and in it old trees with holes, where they could hide and nest, were so numerous that there was never any need to search far for a home.

Ule, with four brothers and sisters, was hatched in the hollow branch of an ash tree which stood with many others in the midst of the splendidly timbered park where his parents had been given their liberty.

He was a small, fierce-looking ball of down at first, as were his fellow nestlings, but soon they began to grow larger and stronger, and feathers took the place of down; it was in the early days of June, and for the next few weeks, the parent Owls had a hard life of it, for the owlets were voracious, and none more so than Ule himself, who would, if he could, have pushed his brothers and sisters aside to get all the food which was brought; but the older birds were wise, and he only got his proper share, which was, however, always just a little more than any of the others.

The nest in which the youngsters were hatched was nothing but the rotten chip-pings at the bottom of the hole with a few feathers from the small birds caught by the parent Owls.

How the Babies were Fed.

During the time they were being reared all kinds of living things paid toll, so long as they were not too large for the old birds to kill. May flies, beetles, and large insects, sometimes worms, mice, and an occasional bird, helped to make up the menu of the

youngsters. At first, of course, they could not tear their prey to pieces, so the parents did it for them, but as they grew, the parents did less and less, until all, and especially Ule, could eat anything that was brought.

Gradually their wings grew, and the youngsters began to feel cramped in the confines of their home, when the parents brought food they would crowd to the entrance of the hole, until at last one bolder than the rest got right out, and perched on the branches near.

When once they had felt the freedom of the open air, they came out each day in the early morning, and so soon learnt to fly, very softly and rather weakly at first, but soon stronger and stronger, until they could use their wings almost as well as their parents.

The Pride of His Parents.

Ule was the favourite, or made himself appear so, for he was always first in everything, and great was his pride when he picked up a beetle which he had found himself. Little by little, he learned how to catch insects and find worms, and grew stronger and stronger every day, and when he had moulted his baby coat and was fully fledged, he could face the world without fear.

He had but few enemies, for he and all his relations were held free by the master of the lands on which they lived, but he was sometimes very badly mobbed by flocks of small birds, who, in the autumn, after their summer duties were over, and the hardships of winter not yet come, moved about in flocks, accompanied by their youngsters, and whenever one of their enemies, be it Hawk or Owl, was in sight, they seemed to think that it was their duty to hustle and worry him away with as much noise as possible.

Not Afraid of the Sun.

Now Ule, with all his family, unlike the other Owls, had no fear of the brightest sunlight, and so he was more easily seen by the flocks of small birds. One day especially, he was worried from tree to tree along the river banks until he came to one with a hollow trunk, into which he dropped, and waited until the flock of tormenters had passed by. He could, of course, have caught and killed one of the birds, but he was too bothered by their numbers to think of that.

As the winter came on, he wandered away from his early home, partly because he felt it good to do so, but more because his parents would not have any more of him, and drove him out into the world. He did not mind, life was as yet easy to him, for food was plentiful, and he cared for nothing more, so he wandered far and wide, often getting many miles away.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERISTS

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

D. A. and P.W.—Replied to by post.
MEDICINE CABINET (Special Prize).—I would suggest the following selection of drugs, etc., as the most generally useful and valuable wherewith to stock the limited capacity of your bird-room cabinet. Use the four large bottles for (1) an insecticide, or red mite destroyer, which is a far more valuable item to keep handy than mere drugs; (2) chemical food; (3) emulsionized cod liver oil; and (4) syrup of buckthorn, of which the bottle should never be allowed to remain more than two-thirds full. As solids for the small jars (1) carbonate of bismuth; (2) ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine; (3) sulphate of soda; and (4) sulphate of iron. In the small phials keep (1) tincture of gentian; (2) tincture of calumba; (3) oxymel of squills; (4) sweet spirit of nitre; and (5) tincture of steel. This will give you a very fair selection for dealing satisfactorily with all the common ailments that are most likely to arise.

NOT IN BREEDING CONDITION (Bird Lover).—Yes, it is undoubtedly the moult which has not yet ceased that is the cause of the birds not being in the proper condition for breeding. This could have been avoided by deferring the removal of the birds to the fresh room until the weather was quite settled and mild, and then taking advantage of a favourable spell to carry out the change. The proper course for you to pursue now is to see that they are not exposed to damp, or direct draughts, and every second day to give in addition to the ordinary seed diet half a teaspoonful per bird of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, white millet, and broken groats. Then dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, and add 20 drops of this mixture to each ounce of drinking water two days in every three for a week, and afterwards every second day until the feathers have quite ceased dropping. Give a few dandelion seed heads, and seedy heads of chickweed and shepherd's purse (as soon as you can get them), daily. Watch the droppings, and if the above medicine causes undue constipation give a little juicy lettuce, or crisp, young groundsel, daily, until it is removed. It is useless trying to breed with the birds until the moulting is quite stopped.

REMOVING SPLINTS (Roh).—As the bird is evidently getting on well with the splints in position leave them on for another fortnight and thus be on the safe side. See that the perches are conveniently placed for the bird, and do not cause it to flutter wildly about for some little time after the splints are removed, and so give it a chance of getting accustomed to the new condition of things.

WHAT IS IT? (C. R. B.).—(1) I think you may safely leave out the hermaphrodite idea about this bird. It is not possible to say with the least degree of certainty that sex the bird is from your description, or, indeed, any written description, but I am inclined to think it is a cock that has not yet come in condition, and the moulting may be quite accountable for it. Treat it the same as advised to "Bird Lover" in this issue for three or four weeks, if necessary, and if not in better condition then, write again, repeating particulars, and I will advise you again. (2) You omit to say which joint it is that is affected, but I take it that it is the one popularly called the knee—i.e., the one where the feathering ceases. A dislocation would be much more likely than a fracture in so young a bird, and it is possible this may be the cause of the trouble, though it needs a personal examination to speak definitely on such a matter. I would advise you

to let matters take their own course and not interfere in any way. It may gain strength and get all right as the bird gets a little older, but if it does not, it would, perhaps, be better that it should drop out of the race than grow up a serious cripple.

ROLLER GETTING LOUD (A. T.).—(1) It is quite likely that breeding with the Roller is chiefly, if not solely, the cause of him getting loud in song, especially if he was left with the hen to assist in bringing up the brood. Many Roller cocks are apt to let themselves go under such circumstances. The increased vital energy due to the coming of the natural breeding season will also be responsible in some cases for the cocks getting a little wild in song, even when they are not mated. In the latter case it is generally sufficient to keep them in their closed boxes for a portion of each day to keep them soft. To avoid it when breeding the cock should be allowed to remain with the hen only whilst she is going to nest, then removed, and if showing any signs of getting loud kept partially in the closed box the same as above. Treat on this plan when he is resuming song after the moult, and you will doubtless find him get soft again. (2) As the bird appears to be a high-class singer, if you desire to go on breeding with him you would be best advised to mate him with a good hen of a strain of high-class singers and let him train the young cocks. You could, of course, mate him with a common Roller hen, and the young cocks would be very unsuitable to training and make good singers. (3) If not trained they would make better songsters than the ordinary Norwich or Border, but to let them go untrained whilst you have the necessary material for training in the cock would be a waste of energy. (4) Yes, even if the cock sings quite as much in the closed box as when it is open it will certainly tend to keep him soft in song if it is kept closed.

WILL THEY BREED? (W. H.).—(1) There is no harm in making the attempt as a pure experiment, but I am afraid I cannot hold out any hopes of a successful result from mating the cock Cuthroat with the Canary. The cross has been attempted many times, but I cannot at the moment recall a successful attempt. (2) The two cock Canaries that are out of condition for breeding should agree well enough together in a fair sized cage where they have a little elbow room. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together, and in addition a morsel of egg, or other soft food twice a week, a pinch of mixed seeds once a week, and a little seedy greenstuff daily, such as chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, or seed stalks of the lesser plantain. The latter should not be difficult to obtain now. (3) No sample of seed reached me. It must have been overlooked or mislaid.

SITTING ON NEST (W. H. H.).—The hen is troubled with what can only be termed an abnormal cycle of reproduction, owing probably, to an undeveloped condition of the ovaries. Your best course now is to leave the birds together, and give the hen a clutch of common eggs to hatch out and rear the chicks if she will do so, which is quite a likely result. After this she may go to nest on her own account.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nuthall" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

count and complete the cycle in a normal manner. If you have not a clutch of Canary eggs, which need not be a complete one, for this purpose, a clutch of wild Finch's—Linnet or Greenfinch, for instance—would do just as well.

BARE ROUND NECK (Norwich Crest).—(1) It is not necessarily "catching." The most likely cause is a partial moult, perhaps due to some of the late sudden fluctuations of weather, or, possibly, to the irritating effects of grey lice. Examine the birds for the latter pest, and if any are discovered it should only be necessary to eradicate them for the effects to disappear at the moult. (2) If due to weather changes, also the feathers may be reproduced at the forthcoming moult without any special treatment. But to be on the sure side, when the moult is about half way through begin to add to the soft food, which you will give a little of at least twice a week even if you are not colour-feeding, a slight dusting of flowers of sulphur every third day, and on the intervening days give one day ten drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, in the drinking water, and the next a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give a little seedy greenstuff in variety daily, and allow the birds to bathe freely. (3) If the loss of feathers is due to the birds being in a partial moult it is not likely they will be any use for breeding this season, or that the eggs laid will be fertile. On the other hand, if this defect exists in the strain I should not consider them suitable to breed with at all, but if it is due to some accidental cause, as mentioned above, there would be no objection to breeding with them when they are in the proper condition.

STAGE FRIGHT (J. A. L.).—The bird is a hypersensitive creature which suffers from a condition analogous to what is known as "stage fright." It is rarely anyone can do anything with these specimens beyond endeavouring to break the ice by kind and methodical treatment to make them understand that no harm is intended towards them. As it happens regularly with the bath it may be afraid of the vessel. If you use a white china one try substituting a darker earthenware one, similar to the saucer of a flower-pot. And when it happens when given its drinking water you might try to discover whether you are wearing any article of dress which is alarming to it, or if there is any other alarming object in the vicinity. Always leave a tit-bit of some favourite food or green food when you do anything about the cage, and you might also place a tiny morsel of green food in the bath when you offer it. Medical treatment is of no use in such a case.

CAUSE OF DEATH (Wants to Know).—As I am frequently saying, rolling but a proper post-mortem examination can reveal the actual cause of death satisfactorily in such cases as yours, and from the slight data you give it is not safe even to hazard a guess. But I note that you mention nothing at all but the egg and biscuit, and if this formed the sole article of its diet it may possibly have died from constipation. It ought to have had a regular supply of canary seed available, with a pinch of summer

rape added daily, in addition to the egg food, which you should have begun to reduce at five weeks old. I cannot advise you better than to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you, post free, for 7d. It will enable you to avoid all such dietetic errors as this.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LINNETS DYING (Nuthall).—It is a most difficult matter to tell you why your linnets died. The information you send is so meagre that it is practically of no use. I gather from your letter that you obtained the birds from a dealer, and we will suppose they were healthy specimens when you obtained them. You would of course ask the dealer just how he fed them and procure from him a little of the seed to go on with. Upon arriving home your first business should have been to examine that seed and see if you thought it was a really good sample of the kind, and safe to continue to feed them with. If not, you would procure some elsewhere containing the same varieties of seed. Some of this you should have put to soak, and when hursting and just commencing to sprout you should have given the birds a spoonful two or three times a week; or you could have left some to soak all night, and after drying in a cloth, offered a little in the morning. After you had had the birds

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nuthall" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Sparrow," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Hullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Teal," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

for three or four days you should have given them a dose of salts or some other suitable aperient. Field-moulted birds require this occasionally, as they eat rather heavily of seeds that they are fond of. A spray of shepherd's purse and chickweed should also be given. If these directions are carried out your losses from newly purchased birds (providing they are healthy specimens) should be very trifling.

FEEDING YOUNG GREENFINCHES (Greenle).—I gather from your letter that the young birds are still being fed by their parents. You should put a little soft food, such as egg and biscuit, in a small vessel, and place inside the cage where the young ones can easily get at it. This should be replenished two or three times a day, and any stale or contaminated food thrown away, and the vessel washed out. As soon as they begin to eat it you will not have much further trouble, and you can remove them cage and all indoors for a few hours, preferably during the middle of the day. As soon as they are well on to the soft food, give a few split groats, cracked rape, and canary seed, and two or three days a week a spoonful of the same seeds soaked. Do not leave off the soft food too suddenly, or they will be thrown back. A spray of chickweed may be offered, and on a fine warm day let them have a bath. After this you should have no trouble with them, if you follow the treatment recommended in our Nuthall booklet on the Greenfinch, post free 2d., from our manager.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT WITH SWELLING IN THROAT (B. E. L.).—Keep the bird in a warm room where the temperature will be as even as possible. Put a little honey and borax into its mouth several times daily, by means of a small stick; only a clean stick must be put into the mixture. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into its drinking-water, and on the intermediate day give chemical food in the water. Lightly spread its biscuit with cod-liver oil emulsion, and then slightly damp the biscuit with hot water, but do not use sufficient water to make the biscuit soggy. Your dietary is fairly in order, but as soon as it begins to eat generally again, supply liberally and daily such ripe fruits as it will eat. Shelled and unshelled nuts can also be given. Grit and cuttlebone must be continually in the cage, as also should a chunk of wood, for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

NEWLY PURCHASED AMAZON (J. M.).—Be careful not to subject this bird to draught, and keep it in as even a temperature as possible. Do not give it any more crusts soaked in tea, but crusts soaked in chemical food and water (hot) will be beneficial. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking-water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days put ten drops of chemical food in the water. Put ten drops of cod-liver oil emulsion on to the daily supply of boiled maize, and stir in. Put into its mouth by means of a stick or any other convenient method, a little honey and borax once or twice daily—only a clean stick must be put into the mixture. You must continue above treatment till the bird is lively, vivacious, and quite fit again. Dietary: Seed mixture, boiled maize, ripe fruits, and nuts in variety (shelled and unshelled). Grit and cuttlebone must be continually in the cage, as also should a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. Such extras as biscuits, stale crusts, and a little plain cake can be given. Do not give any tea, coffee or milk spops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. Report progress a month hence.

SILVERBILLS AND BENGALISE (Mrs. K.).—It almost reads as if the dark bird was the Indian species and the "yellow-brown" one the African. However, you can easily prove this, the Indian species has the lower back pure white—possibly the dark bird is a young one which will don the brighter plumage at the next moult. They should nest and rear in such a cage as yours without difficulty. The sample of seed is a portion of a millet spray, which is good food for them, and if your local seed merchant does not stock these, any of the large seedsmen who advertise in our columns will supply per post or rail with a bundle of fifty for about 3s. I should also supply canary seed and white millet

and green food to vary the menu. Bengalese can be kept with the Silverbills; Hybrids have been bred between the two species. You can enamel the interior of the cage, but you must not return the birds thereto until the enamel is quite hard.

BUDGERIGARS AND CANARIES (A. B. B.).—(1) I have known Budgerigars and Canaries kept together, and breeding freely, and the mishaps during a course of years were amazingly few, but I have known other cases in which there were serious losses. However, in this case I consider you fairly safe with only one pair of Budgerigars, the element of danger will become more real when their progeny become fairly numerous—it is more mischievousness than malice. (2) Any branches will do that are thick and twiggy, leaves are immaterial. Parakeets, large and small, all seem to consider that their chief business in life is to strip the trees and bushes of their foliage, and for this there is no remedy, but I repeat that so long as the branches are bushy and twiggy they will provide cover for the birds.

ABOUT BUDGERIGARS (Erebet).—The reply referred to an aviary with a floor area of 50 superficial feet. By three to four breeding pairs I meant, commence with that number, the others, making up 25 to 30, would be their progeny, understood to be a constantly moving population, as they would mostly be disposed of as they became adult. If there was a second aviary into which the young birds could be turned as they were able to fend for themselves, then the aviary in question would accommodate about six pairs, but I must repeat the condition that the young must be removed as soon as able to fend for themselves. It is an understood principle that when starting an aviary the sexes are equal, and a wise man will keep the sexes equal among the adults. I am very interested to hear that you have plants growing in your flight; as a rule Budgies will not permit a bush or tree to last more than a twelve-month at the most. I should like fuller particulars of your birds; it is probably the odd birds that are upsetting breeding operations.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cackatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nuthall" booklets (2d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

WHAT ARE THEY? (Novice, D. McK.).—I have, since answering your query, received a small number of White-eared Bulbuls direct from Calcutta myself, and after comparing your description of them with the living birds there is no longer any doubt that your birds are, as I previously surmised, White-eared Bulbuls (*Molpotes leucotis*). Treat as per previous reply. An Anglo-Indian friend, at present in England, and who is well up in native (Indian) dialects and an ardent ornithologist, has no knowledge of the vernacular name you quote.

BUDGERIGARS MOULTING (Miss B.).—I take it that your birds are kept in cages, and possibly in a room where the temperature is fluctuating; such conditions would tend to keep up the appearance of a continual moult. A normal moult lasts about a month. There is no definite period, at least, so it seemed to me when I had an aviary devoted to these birds, the period covered from June to end of August with respective pairs, but, save during very inclement weather, the respective birds completed their moult in about a month. Young birds with their first moult take much longer. I have never counted the feathers in a Budgie's tail, but there are two long ones and about six others of varying length on each side, approximately fourteen in all. There is no cause for uneasiness about your birds, but guard against constipation by putting a little fluid magnesia in the drinking-water, and a little chemical food in the water twice or thrice weekly will be a helpful tonic during the moult.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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TYPICAL pair Yorkshires, £1; Chaffinch cock, 5/-; Goldie, singing, H.M., 12/6; Bullfinch cock, 5/-; exhibition Greenfinch, 3/6; bargains, approval before payment: Beaumont, Netherow, Ripponden. (499)

EXTRA large house-moulted cock Linnet, 6/-; ditto Goldfinch, 8/6; both full song, mufers, cock Brambling, 2/6; Greenfinch, 2/-; Redpoll, 2/-; large cock Bullfinch, 6/-; Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (500)

PAIRS; Linnet with Sib hen, 6/6; Chaffinch, hen Canary, 4/6; Redpoll, hen Canary, 4/6; Green Linnet, hen Canary, 4/6; all aviary moulting; 2 hen Canaries, 6/-; Yorkshire cock, champion songster, with hen, 12/-; A. Boden, 35, Dean-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (498)

TWO pairs Green Budgerigars, breeding, 8/- pair; 2 piping cock Bullfinches, 4/- each; brown Linnet and hen Canary, nesting, and breeding cage, 10/-; cock Canary, 7/6; sell lot or separate, or exchange for guinea, large or small bore: O. Barrow, 12, Market-place, Bridlington. (498)

THREE contest Linnets, 5/- each; nest of Canaries, 3 7/-; nest Mules, Goldfinch, 8 7/-; house-moulted Goldfinch and hen Canary, parents of above, 12/6; Greenfinch, 2/6; fancy hanging cage, 5/-; will exchange for chronograph watch or Parrot, with little cash, or offers: James Norburn, 62, Cemetery-rd., Barnsley. (498)

WANTED.

WANTED, hen Cockatle: H. White, Grosvenor-rd., Southampton. (498)

WANTED, hen Rosella, good breeder: Miss N. Staniland, Boston, Lincs. (497)

WANTED, several good Hawfinches: Oliver, 22, Hartley avenue, East Ham. (498)

WANTED, a few singing cock Canaries: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne. (498)

OFFERS in Canaries; exchange bed quilt, sell 15/-; Dawson, 689, Duke-st., Glasgow. (492)

WANTED any quantity of young Canaries: E. Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (300)

CANARIES, British birds, and all live stock, bought or exchanged: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (497)

WANTED for cash any number 1916 bred hen Canaries; deposit: Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas. (497)

WANTED, any number 1915 Canaries, as bred, any breed; state number and price: Lloyd, Aviaries, Gorseinon, Glam. (497)

WANTED, bird organ, must be perfect; state lowest price; deposit system: Thacker, 20, Blackburn-rd., Hastingden. (497)

WANTED, surplus stocks of Canaries and British birds; prompt cash payments: Hargreaves, 19, Spring-st., Ripponden. (499)

WANTED, Goldie Mule, pure Goldfinch notes, for cash; approval, deposit: C. Bladel, 26, Moreton-rd., Round Green, Luton, Beds. (500)

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also Parrots and foreign birds; Mrs. Martin, 91, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (197)

WANTED, African Grey Parrot, must be acclimatised, commencing to talk, and cheap: James, 4, Worcester-st., St. George'ssq., London. (497)

WANTED Magpies, Jays, Linnets, Chaffinches, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Larks, etc.: J. Flower, 76, Selater-st., Bethnal Green-rd., London. (500)

WANTED, large or small lots Canaries; best price given; cash sent with order; no risk; don't sell before offering to me: McKend, 15, Queen-st., Castle Douglas. (476)

WANTED every variety of live stock, fur or feather, large or small lots from all parts, prompt cash; exchanges made: Livestock Emporium, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (500)

WANTED, pair of Cordon Bleus, hen Rainbow Bunting, pair of Nonpareil Buntings, hen Blue-breasted Waxbill, Melmas and Gouldian Finches: Lady Samuelson, Cohan. (499)

WANTED, Roller Canary hen, Crested preferred, ready for breeding, good yellow. Wanted, good talking Parrot, African Grey preferred, no fancy price, good home, as pet: Clark, 26, Kensington Hall Gardens, West Kensington. (498)

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington C.B.S.—July 6, Crown Hotel, 8. General business and final arrangements for F.F. show July 15.—A. Noble

Blaenavon C.B.S.—July 1, Crown Hotel, F.F. show, open at 5; judge, Mr. J. Parfitt, Abertillery. Entries close June 24.—G. Broome

Bowling B.F.A.—June 24, Barrow Mow Hotel, F.F. show; stage at 3; judge, T. Bennett, Lidget Green. Plenty of good specials. Mr. Mirfield steward.—J. Nicholl

Barrow C.B.A.—June 29, Gardner's Restaurant, 7.30. Full printing for N.F. show to hand. Turn up in good numbers to receive your tickets and make the show a success.—D. McFarlane

Blaydon C.B.S.—July 1, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Important business, also F.F. show, for Yorks. two classes, clears and marked. Birds staged 7.30. Local fanciers given a hearty invitation.—Geo. Havver

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—June 25, half-day ramble. Train 2.10 for Falmer Hills and Plumpton Plain. Members going kindly notify sec.—W. H. Gibb

Chorley C.B.S.—June 24, Shepherds Hall, 7.30. Show business.—R. Hatch

Coventry O.S.—June 28, Dolphin Inn, Market Square, 8.—J. Kent

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—June 25, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 11 a.m. Important business.—Geo. S. Lynn

East Ham F.S.—June 29, Liberal Club, opposite Town Hall, E. Ham, 8 to 10.30. Balance-sheet for two monthly shows; election of auditors for half-year's working, etc.—W. A. Harwood

Eccleshill C.B.S.—June 24, Fountain Inn, 2.30. First Young Bird show; judge, Mr. J. Wilcock, jun., Eccleshill. Entries same day, 2.30.—S. Wilcock

Eastleigh C.B.S.—July 12, F.F. show; 19 classes.—J. Alderslade

Glasgow and W. Counties Club.—July 1, 122, Ingram Street, 7. Classification for Young Bird show, and other competent business.—J. H. Adam

Glasgow and West of Scotland.—June 24, 100, W. Regent Street, 3.30. F.F. show.—W. Craig

Grimby O.S.—June 29, Slater's Room, 8. Second N.F. show.—D. C. Thornton

Hornsey and Wood Green C.B.S.—June 22, Nightingale Hotel, 6.30. F.F. show, also old birds; judge, Mr. Norman. Entries by 7 latest.—P. Brook

Halifax C.B.S.—June 24, King Cross Band-rooms, King Cross, Halifax. Nest Feather show; birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. P. Mason, Windhill.—A. Sutcliffe

Hartlepool C.B.S.—June 24, Club Room, St. George's Hall, N.F. Show. Birds staged 2.30.—Watson and Wright, Secs.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—June 24, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. F.F. show business and other important business.—G. Vipond

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—June 27, Old Brig Cafe, 8. Arrangements for Young Bird show for July 1.—A. E. Ismay

Ikeston C.B.S.—June 24, Royal Oak, Cotmanhay, 7. F.F. show.—T. Smith

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 27, White Swan, 8. Entries taken for N.F. show July 1.—Day and Roberts

Leigh C.B.S.—June 28, Railway Hotel, 7. First Table N.F. show; 4d. a cage. Four classes. Judges, R. Charleson and W. Ordish. Birds staged 7.30.—R. Charleson

Long Eaton C.B.S.—July 1, The Blue Bell Inn, 6. F.F. show; birds staged 6; 6d. per cage. Judge, Mr. T. Smith, Ikeston.—J. Turner

Lancaster F.F. and C.B.S.—June 26, Taylor's Inn. Arrange stewards for F.F. show.—J. McKegg. (Time not stated.—Ed.)

Manningham C.B.A.—June 24, Headquarters, 2. Members' F.F. Show; judge, Mr. N. Kirk. Entries, Friday; close at 10.—H. Grange, Sec.

Midland Roller C.C.—June 29, Seven Stars, St. John Street, Wolverhampton, 7.30. Lecture on the Roller Canary by Mr. T. Twigg.—J. W. Thomson

Northern Norwich P.H.C.—July 1, Shield's Cafe, Bigg Market, 7.30. Table show. Classes: 2 clear, 1 marked. Cup and medal competition, two highest birds only to count. Judge, Mr. Houghton, Gloucester.—F. W. Laidlow

National British Bird and Mule Club.—June 29, Feathers Hotel, Westminster, 8. General business.—E. Stephens

Provincial Roller C.C.—June meeting cancelled owing to holidays.—J. T. Smith

Poplar C.B.S.—June 29, All Hallows Schoolroom, East India Dock Road, E., 5.30. Young Stock schedule. Date for country outing and other business.—H. Prisman

Queen's Park (Glasgow) C.B.S.—July 1, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Eglinton Hall, 2.45. Annual show business and F.F. show. A good entry is expected.—A. K. Hunter

Richmond (Surrey) C.B.S.—June 26, St. John's Hall, 8. Final arrangements for Young Bird show.—Colin Brown

Radcliffe C.B.S.—June 27, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Entries for F.F. show.—G. Lord

Sheffield O.S.—June 27, Rotherham House Hotel, 8. Important business.—E. C. Job

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—June 27, Liberal Club, 8. Prize money paid for First N.F. show; also arrangements for Second N.F. show July 1. Judge, T. Bentley, Checkcham.—W. Everett

Stratford and E. London.—June 24, Eagle, 7. Evening show, all sections.—A. Wasey

Sheffield C.B.S.—July 5, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Essay competition on colour-feeding. Prizes, 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., 1s., 6d. Please note, meeting Wednesday this month.—A. Holson

Southern Border F.C.—June 26, headquarters, 7.45. Important discussion re patronage and specials for next show season.—Geo. Burton

South Moor C.B.S.—June 24, Oxley's Hotel, 6.30. Schedules, stewards, etc., for Young Bird show. Anyone wishing to show can do so by joining at this meeting.—G. P. Bates

South Moor Social.—June 25, Club Room, 6.30. To discuss schedule for Annual show Nov. 4 and 5.—G. Lane

Swansea C.B.A.—July 1, Elysium, 8. Final arrangements for Young Bird show; secs. please apply for schedules.—J. H. Ford

Valley of Leven C.B.C.—June 27, Village School, Alexandria, 8. F.F. show business.—A. H. McLenn

Warrington C.B.S.—June 29, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Entries close for N.F. show.—H. Warburton

Wombwell B.F.A.—July 1, Ship Inn, 4.30. Members' N.F. show, staged 4.50. 4 Yorks, 4 Nor., 2 Brit. Judge, E. Toulson, Barnsley.—F. Moore

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PEMBERTON.

"Dog and Partridge" Hotel Linnet Club.—A contest will be held at the "Dog and Partridge" Hotel on July 8. Open to all England, for both time and quality.—Milligan, Sec. (498)

SHEFFIELD.

Lionet Singing Society, Prince Wales, Carlbrook-st.; landlord gave three special prizes for two minutes' sing. 30 birds entered: 1, Cutts, 63, his famous young bird; 2, Driver, 57; 3, Hawkyard, 40.—Croft

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet Contest Club, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, June 17; 31 sang four minutes' time: 1, 2, Blackshear; 3, Beard. Open sing, June 18, 37 entered, 3 minutes' time singing: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, Beard; 4, Williams.—J. Beard, Sec.

BARNSELY.

Dove Inn Bird Club, June 18, under a moderate company. F. Shepherd, timer; J. Dunk, chalk, for 4 minutes' single time sing: 1, Hardman, 3min. 22sec.; 2, Dooley, 2.46; 3, Noonan, 2.38; 4, G. B. Jones, 2.33. England wins special given by Mr. F. Norman, nearest imo., with 53 sec.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Clarence Hotel Linnet and Canary Club, Skinner Lane. Grand Linnet contest, June 16; 26 birds competing: 1, Binns; 2, A. Butterfield; 3, Shepherd; 4, Wharam. Judges, T. Summers and S. Butterfield; June 17, 27 birds competed, and the best singing of the year was heard: 1, 2, shared, Wharam and S. Butterfield; 3, Binns; 4, Kipling. Judges, T. Summers, C. Cooper.—J. Wharam, T. Summers, Joint Secs.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel Saville Green, York-rd., open contest for quality Linnet singing, June 10, 27 birds sang: 1, W. Sissons; 2, G. Hirst; 3, Hollingworth; 4, Bott; 5, Stead. Judges, Crane and Hayes. June 11, 40 birds sang: 1, 2, T. Ineson; 3, S. Parker; 4, B. Farrar; 5, T. Ward. Judges, Crane, Butler, Grant. June 12, 27th Great All-England open contest for quality Linnet singing; 37 of the best picked birds in England sang for 12 prizes: 1, B. Smith; 2, T. Ineson; 3, Stead; 4, B. Farrar; 5, Thompson; 6, Lewis Mall; 7, E. G. Thorpe; 8, W. Sissons; 9, T. Ward; 10, O'Brien; 11, T. Crane; 12, S. Parker. Judges, Jennings, Naylor, Butler. June 17, 21 sang: 1, Mrs. Tennant; 2, Sissons; 3, O'Brien; 4, Sissons; 5, Condiffe. Judges, Naylor and Campbell. June 18, 29 sang: 1, Stead; 2, Sissons; 3, Ineson; 4, Hollingworth; 5, B. Rowe. Judges, Hardeastle, Butler, and Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, June 17; 24 birds sang: 1, 3, 4, Marshall; 2, Richardson. Judges, W. Lang, D. Thompson. June 18, 25 birds: 1, Richardson; 2, Hirst; 3, Marshall; 4, Butler. Judges, W. Lang, J. Smith. Timekeeper, A. Butler. First annual Linnet contest, June 12, when 43 sang for over £30, and various special prizes, before a crowded house: 1, Stackhill; 2, F. Marshall; 3, W. Oxley; 4, 11, A. Richardson; 5, G. Hirst; 6, Atkinson; 7, Marshall; 8, F. Shaw; 9, W. Shaw; 10, Butler; 12, J. Thompson; 13, J. Hirst; 14, Newsome. Judges, C. Biss, B. Gomersall; J. Clegg. June 13, 26 birds sang: 1, 2, dead heat, C. Conner and C. Richardson; 3, B. Oxley; 4, W. Midgley. Judges, A. Richardson, B. Gomersall.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Leeds Quality Singing Linnet Club.—Annual contest, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, June 10. 20 classical birds entertained a very appreciative company of fanciers: 1, spl., gold medal, Clippindale; 2, gold medal, Turner; 3, Wright; 4, Dearlove; 5, Solomon; 6, Wright. We have again to thank Messrs. Woodheads and Messrs. Dickinson for their gift of seed, which was distributed amongst Reader, Booth, Lorrman, Hargreaves, Boyd, and Walker. Two gold medals for the two birds counting the most marks during the season: 1, J. Clippindale; 2, B. Dearlove. Judges: Bros. Lorrman; timekeeper, Ed. Temple. The prizes were presented by the well-known London fancier, Mr. Burgess. A second match was sung, 16 birds: 1, Clippindale; 2, Booth; 3, Pritchard. Judges, Janson and Lorrman. Usual week-end match, June 12, 28 birds: 1, Dunn; 2, Temple; 3, Booth; 4, C. Lorrman. Judges, Lorrman, Walker; timekeeper, Ensley. Contest June 18, 26 birds: 1, Turner; 2, C. Lorrman; 3, Clippindale; 4, Dearlove. Judges, A. Lorrman, J. Lorrman; timekeeper, Reader. J. Wright was proposed as secretary for the season and accepted office.—J. Wright, Sec. Please send address.—Editor

Club Reports.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting, June 14, N.F. show fixed for July 1, at George Hotel. Classes as last year, with Border added. Mr. Cooper gives spl. for most points in Canary section, all points to count for cup. Birds staged at 2 prompt. Entrance, 7d. cage. Mr. J. Cuthbertson takes Canaries, and Mr. Hawkins Brit. Now, members, bring them out and make it a success.—Wm. Hearfield, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting, June 14, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market, Mr. Wm. Mather, chair, with a very good turn-up. Decided to hold annual show this year, date to be fixed later. After business we had a question night. Questions were asked, and very satisfactorily answered. N.F. show:—Champ, Cl. 1, Davis; 2, Wigglesworth. Mkd. 1, 2, Davis; 3, Wigglesworth. Nov. Cl. 1, 3, G. Key; 2, vhc, Geo. Shield; 4, Wm. Collins; 5, Wm. Robson; 6, R. Studholme. Mkd. 1, Wm. Collins; 3, G. Key; 3, 4, R. Studholme. Decided to hold next meeting, July 12, R. Davis, Hon. Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting, June 7, before a moderate attendance. Chairman having joined Army, Mr. Foster took his place for the evening. Decided to still retain Mr. Munday as chairman, but during his absence a temporary substitute to be appointed each meeting. Decided to hold F.F. show in meeting room this year to save expense of larger room. Members living outside town desirous of making entries to write sec. for schedule, as so many are sent by post to members who never exhibit at F.F. show. This will be a considerable saving of postage. Specials were promised for all classes, so it is hoped members will make as many entries as possible, to make a most successful show. Further particulars in due course. Mr. Cooper was elected a member.—O. C. Smith, Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Meeting, June 17, Prince of Wales Hotel, Mr. Wm. Feratt presiding over a fairly good attendance. New members elected: Messrs. Scott and Powell. Decided to have ten classes for F.F. show, July 1. Birds staged at 4. Judging at 5 prompt. There are some good specials and we should have a good show.—Wm. Newell, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Meeting Headquarters, 58, George Street, May 18, Mr. Gough, chair. On account of several members being called up it was decided not to have F.F. show this season. Mr. Simmons was elected a member. Onr. sec. Mr. Filfield, being called up, we all wish him good luck, safe and speedy return. Mr. A. Lewin, 58, Marlborough Road, Oxford, was elected sec. pro. tem. The society is in a very prosperous condition, and I shall be pleased to receive suggestions from any of our members with regard to our annual show for the autumn, as we intend to keep the flag flying until the boys come home. Subs. are now due.—A. Lewin, Sec. pro tem.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Always Ready).

Meeting, June 14, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road; Mr. J. S. Dixon, chair. Messrs. T. Bewick, Gateshead, J. Peacock, Thirlwell, W. O. Purvis, were elected members. Agreed unanimously to pay all prize-money on the sliding scale. We have secured one of the lightest halls in the Borough for both our shows this season, three minutes' walk from the station. Specials for our Young Bird show, July 22: 5/- given by J. W. Watson for most points with three nominated young birds; 2/6 by J. S. Dixon, most entries; 2/6 by R. Barnes, best young bird; 2/6 by R. Armstrong for most points in show; silver medal by R. Armstrong for best bird shown by member who has never before exhibited; 2/6 by J. Curry, best Linnet; 2/6 by R. Ridley, best Goldfinch. A hearty invitation to all fanciers within 20 miles to join. Full particulars from J. W. Watson, 75, Leigh-on-Street.

EAST ANGLIAN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting, Festival House, Norwich, June 15; Mr. J. J. Smith presided. Owing to various causes the attendance did not reach the previous average. On the minutes being read and confirmed it was pointed out that owing to an oversight the election of Mr. J. Mitchell as a vice-president was omitted from the report of the last meeting in CAGE BIRDS. This gentleman is giving the new Club most generous and energetic support. The agenda was a rather formidable one, and owing to the amount and nature of the correspondence received by the sec. since the previous meeting, the greater portion of evening was occupied in dealing with questions arising from same. Very encouraging letters were amongst others received from Mr. Hare, Wisbech; Mr. Sissons, Lincoln; and Mr. Chapman, Lynn. Mr. F. Burrows was elected auditor, and the sec. will place before him at each meeting a statement of account showing the financial position of the Club on that day. Snoddy other matters were discussed, and it was resolved to hold a meeting to clear the balance of the agenda on June 29.—R. Toolinson, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting and table show of nest feather birds, headquarters, Duke of York, and quite a nice lot turned up. Vice-president, Mr. J. A. Tonks, judge, and Mr. F. J. Weaver, chair. Classes for annual N.F. show, July 8; birds staged 2.30. Mr. S. N. Taylor, West Bromwich, to judge Norwich and British, and Mr. F. J. Weaver Yorks. 6 Nor., including one hen class; 5 Yorks.; 4 Brit.; 2 Mules. We have up to now six specials given, all donations will be thankfully received. Spl., best Nor.; best Yorks.; best Brit. or Mule; most points Nor.; most points Yorks.; and most entries. We are in want of a spl. for most points for British or Mule. One of our oldest and well-known members, Mr. Willoughby, who had retired, was re-enrolled a member. Many fanciers in the district will be pleased to know that Mr. Willoughby is taking an active part again.

Nor. Cl. 1, 2, Hampton; 3, Weaver; vhc, e, Garfield; hc, Bendall. Mkd. 1, vhc, Bendall; 2, Weaver; 3, Hampton. Var. or Green: 1, Weaver; 2, Gibbons. Yorks. Cl. 1, Pritchard; 2, Worrall. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Gibbons; 2, 3, Pritchard; vhc, Worrall. Mr. J. A. Tonks brought over for inspection a splendid light Linnet Mule, a bird which with a little bit of luck will be heard of again.—J. Gibbons, Press Corres.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual general meeting, June 17, Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. H. H. Towers, chair. Minutes of committee meetings held during the past year read and passed. Balance sheet was adopted, showing a deficit of £1 19s., which was accounted for by the number of outstanding subs. which the Sec. trusts will be forthcoming at an early date. Sec. stated he had received only one nomination paper for the election of officers, and that after the advertised date of closing, so it was ruled out of order, and it was unanimously decided that with two exceptions, last year's officers be elected for 1916-17. Dr. Craig, Sheffield, and Mr. C. Thornton, Otley, were elected to fill the two vacancies. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers and donors of prizes, etc.; four resignations were accepted with regret. Mr. A. Radley, Huddersfield, Mr. F. Myers, Yeadon, and Mr. C. Thornton, Otley, admitted to membership. Decided that club's competitions be continued. In place of the Ramsden cup (won outright), Mr. L. Dykes, the winner, offered to replace same with a cup to the value of 7 guineas. Mr. W. A. Cowgill proposed, Mr. H. J. Chittenden seconded, that this most generous offer be accepted. Competitions for 1916-17:—Ogden trophy, value 10 guineas; Dyke's competition, value 7 guineas; amateur competition, Junior Novice competition, and most points by 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th birds, cash prizes at each show. Next committee meeting, July 8; business: details of competitions, allotment of patronage, etc. Societies desiring the club's patronage and which have not already applied please do so, as applications close July 1.—John Greaves, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

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The Young Bird Shows.

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IDLE C.B.A.

F.F. show, June 17, Springfield Hotel. Only 23 entries, but some very fine birds staged. Mr. J. Lunn judged and gave entire satisfaction. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. (12): 1, 2, Clippindale; 3, Lloyd; 4, Elze-good. Buff (8): 1, Elze-good; 2, Clippindale; 3, Pearson; 4, Sparks. Mkd. (4): 1, Wood; 2, 3, Baxter; 4, Pearson.—J. Clippindale, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

F.F. show, June 17, Park Chapel Schools, 45 entries, including some fine specimens. Mr. M. Broadly judged, giving entire satisfaction. Champ.—Cl. Yell. (2): 1, Walker; 2, Farrar. Buff (5): 1, Midgley; 2, Walker; 3, Farrar. Tkd. Yell. (6): 1, Walker; 2, 4, vhc, Farrar; 3, Wroe; 4, Midgley. Buff (5): 1, 2, 4, Midgley; 3, Walker; vhc, Farrar. Mkd. (9): 1, 4, vhc, Walker; 2, 3, Midgley; vhc, Farrar; hc, Wroe. Nov. (Cl. Yell. (4): 1, Verity; 2, Wilman; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Naylor. Buff (4): 1, 2, Spencer; 3, Verity; 4, Wilman. Tkd. Yell. (1): 1, Verity. Buff (4): 1, Hargreaves; 2, Naylor; 3, 4, Wilman. Mkd. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Spencer; 2, Verity; 4, hc, Wilman; 6, Hargreaves.—J. Spencer, Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

First N.F. show, Black Bull, June 10, Mr. Barrett judged and gave satisfaction. The entry was moderate, only 47. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, Mr. Sunderland. Buff: 1, 2, Blanchon; 3, Brown; vhc, hc, Truman; c, Sunderland. Varieg.: 1, Brown; 2, Norman; 3, Blanchon; vhc, Poppleton; hc, c, Sunderland. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nov.: 1, Twine. Buff: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Twine. Var.: 1, Twine. Mule or Hyb. OB.: 1, Blanchon; 2, vhc, Brown; 3, Truman. Bred 1916: 1, Twine. Goldf. or Buff.: 1, 2, Lumby; 3, Cowling; vhc, hc, Truman; c, Fielding. Linnet: 1, 2, Fielding; 3, Cowling. Siskin, etc.: 1, Blanchon; 2, Fielding; 3, Cowling. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 2, Truman.—A. Norman, Assist. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

First N.F. show, June 17, Flying Dutchman, Mr. T. Bennett judged the 52 birds shown, and gave every satisfaction. Open Yorks, Cl. Tkd. Yell. (9): 1, 4, Bolton and Lunn; 2, vhc, hc, Helliwell; 3, Horsfield; c, Hunter. Buff (5): 1, 2, 3, Horsfield; 4, Bolton and Lunn; vhc, Hunter. A.O.V. (4): 1, 4, Horsfield; 2, Hunter; 3, Bolton and Luno. Nov. Yorks. Cl. Tkd. Yell. (9): 1, 2, vhc, McEwen; 3, Rhodes; 4, c, Carncross; hc, Copland. Buff (7): 1, vhc, c, McEwen; 2, Wood; 3, Sykes; 4, Copland; hc, Rhodes. A.O.V. (10): 1, vhc, McEwen; 2, 3, 4, Wood; hc, Sykes; c, Carncross. Nor. Cl. or Tkd. Buff (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Kaberry. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Kaberry.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting and table N.F. show, White Swan, Market Place, Mr. Gibbins presiding, and a good number present. The general opinion of the members was that progress in the breeding room seems to be fairly up to the average, and, according to the youngsters staged, quality and type right to the front. Some look very promising birds, but hardly ready. Mr. J. Bent judged open classes, and Mr. Herbert novice. Yell.: 1, vhc, Moores; 2, hc, c, Roberts; 3, Jolly. Buff: 1, Roberts; 2, 3, Moores; vhc, Jolly. Nov. Yell.: 1, hc, Layton; 2, Wholton; 3, vhc, Hulbert; c, Brooks. Buff: 1, Hulbert; 2, Cayless; 3, hc, Layton; vhc, Bent; c, Wholton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Wholton. Gold-centre medal best bird, Roberts; runner-up, Hulbert. Vote of thanks to the judges closed the meeting. C. B. Day and Roberts, Joint Secs.

HALIFAX O.S.

First of a series of shows, June 17, headquarters, Plummet Line Hotel. Only a moderate entry of 61 birds, owing probably to the inclement weather which has prevailed and marred the progress of bird breeding generally. Mr. L. Dykes (Bradford) judged and gave entire satisfaction. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks: 1, 2, 3, Burdick Bros.; hc, Hanson; hc, Horsman; c, Ambler. Buff: 1, 2, Whitham; 3, Stansfield; vhc, hc, Stansfield; c, Hanson. Mkd. Yell.: 1, 2, Burdick Bros.; 3, Horsman; vhc, Corney. Buff: 1, Whitham; 2, Child; 3, Dunn; vhc, Scruton and Harris; hc, Hartley; c, Mitchell. More Dark than Light: 1, Mitchell. Gr. Yell.: 1, Self or Foul; 1, 2, 3, Scruton and Harris. Buff: 1, 3, Leach; 2, Scruton and Harris. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nov.: 1, Heap; 2, Lloyd. Buff: 1, 2, Heap; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Senior. Goldf., etc.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Benn; 2, Corney; c, Helliwell. A.O.V. Brit.: 1, Dunn; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Benn; c, Helliwell. Special winners, Champ.: 1, Burdick Bros.; 15 points; 2, Dunn, 10. Nov.: 1, Whitham, 17; 2, Benn, 15.—J. J. Dunn, Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Very successful young bird show, June 17. The entry was quite a good one, although the majority of the members have experienced a somewhat bad breeding season, due no doubt to the inclement weather. The birds staged were quite good class, special for best in show going to Mr. Parker's Norwich, a bird with plenty of substance, well put together and good quality of feather. Runner-up and winner of best Yorks special, Mr. Farmer's wing mkd. Yorks. Borders were good, buffs being quite strong; the winner, a nicely moulded bird owned by Mr. Stevens, securing spl. for best bird. A feature of the show was the fine array of British, spl. for best going to Mr. Parker's Hawfinch, a very fine specimen. Mr. Onslow, the sec., was as usual quite up-to-date in all the arrangements, and we heard from him that the society is still going strong, although many members are away or doing work that prevents them giving much time to the hobby. Mr. H. Norman judged.

Ch. Yorks: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Parker; hc, Taylor. Var.: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Taylor. Amat.: 1, 3, Farmer; 2, vhc, Stevens. Var.: 1, Stevens. Nov.: 1, Tuck. Ch. Nor.: 1, spl. Parker; 2, spl. Taylor. Var.: 1, 2, 3, Parker; vhc, Taylor. Amat.: 1, 3, Fleet; 2, Stopher. Var.: 1, Stopher. Nov.: 1, Fridge. Var.: 1, Fridge. Bord. Yell.: 1, Stevens. Buff: 1, spl. Stevens; 2, vhc, hc, c, Kybert; 3, Onslow. Var.: 1, 2, Kybert; 3, vhc, Fleet. Goldf.: 1, 3, Boshier; 2, vhc, Bayliss. Buff.: 1, Parker; 2, Kybert; 3, Boshier; vhc, Knight. Green.: 1, Bayliss; 2, Parker; 3, Knight; vhc, Oliver; hc, Kybert. Linnet: 1, Fleet; 2, Knight; 3, Boshier; hc, Oliver; hc, Rawlings; c, Kybert. Redpoll: 1, Rawlings; 2, Bayliss. A.O.V.: 1, Parker; 2, Oliver. Softbill: 1, Oliver. Small: 1, Oliver.

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SHOWS.

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EAST ARDSLEY C.B.S.

First members' show, headquarters. Mr. P. Jowett, Great Horton, judged and gave satisfaction. Very good birds were exhibited, keen competition ensuing for the specials. Mr. A. Bedford won spl. for best bird and last bird in show. Linnet (11): 1, 4, c. A. Bedford; 2, Alexander; 3, Walton; vhc, hc, Waind. Greenf. (4): 1, 4, Pyrah; 2, Walton; 3, Alexander. Goldf. and Bullf. (7): 1, 3, Alexander; 2, hc, D. Bedford; 4, Walton; vhc, Pyrah; c. A. Bedford. Redpoll, etc. (8): 1, Pyrah; 2, hc, Alexander; 3, D. Bedford; 4, Summers; vhc, Walton; c. Waind. A.O.V. (6): 1, Alexander; 2, A. Bedford; 3, Summers; vhc, Walton; 4, hc, Pyrah. T. H. Alexander takes the honours for most points. A. Bedford a close second.—A. Walton, Sec.

STOCKPORT & HAZEL GROVE.

F.F. show, headquarters, June 17. The room is a grand one for a members' show, and we must thank the Institute Committee for placing the room at our disposal. Entries were very low owing to poor breeding season, but some good birds were staged. The best bird in show was Mr. Potts' buff Yorkshire. Mr. H. Boothman judged and gave every satisfaction. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Potts. Buff: 1, Potts. Cl. Yell. Nor.: 1, Stafford; 2, Thorpe. Buff: 1, Thorpe; 2, H. Sykes; 3, W. Sykes; 4, Garbutt; vhc, Bennett; hc, Stafford. Mkd., etc., Yell.: 1, Bennett; 2, H. Sykes; 3, Thorpe; 4, W. Sykes. Buff: 1, 4, Bennett; 2, Thorpe; 3, W. Sykes; vhc, Garbutt; hc, c. Stafford. Yell. Bord.: 1, Garbutt. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Garbutt. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Stafford; 2, W. Sykes. Nov. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 2, Wright. Buff: 1, 2, Wright.—W. Stafford.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

First of three N.F. shows, club room, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley Street, June 9. Entries came up fairly well, about 60 birds being staged and quality was high. York entries were poor but other classes of fair average. Judges: Yorks, W. Spillman; Nor., F. Snell; Cinns., W. French; A.O.V., F. Pope; and the awards were well received.

Yorks, Yell.: 1, 2, Craven. Buff: 1, 2, Craven. Nor. Yell.: 1, 2, Moffitt. Buff: 1, 2, 6, Moffitt; 3, 4, 7, Deakin; 5, Smales. Crest: 1, 2, Bavage; 3, Hutchings. C.B.: 1, Rowe; 2, Hutchings; 3, 4, Bavage. Cinn. Yell.: 1, 2, Craven. Buff: 1, 2, Perrin; 3, 4, Craven. Mule, Light: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Perrin; 5, Wills; 7, Hambley. Dark: 1, Wills; 2, 3, 4, Hambley. Goldf. or Bullf.: 1, 2, 3, Cheney; 4, Smales. Linnet, etc.: 1, 2, 4, 5, Cheney; 3, 6, Smales. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 3, Cheney; 2, Wills. For. Mkd.: 1, Cheney.—J. C. Rowe, Press Corresp.

BURNLEY C.B.S.

Annual members' F.F. show, June 17, club rooms, Lindsay Street. There was a moderate entry, comprising 40 Norwich and 4 British. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged and seemed to give satisfaction. We made a record this year in gate receipts. The work was carried out in grand style. Mr. W. Spencer filled the role of steward, and Messrs. H. Catlow and Rushton assisted in the management. Cl. Yell. (13): 1, 2, cup and gold medal, T. Lingard; 3, Wallwork; hc, J. Lingard; c, Wharton. Tkd. or Var. Yell. (4): 1, 2, Rushton; 3, Watts. Buff (13): 1, Haigh; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Watts; vhc, Wharton; hc, Wharton; c, Rushton. Tkd. or Var. Buff (11): 1, hc, Wilkinson; 2, Watts; 3, Wallwork; vhc, T. Lingard; c, Wharton. Brit. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Holden. Winners of specials: T. Lingard, J. Lingard, Wallwork, Wilkinson, and J. Haigh.—W. Broxup, Sec.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

First N.F. show, June 17. 62 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Abbott. Spl. for best bird was won by Mr. W. Fairclough. Points challenge cup: Tullock 18, Fairclough 17, Worrall 16, Handley 15, Cotthill 13, Leadbetter 12, Brown 10, Wilson 10. Novice cup: Worrall 40, Cotthill 25, Huston 18, Wright 15, Croft 12, Satterthwaite 11. Yorks Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, spl, Fairclough; 2, Huston; 3, Leadbetter; vhc, Worrall; hc, c, Brown. Buff: 1, 2, c, Tullock; 3, Wilson; vhc, Brown; hc, Worrall. Tkd. or Mkd.: 1, Handley; 2, Leadbetter; 3, Brown; vhc, c, Tullock. Yorks Green Self Yell.: 1, 2, Fairclough; 3, c, Cotthill; vhc, Leadbetter; hc, Wilson. Foul Yell.: 1, 3, vhc, Worrall; 2, Handley. Self Buff: 1, 2, Cotthill; 3, Handley; vhc, Wilson. Foul Buff: 1, vhc, hc, Worrall; 2, Handley; 3, Wilson. Nov. Yorks Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, hc, Worrall; 2, Satterthwaite; 3, Huston; vhc, c, Wright. Buff: 1, Huston; 2, c, Worrall; 3, Croft; vhc, hc, Wright. Tkd. or Mkd. Yell.: 1, Croft; 2, Huston; 3, vhc, Worrall. Buff: 1, Satterthwaite; 2, Cotthill; 3, hc, Wright; vhc, c, Croft. Yorks Green Self Yell.: 1, 2, Cotthill; 3, vhc, Worrall. Brit. A.Y.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Satterthwaite; hc, Cotthill.—A. E. Huyton, Hon. Sec.

Country Rambles

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Members had their annual ramble on June 5 to Blairhill Estate, Rumbling Bridge, by the kind permission of Capt. Haig, leaving the Minto Hotel at 8 in the morning by brake. The weather was very threatening when we left, and we received a heavy shower just before we arrived at our destination, but it cleared off and broke up into a splendid day. On our way along the country roads, between hedgerows just beginning to get into their best, they being late owing to the backwardness of the season, many species of our commoner birds were to be seen, such as Yellow Buntings, Chaffies, Greenies, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Linnets, Tits, etc., whilst by the brooks were noticed a few Wagtails, Greys, and Pieds, all of which seemed to be busy with their maternal duties, as their beaks were all well filled with the wants of nestlings. On leaving the Rumbling Bridge Hotel, our headquarters, we entered by the main entrance, passing by the lodge-keeper's house, at the back of which we entered into the woods, and were soon spread out in skirmishing order. J. Adamson, of "Prince Charlie" fame, drew first blood, a Blackbird's nest and one egg, followed by his son Bob, a clip of the old block, with a Thrush's and two eggs. Shortly after we arrived on the banks of the

far-famed Devon, where many species were noted. The Dippers were not so plentiful this time. I noted two pairs of Yellow Wagtails, and while going along the bank many nests were found, mostly Blackbirds' and Thrushes'; empty, but nearly all showing recent occupation. We arrived at the falls, the sound of which was deafening, owing to the recent rains. The river was in full flow, and the spray from the falls was rising to a great height. It was indeed a wonderful sight to see the waters tumbling down and come boiling up between the rocks. Turning to our right, we came to the family private burying ground, which was beautifully laid out, and, leaving here, we passed into the gardens and through the glasshouses, where the vines were well forward, while the tomatoes were almost ripe, and oranges and figs were to be seen. Upon the remark from one of the company that it was just to the warm side for the Canaries we passed out to the fresh air into the gardens, where the keeper, our guide, showed us a pheasant's nest and eight eggs behind a flower. Our guide then led us through the glen, then back by the drive to the main road, and after a walk of half a mile we entered a young plantation, where J. Adamson flushed a Mallard duck off nine eggs, followed shortly afterwards by A. Kirk, who flushed a Mallard off eight eggs. P. Kirk found a Thrush and one egg. After we had beaten it through we crossed the main road into a dense wood, where a Wood-pigeon's nest was seen on the top of a tall fir. A. Strachan climbed up and found two eggs. W. Cooper found a Thrush and four young, J. Jeffrey a Blackbird's and five young, A. Linton a Wren's and three eggs, R. Stewart a Song Thrush and three young, J. Forsyth a Blackbird's and two eggs, R. Stewart a Chaffinch and three young, R. Adamson a Chaffinch and two young. While crossing over a hill trying to locate a Sandpiper's nest M. Smith found a Peewit's and three eggs. As time was almost up, we retraced our steps, passing on our way a run with over 100 ducklings, and a pretty sight they made as they all waddled about together. We arrived shortly afterwards at our headquarters, where a hearty tea was done full justice to, after a ramble through the private grounds of the hotel, where the famous golden eagle was still at his old post, looking none the worse for his long confinement. We wended our way down to the rocks, where many interesting sights were to be seen, as the Devon struggled to get its way through. Messrs. A. Strachan and A. Anderson found a Yellow Wagtail's and three eggs. Back at the hotel, we found the brake waiting, and we were soon on the road, leaving our guide, the head keeper, Mr. McIlwraith, after having spent a most enjoyable day, thanks to his interest on our behalf. We arrived back in Lochgelly after 9 o'clock.—W. Grewar, Sec. pro tem.

BRIGHTON & HOVE C.B.A.

The annual ramble was held on Sunday, June 11, when enjoyable weather lent to the pleasure of the day. Leaving Brighton at 8.30. "It's nice to get up in the morning," Barcombe was reached just after 9. After a walk through the fields and lanes we reached our destination, Marstake Common, where we ramble at will. Finds, although scarce, were noted of Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Wrens, Blackbirds, Thrushes, etc. Club special for best find went to Mr. J. Brown. After a long day in the woods we tramped across to Barcombe Mills, catching the 8.11 back, and voting this ramble to have been one of the jolliest. Members in the party included Messrs. W. Firth (vice chair.), J. Brown, E. Loomes, Master Loomes, J. E. Parsons, A. B. Parsons, Master Parsons, A. Wall, and Will H. Gibb (Sec.).—W. H. Gibb, Sec.

COALTOWN OF WEMYSS C.B.S.

Members held their first ramble on June 5 through the beautiful estate of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rothes, Leslie, permission being granted us by the factor, Mr. Smith, who also sent a guide. Mr. Thomson, Leslie, had everything arranged for our coming, and we have to thank him for a splendid day. We started from Wemyss about 9.30 in a downpour of rain. It looked anything but a day for a ramble, but no one thought of turning back, so we arrived in Leslie by charabanc about 11. It looked a bit better, and a fresh wind had sprung up. We walked to the lodge gates at the Lothric Bridge, where we met our guide. We were in luck in getting this gentleman to show us round the estate. It was now fair, but grass and undergrowth being wet, we kept to the drive of splendid beeches, the best in Scotland, with rhododendrons clustering round the foot of them, all in full bloom; what a picture it would make for an artist to paint. As we go round a bend in the drive we come in full view of Leslie House, the Scottish home of the Earl and Countess of Rothes. The house is situated on the bank of the Lothric and River Leven, with its long, broad terraces running well down to the Leven. We had a walk through the gardens, and everything here shows his Lordship's love for birds; privet and other



A FINE CINNAMON-MARKED
YORKSHIRE CANARY.

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fancy shrubs are cut in the shape of pheasants and other wild birds. The sun is now shining, and the prospects of a splendid ramble are good. We now enter the woods, but keep well to the footpaths. Birds are plentiful; the Chaffinch and Greenfinch are sounding their notes from every tree. The first nest is a Blackie's, and four eggs, found by the youngest member of the party; further along is a brood of young Pheasants, running and hiding in the tufts of grass. A giant beech has been blown down, and in its upturned roots we find three nests: a Blackbird's, just finished; a Chaffinch's, with three eggs; and a Wren's. But Mrs. Wren was "fly"; her nest was placed so that nobody could get to it, so we did not know how she was getting on. We now take along the side of a fir wood, a favourite place for nests. Although most of the party kept to the side of the wood, two or three ventured into the wood in search of nests, and it was a case of a nest in every tree. Blackbirds, Thrushes, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and Hedge Sparrows galore. The softbills had mostly young; the Finches, eggs. We can also hear the twitter of the Redpoll in amongst the trees. We have never seen as many nests in one wood before, and our guide, on being asked about it, told us it was always a favourite place for nests, as the birds were never disturbed. Pressing on through the wood we come to the turnpike road, and make our way to Leslie for lunch. Starting again, about 2.30, we crossed through fields to the Curling Pond, and there we found some young Water Hens sporting about in the water. Crossing back through the fields, we entered the East Lodge gates, and strolled along the long drives, enjoying the song of the birds in the trees, and the beautiful glen, with the River Leven rushing through it. Turning to the left we descended to the river side; walking here was pretty soft, and we were glad to get on to a footpath. This path led us to the duck pond, with dozens of young ducks skipping across the water. It was grand to see the old birds swimming about with their young, and guiding them to the shelter of a friendly island. We walked round the pond and made our way back to Leslie House, where we met some Leslie fanciers, who joined us in our march back to Leslie. We had had a long walk through

the most beautiful grounds in Fifeshire, and all having enjoyed it, we thanked our guide for the attention he had given us in pointing out places of interest, and giving us their history. We now proceed to Mr. Henderson's for tea; the table laden with good things. Mr. Henderson made sure that here too we would enjoy ourselves. After tea we went to the Rothes Arms, where we held a meeting with our Leslie members. The following judges were appointed: Borders and Yorks., Mr. McAdam, Lasswade; Norwich and British, Mr. Smeaton, Musselburgh. It was also settled that we include full classes for Scotch Fancies in our schedule, and secure a judge for same. The show to be held on the first Saturday in December; proceeds to go for the Wemyss Soldiers' Comforts Fund. Entry 1s. per bird. Prizes, 7s., 4s., 2s. This being all the business the members of Coaltown of Wemyss accorded Mr. Thomson, Leslie, a hearty vote of thanks for making all arrangements, and enabling us to enjoy a splendid day.—Alex. Storror, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

A very successful ramble took place on Saturday, June 17, the weather being grand. By the kind permission of the President of the society (Lieut.-Colonel George A. Gibbs, M.P., who is at present with his regiment doing his bit), the lovely estate at Tynfield, Somerset, was visited. About 30 members and friends having turned up, a start was made about 2.30 by charabanc, reaching Belmont Lodge at 3.45. While going through the woods, shrubberies, etc., some very fine specimens of British birds, especially the larger varieties, were found, and some good knowledge was gained both by the champion as well as the novice. At about 6.30 a halt was made at the "Battle Axe," Wraxall, where a good tea was prepared, and greatly enjoyed by all. Tea over, short speeches were made by Mr. Buckland, Mr. Tristram, and Mr. Greenslade, the latter expressing a hope that rambles like this would come more often in the future, as he thought they induced others to take up the cage bird hobby. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Secretary for the carrying out of the arrangements and a start was made for home, Bristol being reached about 10.15, all having enjoyed themselves.—J. A. Withers, Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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Oct. 20-21.—Liverpool O.S. (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road.) H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
Oct. 27-28.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
Nov. 1-2.—Cheltenham C.B.S. (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
Nov. 3-4.—Sheffield O.S.—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)
Nov. 4-6.—Leicester Hand in Hand (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)
Nov. 9.—Blaenavon C.B.S.—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.
Nov. 11.—Arwick and Manchester C.B.A.—(A. E. Thorpe, 23, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
Nov. 17-18.—Halifax O.S. (J. J. Dunn, 67, Bartley St., Batkinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 24-25.—West Bromwich C.B.S.—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
Nov. 29-30.—Southampton C.B.S.—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.H.
Dec. 6-7.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobmoor Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.H.

Scotland.

- Nov. 11.—Muirkirk O.S.—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Wales.

- Nov. 23.—Aberdare C.B.S.—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

- Dec. 1-2.—Newtownards C.B.S.—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Gibbons (Wolverhampton) will judge Burton-on-Trent Summer show, July 22, writes Mr. A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Yorkshire C.C. must apply before July 1 to Mr. J. Greaves, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford. The annual F.F. Show of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. is fixed for July 1 at the Homing Societies Club Rooms, Victoria Street, St. Mary's Gate. Mr. A. G. Davis will judge.

Mr. J. A. Greenslade, whose informative article on the Breeding and Management of Exhibition Canaries began in our issue dated June 10, and is continued this week, writes: "Up to now I have had fairly good breeding results this season, having about 60 youngsters doing very well. I am also pleased to tell you that yesterday I received a cheque from Mr. Crisp for £22 2s. for being the winner of the S.Y.U.C. competition last season. I also won the Elmore Cup for most points with unlighted birds in the same class, and had a yellow hen claimed at Cheltenham for £5 5s., all bred by myself. I suppose if it had not been for this bit of success I should not have had the courage to send you the article, but now feel glad I did so, and shall be pleased to help CAGE BIRDS any time I can do so."

Serbian Now: Not Prussian.

Mr. Geo. Mortlock, of Stoke Newington, writes that the name of his road has been changed from Wiesbaden to Belgrade Road.

BREEDING CANARIES FOR PROFIT.

THE COLONY SYSTEM v. THE CAGE SYSTEM.

ON Monday, June 19, the respective merits of the colony system of breeding Canaries in bird-rooms or aviaries and the system of breeding in cages which is more generally adopted by Canary breeders in Great Britain occupied largely the attention of the members of the Central Committee, who are meeting weekly at the offices of CAGE BIRDS to discuss a working scheme for the organisation of Canary breeders in Britain with a view to the capture of the German trade in Canaries. Ultimately the Committee expressed the view that the opinions of breeders on this subject would be of great assistance to them. We agree with

that view, and we venture to make an appeal to all who have suitable experience to contribute to CAGE BIRDS their views on the comparative merits of the two systems. For the guidance of those who are disposed to help the Committee in this way we suggest that they should in the course of their contributions deal with the following questions:

Which system do you prefer?

Why do you prefer it?

What is the cost per bird per week for up-keep?

What do you consider to be the cheapest form of efficient aviary (or breeding cage)?

I would like to see as many fanciers as possible attend our F.F. Show at the Crown Hotel, July 1, writes Mr. G. Broome, Hon. Sec. Blaenavon C.B.S.; the show opens at 5. A hearty invitation is given to fanciers in the district to help us to get funds to run our open show with success.

Ramsden's Pare Peppers.—For the remainder of the season the post office authorities collect my parcels on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings only. The railway companies collect when they can, and as labour is likely to be still more scarce in the future, delays will probably occur. Customers should therefore order well in advance. Owing to the scarcity of high grade pepper I cannot open new trade accounts this season. Every endeavour will be made to supply old customers, both wholesale and retail. Ramsden's peppers are super. quality. Sold packed in canisters only.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London. (Advt.)

OBITUARY.

MR. J. McLENNAN (Edinburgh).

I regret very much to inform you, writes Mr. W. Allan, of the death of one of our most esteemed and respected Scotch Fancy members. Mr. John McLennan, Piershill Lodge, Edinburgh, who passed away on June 12 after a short illness, and was interred in Piershill Cemetery on June 14. The funeral was attended by a large company of friends and fanciers from both town and country. By his death we have lost one who has always taken a very keen interest in shows and had the welfare of the fancy at heart, and who gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. I am sure all who knew him will extend their sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.

Mr. R. Lile, sec. of the Edinburgh P.A., of which the deceased was President, also writes referring to the loss the Society and Scotch Fancy breeders in general have sustained, and expressing sympathy with Mrs. McLennan and family.

MR. JNO. KENNEDY (Paisley).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Neil O'Donnell, sec. and treas. Old Club, Paisley, that I have to announce a loss to the fancy in the person of Mr. John Kennedy, who died on June 15. He was well known to Scotch fanciers in Scotland, being an enthusiastic breeder and exhibitor for over 40 years. His loss will be felt by his club mates in Paisley, particularly the young fanciers, as he was always ready to give them his advice and the benefit of his experience in breeding this section of the fancy. At his interment in Woodside Cemetery on June 17 the fancy was represented by the following gentlemen:—Mr. A. Livingstone, Mr. Alex. Baird, Mr. A. M. Baird, Mr. J. Paterson, Mr. John Donnelly, Mr. Thomas Stewart. I wish, on behalf of his club-mates and fanciers generally, to extend to his widow and family our deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

The Red-backed Shrike in Ireland.

Lieut. Dawson, R.F.A., writing to "The Field," says that he saw in April, near Athlone, a pair of Red-backed Shrikes, that they were there when he left Ireland, and he feels sure they will remain to nest. The Editor of "The Field" says, in a footnote, that so far as he is aware this is the only record of the Red-back Shrike in Ireland since one was shot near Belfast in 1878. Two occurrences at Irish lighthouses have been recorded, however; one at Wicklow Head Light, in 1908, and one at the Fastnet Rock Light, in 1910.

A new society has been formed for Lancaster, co. Durham, under the name of the Lancaster F.F. and C.B.S. The hon. sec. is Mr. J. McKey, West Terrace, Burnhope, nr. Lancaster (see Club Notices).

Better Late Than Never.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that thousands of Starlings and Jackdaws are to be seen in Ashted Woods, where the birds have entirely cleared the trees of the caterpillars which had stripped the oaks of leaves.

Gulls' Eggs in Thousands.

Around the edges of a pool on a Welsh moor, the nests of Black-headed Gulls are so thickly placed that it is said there is absolutely no room for another. Thousands of eggs have been collected by the keepers.

An Inquisitive Great Tit.

The Avicultural Magazine says that Mr. C. Barnsby Smith recently received a letter in a torn and pecked condition. The envelope was endorsed by the authorities, "Damaged by bird building in letter box."

Another Club Sec Called Up.

Our Sec., Mr. Geo. Cant, has joined His Majesty's Army, and is now in training with the "Queen's" 24th London Regiment, writes Mr. W. Hodson. I have undertaken to carry on his work as sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. during his absence, and shall be obliged if members and fanciers will address all communications respecting the society to me at 99, Upland Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

How the Pied Wagtail Makes Love.

Among the many things for which the war has been responsible are the letters on bird life from soldiers in the firing line, which have been for many months almost a daily feature of our newspapers, and which tend to show that in the ranks of our glorious fighters there are many keen observers who are able as efficiently to note the ways of the birds they love, as to fight their enemies. Not the least interesting among these is one from a soldier who writes as follows:—"In spite of the hourly procession of killed warriors, a pair of Pied Wagtails have scooped out a recess in the sunny side of a trench, and constructed therein a pretty little nest lined with horse hair. Viewed from above, a rooty twig or two alone betrays its presence, and none of the men seems to be aware of the little home they jump over daily. About eight days were occupied in constructing the nest, and yet, often as I watched, I only once saw the birds carrying material for building purposes. The day on which the nest was completed the pair—or rather the male bird—engaged in some love-making evolutions outside the trench. At all events, he was showing himself off to the best advantage, and very pretty indeed he appeared. Crouching about a yard away from the hen, he would raise both his wings—the right always somewhat higher than the left—in a curved manner, with the primary feathers and the tail trailing on the ground. The head and neck were stretched forward, with feathers erect, like those of the ruff in a fighting attitude. As he advanced thus from the front towards his wife, she would allow him to approach within a few feet seemingly regardless of his presence, then suddenly she would dart forward and drive him off. It was interesting to observe this amusing little piece of by-play, which was repeated four or five times. Ultimately the cock bird grew tired, and flew off to the river near at hand, leaving the hen to feed quietly alone. The four eggs, the usual number in a clutch, were laid on successive days, incubation commencing on the fourth evening."

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

- FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington St., Oaker, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in hybrids and British birds.
J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate; 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidgate Green, Bradford.
J. W. BRUCE, Codd-cream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Gillingham, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
GEOR. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
G. HOBBS, 25, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviculturist, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks, and Norwich; terms moderate.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Marnham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Lyre, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist hybrids and British Birds.
J. PATTERSON, Chisnash, Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. A. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviculturist, Embsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham, A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. TICKELL, 22, Heston Street, Bognor. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Chm. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviculturist, Bucknall, Rutland, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Ecclehill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
G. WILSON, 11, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit. For. Specialist, Brit. Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

The judge for our Red Cross show, Nov. 3 and 4, writes Mr. D. McFarlane, Hon. Sec. Barrow C.B.A., is Mr. Houlton, St. Helens, not Mr. Houghton, as stated in my letter of last week.

More than Extra Value.

I think CAGE BIRDS is more than extra value for the extra penny. I have been especially pleased to see the extra drawings of noted winners which you have been giving us lately, writes Mr. T. W. Wren, Oxford.

A Twenty-Pound Note

"Up the Spout."

A story is going the rounds that a house painter in Sheffield has discovered a £20 note in the nest of a House Sparrow lodged in the rain-water spout of the house he was engaged in repainting.

Coco-nut Shells as Nest Pans.

Writing of a small bird sanctuary in Berkshire, a correspondent to "The Scotsman" says:—"But what has proved as attractive to the birds as anything has been the shells of the coco-nuts procured for the purpose of feeding the Tits in the winter time. Some of the nuts had a hole made in one of the ends, others were cut into halves. After having served their first purpose, they were affixed, like the boxes, to the trees. A year ago a pair of common Wrens took possession of one, and reared a young brood in it. The nest was lined very sparsely with moss, but even then it was difficult to understand how such a large family could be crowded into such narrow quarters. A half-nut nailed to another tree was occupied, as soon as they arrived, by a pair of Spotted Flycatchers. They reared a brood in its cup-like cavity last year, and have eggs in it this year again. These birds must be exceedingly fond of such nesting sites, for a second pair are carrying material to another half-nut on the trunk of a sycamore in a little wood by the house."

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THE BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT OF EXHIBITION CANARIES.

By J. A. GREENSLADE, Bristol.

(Continued from page 317.)

A Lecture read before the members of the Bristol C.B.S.

If the cock is to be used with another hen it is very desirable to have the second hen's cage as far away from the first as possible, or there will be some difficulty in getting No. 2 to nest at all, and if she does she will very likely upset No. 1 in doing so.

I believe if one had the facility to keep idle cocks in a separate room during the breeding season it would be very advantageous and produce better results in sitting and feeding than when a lot of cocks, some mated and calling all the time, are kept in the breeding room.

During the period of incubation the hen's diet should be plain canary seed, and I believe it is best to have as large a kind as can be got. Should she be inclined to be constipated, a pinch of rape occasionally is beneficial.

How to Use Egg-Food.

When the eggs are due to hatch, about the 13th to 14th day, a small supply of egg-food made with hard-boiled egg and breadcrumbs or crushed biscuits, should be given in a shallow vessel. Many advocate giving only the yolk of egg for the first few days, but in my opinion it is much too rich and unpalatable. If you want hens to feed well, the food must be to their liking, and I find that both yolk and white, mixed with household breadcrumbs, with a little sugar added and well mixed, is much relished, and is about the best and cheapest. It may safely be used from the first day, but care should be used in regulating the amount given as a good number of so called "sweaters" are made, I feel sure, by overfeeding in the early days.

My experience has proved that greenfood during the first four days is positively harmful, but that it may safely be given from then onwards, using only a very small quantity at first. Watercress ranks first with me as a greenfood, because it is easily procured regularly by us city dwellers, and does not scour so much as lettuce, but if I were able always to obtain chickweed I should prefer it to anything. It is no use having it one day, and falling back on watercress the next, because that creates diarrhoea in both old and young, and trouble is bound to follow.

Young birds can only grow and keep healthy so long as their excrement is sufficiently consistent to enable the hen to clear the nest of it as soon as it is voided, which she does until the young are about ten days old, after which time they are able to evacuate over the edge of the nest.

Should the excreta become too liquid for the hen to so dispose of it, there is no alternative but for her either to desert them or brood them in a wet and foul nest. In either case she is bound to get a bad character, and such epithets as starver or sweater are heaped upon her, when really she deserves our sympathy.

When to Give Hemp and Rape.

Another aggravating cause towards this unhappy state of things is the giving of hemp and soaked rape, as many do much too early, as neither of these are really suitable until about the ninth day; from then on, hemp either whole or cracked is very beneficial, and is a necessary adjunct to the hen's diet. Soaked or scalded rape is also a good addition, but should be left out until about the fourteenth day, but should the hen be also very keen on greenfood, and use a lot of it, she should only have a small quantity of either rape or greenfood, and then not both together.

One thing I might have mentioned a little earlier is about perches. While the chicks are very young it is best to have the perch the nest end of the cage, placed immediately over the pan, and about half an inch from the edge. When so placed the hen jumps up on the perch, and if the young happen to be lodged up under her wings, they fall back into the pan again instead of on to the floor, which they will often do if the perch is well away from the nest, or placed below it. Should any young be found on the cage floor never give them up for dead, no matter how still and cold they may be. Place them between your palms and breathe heavily on them until you feel some movement, then put them back under the hen, and she will soon put matters right.

Under the treatment described I find the youngsters generally come up on the edge of the nest for a casual survey about the 15th day, and leave it entirely about the day after.

Should the hen be keen on going to nest again at this time, and they generally are, it is much the better plan to replace the cock bird if he had been previously removed, and place the youngsters in a nursery cage.

The plan I adopt is to use a Yorkshire show cage by hanging it, drinker hole end first, on to the cage fronts with the cage door open; in this way the hen can feed the young through the drinker hole, but the perch at that end should be entirely removed, so that she cannot pluck them, for if the perch were left in their tails would most likely soon be pulled out when they stood on it. The babes can then be supplied with egg-food in a tin drawer placed under the show cage door, but the perch at this end should be placed back a few wires to free it from the drawer.

A "WEE GEM."



This pretty little Clear Yellow Border Canary won 2nd prize at Redhill Show for Mr. J. H. Madagan, Cheltenham.

When they are able to eat up egg-food themselves without chirping to their parents when hungry, they can be placed by themselves. I believe that it is best to put all the nest of young in one cage at first, and not too large, the store cages used for separate cocks are plenty large enough, until they are able to eat whole seed.

The Management of the Young.

The young at this stage want careful management, and I feel sure many are killed by overfeeding. When first placed by themselves the first thing to do is to give them a good supply of grit, as previously described, as without it they cannot properly digest their food. Egg-food should be given morning and evening, with cracked hemp at mid-day for the first week, after which time only two meals should be given; egg-food in the morning, and cracked hemp in the afternoon, with soaked or scalded rape instead of hemp on alternate days.

During this time plain canary should be within reach, with a full hopper hung on the cage with a sprinkling of dry rape on the top to attract them to it. Here let me again advise the use of the small variety of canary seed, providing of course it is sound and clean. My reason for doing so is that it is easier to crack, and is not so hard and large to digest. I believe many good youngsters are lost annually by swallowing large canary kernels, which fill the crop and gizzard, and there lodge and ferment.

There are two reasons for this; first, the seed is too large and hard; secondly, what grit they have been able to get has not been sufficiently coarse or rough to masticate it, whereas with the small seed they shell and eat it with avidity, without its being either soaked or crushed, and keep always bright and lively until ready to moult.

When they are able to shell and eat canary seed readily hemp should be cut out of

the diet altogether, and the soaked rape only given occasionally to take the place of greenfood, which I never give to youngsters until after the moult. But the morning meal or softfood can and should be given until the colour-feeding begins. As a change from egg-food bread and milk can be given occasionally, but I personally do not care to use much of it, only as a laxative and a fat reducer, for which purpose I know nothing safer and better.

When their tails are grown to full length they should be placed in flights in groups, or the best of them in couples in roomy cages, with the show cage often hung on with seed placed in the trough, and the birds frequently run out into it and left then for a time. They will thus train themselves and get used to being handled. Under this treatment they should do well until they are ready to moult.

The Bath, and the Drinking Water.

One thing I have not yet mentioned is the bath. I am a great believer in water, but under certain conditions. In the first place the aspect of your room is a big factor in this matter. If the aspect is a sunny one the bath may be given with good results upon as many occasions as is convenient, but should the room be cold, and not facing the

together, and as this brings us to that subject, I must here say that to be in any way successful on the show bench it is essential that the birds should be teeming with natural colour, and then be colour-fed properly to do their type and other good points proper justice.

When and How to Colour Feed.

I usually start colour-feeding about the third week in July, but in any case the first round of youngsters should be started on it when they are ten weeks old, so that it may be well incorporated in them before the new feathers begin to form.

During this time it is best to place the largest and best in twos or threes in separate cages, and the smaller and more indifferent ones left in flights, and not too crowded or they are likely to pluck one another.

Regarding the kind of colour food to use, I do not care to recommend any particular vendor, to another's disadvantage, feeling that they are all good, and have their adherents. I personally have tried several, but believe that with them all the better results are obtained by an addition of three ozs. of hot Natal to each pound of cold tasteless. It is very important to well mix the two kinds, and while these are being blended 1lb. of castor sugar can be added to each 4lbs. of pepper, but if sugar is included now you must not use it later to any large extent.

Many advocate mixing linseed meal with the colour food, for the purpose of imparting sheen and glossy finish, but I have found that it is of little use in this direction, and only makes the colour food very relaxing, thereby passing through the birds too quickly to have the best results.

Of course the pepper must be given to the birds in a palatable state, and a vehicle which is to their liking and suitable from a health point of view is essential. I find a well-known proprietary article of cod liver oil food is very good, especially if a large stock is kept, but I believe if I had the time at my disposal I should prefer egg-food, made rather plain with more bread than is used in the breeding season, for the latter part of the moult specially, as at the latter end, their systems do not use up so much of the feather making properties contained in the cod liver oil food, which then goes to fat instead, which puts the bird out of shape, especially if your variety is the Yorkshire.

Some Colour Fixing Agents.

When the new colour is well showing down the sides it is necessary to give something to fix the colour fast in the new feathers. Some use sulphate of iron, some citrate of iron and ammonia, while others swear by chemical food, but care should be used not to get the birds bound up too tight, or very likely bowel trouble will arise, or they may stick in the moult.

I believe the best of the three is the citrate of iron and ammonia, as the ammonia counteracts the irritating properties of the iron. It is very cheap, and a couple of drops when made into a syrup in the water three times a week, to make it a light brown colour is quite sufficient.

When the moult reaches the head, a little mixed seed is a good change, and is well relished after so much soft food, but the colour food must be insisted upon until some weeks even after they seem to have completed the moult, as there are still a lot of small feathers underneath, not visible to the eye.

Of course, during this time we shall all be on the watch for some extra good specimens which we hope will be able to hold their own later, but that is not enough. They must be run out in their show cages, no matter what the variety, to enable them to gain confidence, so that when the judge is sizing them up they will do themselves, and you, a full measure of justice by showing all their good points at their best.

In conclusion let me say that my main object in penning this article is merely to assist the novice, and I trust that a few may hereby benefit. Perhaps also some of the birdy infantile mortality that is often prevalent, even among experienced fanciers, that have gone off the line a bit, may be avoided, but should anyone now be following a method that has served him well, I hope he will not let these notes of mine tempt him to depart from it.

Some things I don't do and do not intend to do:—(1) Take birds out in breeding condition to a matched pair show; (2) Worry a hen to come off her nest when sitting; (3) Show youngsters that look very promising at an evening table show, or a summer tent show, in their Nest Feather; (4) Get a swollen head and think I have something this time that is going to lick creation; (5) Miss getting my CAGE BIRDS on Friday mornings.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the flea. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

How to Capture the Canary Trade.

Prospects of Breeders. Husband the Stock Birds.

THE present is a critical time for breeders of Canaries in Great Britain; not critical in the sense of impending danger, but in the sense that an opportunity of national importance may be lost.

It has been placed beyond the shadow of a doubt that this war has provided British breeders with the chance of their lives. Hundreds of thousands of birds which, in the usual order of things, find their way out of Germany to this and other countries, have failed, this season, thanks to the activity of the Allied Fleets, to pass out of the Fatherland.

As a consequence, the demand for Canaries has exceeded the supply in a manner which has been a revelation. British breeders have benefited, but they have been unable to obtain more than a limited advantage, because they were not in a position to fully satisfy the market.

It is a national duty to cripple Germany's trade, and the Government is at this moment seeking for the best means to take advantage of the enemies' distress, and to capture trades which have hitherto been monopolised by alien enemy countries.

The Canary Breeder's "Bit."

It has already been shown that one of the enemy trades which may be captured is the enormous trade in singing Canaries. How to make this capture is precisely the problem that the Canary Trade Committee, which meets weekly in London, is trying to solve.

The trade is there, the opportunity to capture it is here, and the opportunity must not be lost, for it is a golden one, and will reveal itself in pounds, shillings, and pence.

If the ambition of the Central Committee be realised, what will be the result? The production of Canaries will be largely increased to meet the demands of a certain market, and the money obtained for that increased supply of birds will go into the pockets of the breeders.

The breeders will require more seeds and more appliances, and the traders who supply those commodities will have to meet the larger demand to their own benefit. Indeed, there is no trade associated with the production of Canaries which will not benefit, and benefit largely in the long run.

The Central Committee are, at the moment, endeavouring to work out a scheme of general organisation, which, it is hoped, will convince everybody concerned of the real advantages to be derived from a sincere combination of all parties to achieve the desired result—that is, the capture of the German trade in Canaries.

In the meantime, the breeder, no matter how large or how small may be the measure of his operations, may do much to prepare the ground.

Look to the Future.

For instance, the breeding season is half-way through, and promising young birds are already "on the sticks." Let each breeder refuse to part with his young stock until he shall have fully and carefully considered by how many birds he may be able to increase his breeding stock for next year.

He may contemplate devoting a room, or a portion of a room for colony breeding, or he may decide to breed in cages. If his cash be scarce he may decide to spend a few happy hours in the winter, knocking up cages from grocers' boxes and loose-wire fronts.

In any case, if he is sincere in his support of the movement to capture the Canary trade he will look round for all available space suitable for increasing the scale of his operations next year, and, having decided that point, he will be careful to keep in hand a sufficient number of birds to occupy these spaces.

In other words, he will place himself in a position to increase his revenue from next year's operations to the largest possible extent. Thus, while doing a good turn to his own pocket and to his recreative fancies, he will simultaneously prepare himself to reap the fullest advantage of organisation when it arrives.

A Busy Evening for the Committee.

The Central Committee had a busy evening at CAGE BIRDS offices on Monday, June 19. There were present the following gentlemen: Messrs. F. Carl (Chairman); G. Crabb, President L.P.O.S.; W. T. East, Leyton C.B.A.; H. J. Fulljames, Cage Birds League; H. W. Gutierrez, British Roller C.C.; H. J. Kybert, East Ham C.B.S.; E. C. Last, Crystal Palace and Penze C.B.S.; J. W. Ramsden; J. Robinson L.C.B.A.; T. T. Trower, W. H. Vale, Clapham C.B.A.; and the Organising Secretary.

To avoid confusion in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Mr. Carl suggested that a Vice-Chairman should be appointed. The name of Mr. H. J. Fulljames (Cage Birds League) was immediately proposed by Mr.

Gutierrez, and at once accepted unanimously by the meeting. Mr. Fulljames acknowledged the honour, and agreed to serve.

A good deal of time was occupied on matters of detail in breeding, with the object of eventually offering advice to breeders who may come within the scheme, and a summary of the decision arrived at will appear in due course.

From what was said by certain representatives present it was clear that a desire existed amongst some societies to know to what extent the societies and the members of the Committee individually were or might be committed.

Mr. Carl replied to this to the effect that up to the end of six months they could not, under his promise, incur any liability whatever, and he reiterated his undertaking to underwrite the capital of the organisation for six months, pointing out that it was within the power of the Committee to deal with the future with an entirely free hand.

In this way the question of finances was developed, and eventually the Organising Secretary was instructed to prepare a working scheme of organisation, covering the problem of finance, with other matters, for the discussion of the Committee at a future meeting.

In the course of conversation reference was made to fears in certain quarters that the scheme was being regarded as a movement that might eventually conflict with the interests of traders.

This suggestion drew from Mr. Carl the following interesting statement:—"In supporting this scheme it is far from my intention to injure the traders. I wish to benefit them. I wish to put them in a position that would certainly be of as great advantage to them as it will be to the breeders of this country. I am actuated entirely by a desire to benefit Canary breeders first of all, and Canary traders secondly, and I don't want any impression to get abroad that this scheme has as its basis a desire to injure Canary traders."

As a view was expressed that the opinions of readers of CAGE BIRDS on the breeding of Canaries on the colony system, as compared with the cage-breeding system, might assist the Committee, Mr. Carl kindly promised to make an appeal to that effect in his paper.

How to Beat the Germans

SIR,—In your report of the last meeting of the committee dealing with the subject of capturing the German Canary trade I read the following remarks, which I consider of such vital interest to the subject as to warrant an expression of opinion from an outsider—or any outsider, as the more fanciers would enter the discussion the better it would be for all sides. In reply to Mr. Reeks' question whether British breeders could compete with the German in the matter of price we have this dialogue:

"Mr. Ramsden: We never can compete with the German for price.

Mr. Kybert: We can put up something better.

Mr. Ramsden: Produce a fairly good bird that can sing well, and you will get your price."

I venture to say that herein lies a very dangerous principle, and one that will quickly and effectually ruin the project if allowed to take root. If it means anything at all it means that British breeders could expect to place a "fairly good bird" that could sing well beside the German birds, whose vocal abilities are so well known and tested, and still ask and obtain a higher price for it. Such a course would be foredoomed to utter failure. It would be no competition at all, but would be simply giving the trade back to our enemies. When the public wants singing Canaries, if the German breeders put them on the market at 10s. each, or even less, its patriotism cannot safely or rightly be depended upon to pay 15s. each for similar quality singers. No; let British breeders wake up to the fact that it is an essential factor for success to be prepared to face real business competition both in quality and price. It would be a sign of weakness or incompetency to admit we could not compete with our rivals in price. What the German breeders have done, and will be prepared to do again, surely British breeders can do, and must do, if they hope to reap the reward, or the shame is ours. CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

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Dark buff Goldfinch Canary Mule, winner of 2nd Prize at Redhill Show for Miss Hatch, Redhill.

HOW BRITISH BIRDS CHANGE THEIR PLUMAGE.

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GREY WAGTAIL (*Motacilla c. cinera*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult from July to September. In February and March there is a moult involving the body-feathers and usually the innermost secondaries and central tail-feathers, but not usually the rest of the wings and tail, though rarely the whole tail and a good many inner wing-coverts are moulted. In winter the sexes do not greatly differ, the female being only slightly more buffish on the upper-breast and slightly paler yellow on the belly. In summer the male acquires a black chin and throat with broad white malar stripes and the breast becomes yellow like the belly. The female is never so black on the chin and throat, which are usually a mixture of white, black, and dull yellow.

JUVENILE.—The crown and mantle are greyish-brown instead of slate-grey as in the adult, the eye-stripe, chin, throat and upper-breast are pale buff with a few greyish-black mottlings on the sides of the throat, the rest of the breast and belly are very pale yellow, and the under tail-coverts brighter yellow, the fringes and tips of all the wing-coverts are buff.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers, lesser and median wing-coverts, and usually greater wing-coverts, innermost secondaries and central pair of tail-feathers are moulted from July to September, but not the primary-coverts nor the rest of the wing- and tail-feathers. The male and female in this plumage are more brownish on the upper-parts than the adult, and the upper-breast is more buff even than in the adult female, while the belly is very pale yellow and often whitish. FIRST SUMMER.—Moult as adult. The male becomes like the adult, but it is probable that those females with the chin and throat white or yellowish-white without any black are first summer birds.

PIED WAGTAIL (*Motacilla a. lugubris*).

ADULTS.—Complete moult from August to November. There is a moult from January to March which involves the body-plumage and often the lesser wing-coverts, some inner greater and median wing-coverts, some innermost secondaries and the central tail-feathers, but not the primary-coverts nor the rest of the wing- and tail-feathers. In winter the mantle of the adult male has some dark grey feathers mixed with the black, while the adult female usually has more grey than the male and also has less dark flanks, and the wing-feathers and wing-coverts are tinged with brownish and are not so pure black. In summer, while the male has practically the whole upper-parts jet-black with only a few dark grey feathers here and there, the female has more dark grey and also the black of the breast does not extend so far down.

JUVENILE.—There is a narrow dark or blackish line across the fore-head and down the sides of the crown, otherwise the crown, like the mantle and back, is grey tinged with buffish-brown, the rump is sooty brown-black, but the upper tail-coverts are more glossy black like the adult, the lores, line over eyes and ear coverts are dull buffish-white, mottled with dark smoke, the chin and throat are also dull white, many of the feathers, especially on the sides, being tipped with sooty brown-black, the crescentic breastband is also sooty brown-black, and the breast and flanks are

smoke-grey, while the rest of the under-parts are duller white than in adults.

FIRST WINTER.—The juvenile body-feathers, lesser wing-coverts, most median and inner greater coverts, and some innermost secondaries are moulted from August to October, but not the primary-coverts nor the rest of the wing- and tail-feathers. The male differs from the adult male in being tinged with yellowish on the fore-head, ear-coverts and sometimes the chin and throat; the fore-head is also usually mottled with black, the back of the crown often has some grey feathers amongst the black ones, the mantle is dark grey slightly tinged with olivaceous, and has less black in it than the adult female in winter, the wing-feathers and wing-coverts are browner and have duller white edges and tips. The first winter female is very difficult to distinguish satisfactorily from the first winter male, but the crown has usually more grey in it and the mantle often has no black at all. FIRST SUMMER.—Moult as in adults, but some innermost secondaries, a good many greater and median wing-coverts, and the central tail-feathers are more regularly moulted than in the adults, while rarely the whole tail is moulted. The first summer male is indistinguishable from the adult female in summer, except that its wing-feathers and the unmoulted wing-coverts are much browner. The first summer female is very similar, but has a greyer mantle usually with very little black.

WHITE WAGTAIL (*M. a. alba*).

Moult as in the Pied Wagtail.

ADULT MALE. WINTER.—Much like the first winter male Pied Wagtail, but the mantle and scapulars purer and paler grey and never with black, the sides of the breast and flanks paler grey and the breast and belly purer white, the wing-feathers not so brown, more greyish-black (not so black as in the adult male Pied Wagtail), the tips of the wing-coverts usually not so pure white as in the adult male Pied Wagtail. SUMMER.—Like winter, but with the chin and throat entirely black.

ADULT FEMALE. WINTER.—Differs from first winter female Pied Wagtail in being grey on the fore-head with sometimes a little dusky-white showing, only the bases of the feathers being white; the crown is much greyer with less black and the mantle is paler and never with black. SUMMER.—The fore-head becomes white, slightly mottled with black, the crown black mixed with grey on the nape, the throat black and the chin a mixture of black and white.

JUVENILE.—Difficult to distinguish from that of the Pied Wagtail, but usually rather paler on the upper-parts and with no dark line across the fore-head.

FIRST WINTER MALE.—Like the adult winter female, but with rather more black on the crown. SUMMER.—Like the adult summer male, but with browner wing-feathers.

FIRST WINTER FEMALE.—Like the adult winter female but very rarely with any white showing on the fore-head and the crown grey with no black and usually tinged olivaceous. SUMMER.—Like the adult summer female but the fore-head less white and the chin with more white, the wing-feathers browner.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

How to Keep Woodlarks.

SIR,—Will some fancier with the experience of keeping Woodlarks give the information as to whether, in their wild state, they are wholly insectivorous, or partly granivorous? My reason for asking is that, being a great admirer of the Woodlark, I have had several, but have failed to keep them for any length of time, although I keep other "Softbills," including Blackcaps, Skylarks, Thrushes, etc., in song and health without any trouble. The knowledge as to a suitable "stock food," etc., for these grand songsters would be much appreciated by myself, and, I feel sure, by a number of other admirers of the

WOODLARK.

Bread and Milk for Handrearing British Birds.

SIR,—Now that the wild birds are in the midst of the breeding season, some of your readers may wish to hand-rear a few young birds, but may hesitate to do so from the difficulty of providing suitable food. May I say, through our paper, CAGE BIRDS, to these doubtful ones that they can successfully rear almost any kind of British bird on a diet of bread and milk. Perhaps some kinds of insectivorous birds might not thrive on this food, but with the addition of a little finely chopped meat I have reared Blackbirds and Thrushes, and by substituting boiled rape for the meat, have reared splendid specimens of Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and Yellowhammers.

E. WILCOX.

More Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids at Darvel.

SIR,—You will be wondering why I have not written you further about the Song-Thrush Hybrids. Sorry to say that owing to family trouble we failed to supply enough of the needed live food for the first nest, and all four young died at about a week old. The Blackbird hen immediately began making her new nest, and laid her first egg of the second clutch on May 21, laying another three on the three following days. On June 6 the first egg-shells were thrown out of the nest, and the following day I found three chicks hatched and one egg not.

The feeding has gone on as last season, and to-day, June 17, I notice the first one sitting on the edge of the nest. So far as I can see it appears just like the last ones. I have had Mr. Hopkin in watching the progress of the breeding operations, and no doubt he will send you a note of his observations to again verify my claim. I hope we may be fortunate this time in getting a cock reared. The last season's three are still doing all right, and there is no difficulty in catering for them.

T. H. ANDERSON.

Campbell Street, Darvel.

Two Kinds of Virginian Cardinals.

SIR,—I do not understand Mr. J. H. Hanson's remarks upon the Virginian Cardinals. In the United States there is only one species, which breeds from Florida and right up through the Eastern States. The bill of the male, and the female's is almost as bright, is sealing-wax red, and the plumage of the male, as everyone knows, is glowing scarlet, with a black mask round the bill, the upper parts, with wings and tail, being a duller brownish-red. There is no Virginian Cardinal (or "Nightingale") that I know of, with a dark purple beak and legs. Mr. O. Salvin, writing in "The Ibis" in 1868, says, "We have now a large series of Cardinal Grosbeaks from the islands of the coast of Yucatan, besides several from the opposite mainland, and we altogether fail to see how they can be separated into races."

The song of the Cardinal Grosbeak is powerful, and has a kind of "jug-jug" in it, but there is little variety, although it is melodious. Neither in quality nor diversity of notes and stanzas can it be for a moment compared with the Nightingale.

I had a pair of Red Cardinals from Yucatan, but except that they were perhaps, a little smaller, both male and female were practically exactly the same to look at as the Red Cardinal found in the United States.

There is one which is different, but that is a South American bird—namely, *Cardinalis phoeniceus*, which is smaller and of a more orange-red, with a longer and more upright crest, but that also has a scarlet bill. Mr. Hanson is mistaken in saying that very few of the genuine Virginian Nightingales have been imported, "Virginian Nightingale" being, of course, synonymous with the Red Cardinal, which is perfectly easy to keep in captivity, where, moreover, it will breed readily.

I see that Mr. Hanson has that trick—is it indolence?—of talking of an English "gale." Surely we had enough of them last winter and early spring without being reminded of

them! Why this mauling and docking of a bird's name which in its entirety brings back to one all that is charming and beautiful? It is an old protest of mine, which, if it has given offence, gives me far more as regards the reason for that protest. Supposing I write an article on birds in your useful publication in some such style as this: "I find the 'rows very troublesome, destroying the 'tins' nests and persecuting the 'lows. My gardener complains of the bulls, but does not object to the chaffs. A pair of 'nets have their nest in a gorse bush, and some 'starts have taken advantage of a bird-box. There are no 'gales in these parts, though one came along and blew 'down a magnificent cedar tree" ('dar tree, I suppose I ought to say, to save time!)

"Gale" means a singing bird; Nightingale, the bird that sings by night. "Gale" by itself means a violent wind, just as net means an article for catching fish, etc., etc.; yet why not write of 'nets for Linnets, just as much as 'gales for Nightingales?

HUBERT D. ASTLEY.

"Khaki" Canaries.

SIR,—Khaki enjoys a very richly deserved popularity and esteem when it covers the mainly form of one of the brave defenders of Britain's honour, but I hope your readers will pardon my saying that it seems to me pedantry to carry the sentiment to the extent of applying the term to what are nothing more or less than cinnamon coloured Canaries. To dub them "khaki" Canaries, with the suggestion that it is something new and novel, could only lead to confusion and misunderstanding among new recruits to the fancy in the future, which, especially at this crucial stage, would be most unfortunate.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

The Value of Pedigree Breeding

SIR,—In view of the interesting letters which have recently appeared in CAGE BIRDS pointing out the necessity of line breeding, for the production of exhibition stock, perhaps the following extract from the American "Pigeon News" will be of value; it is by the Editor, Mr. C. E. Twombly, and although it is written in reference to pigeons it applies equally to Canaries, or any kind of show bird.

"Personally, we are a great believer in in-breeding, and think this the only sure way to success. Mating two winners from different strains will seldom, if ever, produce the desired result, and this is one of the main reasons that beginners get discouraged. It takes at least three years to form any kind of a strain that will produce anything like the parents as a rule, and the longer a strain is bred in, the stronger the likelihood of a large percentage of show birds. This, of course, must be done with some sort of a system, and the strength of a strain must be kept up, but to reproduce type the blood must be there from both sides.

"Like does not beget like in pigeon breeding without close relationship. We have known large and successful strains to be built round one single specimen, and fanciers who have had an idea that an out-cross must be procured every year are never successful. We have one particular line in mind where the best daughter has been bred back to the father for the fourth generation, and the best yet bred from this line is the result:—Two lusty cocks in the first nest, with quality and size an improvement over either of the parents. It works the same way on the hen side. Procure the best you can to start with, and work on these lines, and the results will surprise you."

INTERESTED.

A Linnet Singing Judge's Cheery Letter from "Somewhere in Flanders."

SIR,—Perhaps you would like to hear from me again? Well, I am sending you another whether you like it or not, in case some of your readers would like a hint on how to keep and feed a Linnet for "proud" singing. Firstly, they must have good birds, and must keep them and their cages clean. To do that they must let their birds bath themselves regularly, or hand wash them if very dirty, and scrub the cages thoroughly clean. The birds should be fed on English rape as a staple diet, and a few tit-bits such as lettuce, cornflower seed, inga, dandelion, and thistle seed; not too much of the tit-bits, or the birds get so fat that they don't care for singing, they get more like a pig, and want to sleep.

I can tell you the wild birds here are good company, that is, when things are quiet, though the poor birds get a scare now and again. I would like to keep a bird that can stand this noise with all this scrap iron flying about, for I think he would stand anything. There is a Thrush here who deserves a V.C. for stopping, or a D.C.M. for he pipes away morning and night, and I am fairly in love with the bird. I have a Robin which comes

to see me now and again; he picks the bits of meat that we throw away, and I think he has a job on sometimes, but he gets through it. There are lots of Sparrows in the early morn, shouting "Cheer up, cheer up," as much as to say we're sure to win. (There is that beastly Maxim gun at it again, spitting bullets 40 to the dozen. Naughty man, Fritz; he frightens all the birds away). We have a lot of rats here, and some of them can sing like a Norwich Canary, though they sing at night best, so we call them the Nightingales. They are nice company if they don't get running over your face when you are asleep, which they often do. There was one ran over a man's face in our dug-out, and I thought the Germans were attacking us by the way he yelled and jumped about. I used to like me pipe, but they send nowt but "tabs" out, so I am a tab smoker now. If a few of the old boys could see me now they would say "What a swank the judge is getting since he joined the Army. Once more I wish your valuable paper and all CAGE BIRDS readers the best of success. T. FARREY.

Successful Breeding of the Goldfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid.

SIR,—Some time ago, through being grouped up, I advertised in CAGE BIRDS the whole of my birds for sale, and through that advertisement I sold all of my birds excepting five Norwich Canaries and a few hybrid pairs in my outdoor aviary, which my wife promised to attend to if I had to go.

My group being number 43, and there seeming no sign of it being called up until the end of the summer, I bought five more Norwich Canaries, and I am pleased to say I have 20 young Canaries all doing well, also several more hens sitting.

I have also got a young Hybrid five weeks old to-day, June 18, which I think is the first of the cross ever to be reared. It is between a Goldfinch cock and a Chaffinch hen.

T. W. WREN.

Ule, the Little Owl

By G. H. LEWIN.

A story of the introduction of the Little Owls as birds of our countryside.

(Continued from page 337.)

ABOUT Christmas time, a terrible storm of snow and hail came on, and held for three whole days; this was bad for Ule, who could do nothing but sit in the hollow of a tree in shelter waiting as patiently as possible for the storm to pass away.

As soon as it cleared, he was out hunting again, but he did not understand the white world around him, but he met another Owl who had passed through several winters, and who knew how this white world sometimes came between the autumn moult and the spring breeding time, but always passed away again.

His new-found friend taught Ule how, when the ground was snow-covered, to catch birds by taking them from their perches in the hedge at dusk, and also how to watch for the small field mice as they ran across the snow.

Strange Voices Calling.

Ule's first year of life had been somewhat uneventful, but when the winter was over, and he began to wander farther afield again, life seemed to hold more for him, for soon the budding of spring began to show everywhere, and Ule had strange voices calling upon him to get a mate.

As he flew from tree to tree, or sat upon a railing or a post, he would call "peu-peu-u" in long-drawn notes, hoping to hear an answering call, which for a long time never came, for he had wandered far away from where the birds of his kind lived. He did not know that the only little Owls on the whole countryside were those whose parents had been freed in the same park as his own; and that few had wandered so far as he, who had travelled quite twenty miles from his old home.

After some days of wandering and calling, with one or two narrow escapes from being shot, he heard an answering call, and to his joy found it was the same bird he had met at the beginning of the winter. They made much of each other, for both had wandered far away from their friends, but the country they were in was very like where they were born, except, that instead of a river running through it, there was a fine pool stretching some mile or more in front of them, with old timber just suited to their habits growing round in great profusion.

Ule Starts House-keeping.

They did not know at first the danger they were in, for in their new home, instead of being protected, they were pursued by every boy who saw them, and shot at by every man; for they were rarities, and so, of course, in accordance with the universal law of sportsmen, must be killed in order to prove that they were something different from the birds common in the district.

I hatched one of the same cross last year, but this only lived five days. I got the hen Chaffinch as a young bird in my garden in September, 1913, and this is the third summer in which she has bred young. The first year she had two Mealy Redpoll Hybrids and two clear nests. Last year she had three nests, but there was only one good egg in the three. This was when paired to a Siberian Goldfinch. I left the young bird with her, and it died on the sixth day, so this year I made up my mind to take the young away if she hatched any out, and I am pleased to say it is doing well.

I took the young bird away from the hen Chaffinch, which had herself hatched the egg, and put the Hybrid with a hen Canary which had four young hatched the day before. The Chaffinch has laid two other nests of eggs since, eight eggs in all, but all were clear, so that this one was the only good egg out of 12 in three nests. She is building her fourth nest again now, and the cock Goldfinch sits in the cage doorway while she sits on the nest. She has built twice in an old Thrush nest, in a bush, in my outdoor aviary, and once before in a small cage with the door taken off and hung in the aviary, and this is the cage in which she is again building.

Mr. Pike, the ex-secretary of Reading C.B.S., has seen the young bird, and has also seen the Goldfinch sitting in the doorway of the cage while the Chaffinch has been on her nest. I should be very pleased to show the young bird to any member of your staff who could call upon me on any Thursday afternoon. It is like the young Chaffinch in the neck, back, and chest. It is yellow in its wing flights, and is buttoned down the wings and tail like a young Goldfinch Mule. It also has two bars on its wings, the same as seen in Goldfinch Mules, and it has white on its shoulders like the Chaffinch; in the tail flights there is a greenish yellow tinge.

T. W. WREN.

They were, however, fortunate, for now that spring had come but few people carried guns, and the home they selected was in a hollow tree not far from the water, and where few folk went. They wandered together up and down the neighbouring land until at last Ule's mate, Brown-wing, stayed in the hole where they made their home, and did not come away until she had left a round, white-shelled egg. She added to it day by day, until there were seven of her treasures on the rotten wood and feathers which formed the bottom of the nest.

Carefully she kept guard over them, sitting closely, and only leaving for a short interval occasionally, while Ule took his station upon a rough stump under the shelter of the adjoining hedgerow, where he ate all his catches which his mate did not need.

One day, after she had sat for about a week, two men came by, and seeing the hole in the tree, one of them swung himself up by the branches and looked in where Brown-wing was covering her precious eggs. At first he could see nothing, as it was dark inside, and while he was peering in, Brown-wing slipped up a long, hollow branch and flew away; soon, however, he saw the eggs at the bottom of the hole, and taking one out, uttered an exclamation of astonishment, for they were eggs he did not know. The other man saw Brown-wing fly, and he, too, was puzzled, but Ule, flying from the hedgerow, sealed the fate of the eggs, for the men guessed what the birds were, and as they were rarities, the eggs must, of course, be taken in defiance of law, leaving Ule and his mate to grieve over their loss.

Second Attempt Successful.

The men often came to watch for the birds, and soon they found that another batch of eggs were being laid in a hole in an adjoining tree, but their collecting craze had been satisfied, and their only fear was that others as heartless as themselves would find the new home and harry it.

This time the birds were successful in keeping their treasures, the eggs were hatched, and four little balls of down appeared, ugly and shapeless, as Ule was himself when he first saw the dim light of the hollow tree where he was born.

A busy time the parents have until the youngsters can hunt for themselves, but they do not have so free a time as Ule and his brothers and sisters had, for they are in more dangerous quarters, and before the winter, two of them are shot, but the others learn a lesson from their deaths, and manage to keep clear of danger until the time comes when Ule and his mate drive them away to seek their fortune by themselves.

They wander, as Ule did before them, but not so far as he, keeping to the open, park-like country full of the old timber, which they loved so much, until they too find mates and make themselves a home. Ule and his mate keep to the two trees by the waterside, and year after year rear broods with varied fortune until the birds are known almost as well as any others of the countryside, and so are less in danger than when they came as strangers to a new land.

My Grey Parrot "Polly."

By EDWIN WILCOX (New Sawley).

A story which will account for the fact that the owner of a really accomplished Grey Parrot will rarely part with so desirable a possession.

I WISH it to be understood at the commencement that I do not wish to pose as an authority on Parrots, but happening to be one of those fortunate individuals who possess a really good one, I thought an account of my experiences with the same might prove interesting to the readers of "our" paper.

Polly first saw the light near Bolobo on the Upper Congo in the spring of 1907, and was imported for me—gratis—by a missionary friend. I first made his acquaintance at Christmas in the same year. "Polly," despite his feminine name, is a male bird, as will be seen by the white of the face coming to a point at the back of the eye in the accompanying photograph. [Owing to the smallness of the reproduction, this distinguishing mark of sex is not apparent in the picture.—EDITOR.]

My friend gave a native "boy" a frame for two baby Parrots procured from the hollow of a tree in the bush, and, not being a fancier, he put them in charge of his native servant, who succeeded in rearing them mainly on monkey-nuts and bananas. When able to feed themselves, they were given the run of the garden, but committed such depredations amongst the plants and trees that they had to be confined, but this was not so easy as expected, for they used their beaks in such a practical manner that wood could not stand the strain.

The Last Straw.

One day, breaking loose, they demolished a date tree which had been grown from a stone, and was perhaps the choicest plant in the garden. The missionary staff were disgusted at their depredations, and after clipping their wings very short, and bringing some stout wire-netting into use, they eventually succeeded in keeping them in their own quarters.

When the time arrived for their departure to England, a stout box was procured, with some strong wire-netting as a front, a perch fixed from one end of the box to the other, about three inches from the bottom, and a rough drawer for cleaning-out purposes. This comprised their domicile until I made their acquaintance some four weeks later.

The railway journey down to the coast, Matadi, was uneventful as far as the Parrots were concerned, and on arrival at the pier the birds were given in charge of the butcher, who, on a diet of monkey-nuts, succeeded in landing them in England, apparently none the worse for their journey.

My friend had to stay a few days in London, and left them in charge of "boots" at his hotel, who fed them on bananas. The weather was very cold at this time, and not being able to catch a local train to reach my address, my friend left the Parrots, along with his luggage, on Trent platform for some two hours, to be forwarded by the next train. In spite of an intensely cold night, they arrived in good condition, and on being introduced to the light, exclaimed, "Poor Polly," which comprised the whole of their vocabulary at this time.

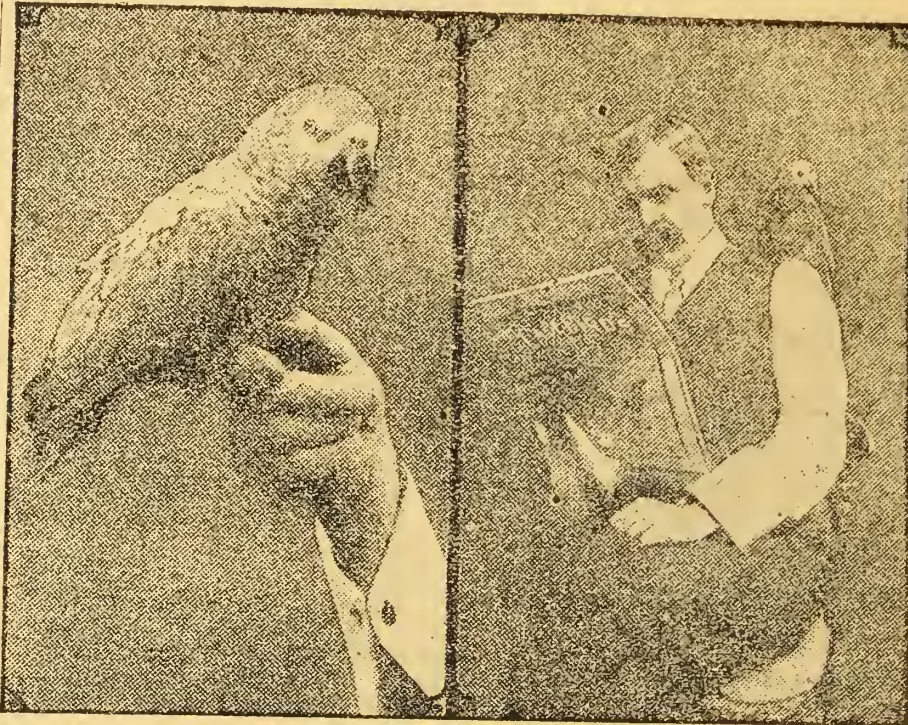
A Really Proper Dietary.

I had previously written to CAGE BIRDS' Foreign Bird expert, Mr. Wesley T. Page, for proper treatment on arrival, and I attribute to his instructions the successful rearing of my pet. I eventually found out that he would not eat certain parts of the seed mixture, and these I withheld until at this time his staple food is two parts canary, and one part each of hemp and sunflower seeds, with a few monkey-nuts; the latter he usually eats, shell and all.

I give in addition, as tit-bits, a little Osborne's nut most days, a very small piece of lump sugar once per week, and a walnut daily. The walnut is Polly's chief delicacy, and I usually have to give him this before I get my dinner; in fact, the only time I have heard him screech has been when I have failed to do so. (My friend told me that the only noise he ever heard from wild Parrots was a screech; they were much like Crows in this country, very difficult to approach, and usually seen in considerable numbers.)

I give in addition to the above dietary, dry toast crust, not ripe fruits in season, such as strawberries, gooseberries, grapes, plums, and the core of apples and pears; he is very fond of the pips. I give a drink twice per day, and use an egg cup for this purpose; he usually takes about a dozen sips on each occasion.

"Polly" has his own peculiar ideas of drinking. When my wife offers him the egg-cup



"POLLY."
An accomplished Grey Parrot.

"had," thinking I was one of the family speaking.

He can sing the "Keel Row" and "Oh, Dear, What Can the Matter Be?" in good tune, and will sing alternate lines of these ditties with me. Whatever key I pitch them in, he always is in tune. Happening to be a musical family, "Polly" has ample opportunities to mimic our vocal and instrumental efforts, which he evidently does to his satisfaction, for the moment we begin to play or sing, he mimics to such an extent that it is impossible to sing in the same room, even if

hour's duration. I never experience any difficulty in getting him to talk; he is always ready to join in any conversation when invited to do so; the difficult thing would be to persuade him to keep silence.

I have only had one case of indisposition with "Polly," and this was easily cured, it consisted of a little sickness; my remedy was a little carbonate of soda in his drinking water. I wish I could as easily cure him of his feather plucking propensities. I have tried the quassia chip remedy, but have pronounced it a failure. I have tried amusing him with bobbins, pieces of wool and string, and have also worked on his nervous inclinations by placing various things of which he is afraid either on his cage or in close proximity to it. He has a deadly fear of almost any strange object, such as a big piece of wood, a parcel, etc., and usually falls to the bottom of the cage and exhibits signs of abject terror when any such thing is brought near him.

A Novel Cure for Feather Plucking.

My only approach to success has been in the sneaking of his feathers with rancid goose-grease, but as I could only procure a small quantity I could only partially try the cure, though even this small amount has reduced his pernicious habit to one of plucking the down from under his feathers. If I can get another supply of rancid goose-grease, I shall give him another dressing during the warm weather, and shall hope for this to make a complete cure. Should I fail to get the goose-grease, I shall try rancid cold liver oil.

"Polly" looked a perfect scarecrow after the application of this, and sat like a statue for a day or two, but as the effects of the operation began to wear off, he gradually resumed his usual vivacity. No permanent injury was done to the feathers, which in a few weeks resumed their wonted appearance.

A friend of mine, who told me of this remedy, said he had an African Grey Parrot which plucked itself until it was practically nude, but one application liberally applied was a complete success, and though several years have since passed, the bird has never since plucked its feathers. If any readers of CAGE BIRDS who care to try the above remedy as a last resort, would publish the result of the experiment in our paper, it would be of interest to all who possess Parrots given to this dreadful habit.

I hope this little effort to interest lovers of Parrots (and their number is legion) will give as much pleasure to the readers as it has to the writer. My advice to all who wish for an interesting and amusing pet is: Get an African Grey Parrot, feed and care for it properly, and you will have a friend that will probably last a life-time.

THE LANGUAGE OF BIRD SONG.

The powers of mimicry possessed by our singing birds have lately inspired many paragraphs in the daily papers, and one among them which has been widely circulated is to the effect that a Song Thrush at Streatham, London, has been heard to whistle distinctly the first line of "The Campbells are coming." Commenting on these, the London "Star" of June 17 had an amusing article, commencing with:

"What does little birdie say,

In his nest at break of day?

Hark! The merry Thrush is singing

'Yip-Iaddy-Iay!'

Referring to the Streatham case, our contemporary says:

"This explains the strange conduct of a Chiswick Thrush recorded by a 'Star' ornithological correspondent. Every evening for a week or so the bird sat on the edge of a chimney-pot. From time to time he would bend his head and listen down the chimney. A few broken notes followed. Again he would listen, cock his wise eye, and try the selection over again.

"Inquiries made in the neighbourhood elicited the information that the chimney-pot was the drawing-room chimney-pot, and in the drawing-room the daughter of the house took her music lesson. Within ten days the Thrush had mastered the first four notes of the 'Maiden's Prayer,' which he now delivers daily to a delighted audience." The article finishes as follows:

Kents Revised.

"But we trust that our Thrushes and Blackbirds will not be encouraged to sing popular songs.

The war was not born for this, immortal bird.

No hungry generations tread thee down.

The song I hear this passing night I heard Last Tuesday at the Empire, Camden Town."

"We shall have our song writers capturing the Thrushes young and teaching them their songs by gramophone. Think of our green woods and pastures on a summer's evening, full of the strains of 'Keep the home fires burning' or 'Sister Susie,'

A FRIENDLY TRIO. The Author, his Pet Bird, and his Pet Parrot.

he drinks in the orthodox birdy manner, by placing his beak inside the cup and taking one sip at a time, but when I offer him his drink he insists on drinking after the human fashion, by taking the cup between his lips (beak), and if permitted to do so would empty the cup at one draught.

I have had most kinds of pets, including hedgehogs, but none so amusing as "Polly." He is as affectionate as a dog, and when I sit near his cage I usually have to put one hand inside the wires, so that he may bestow his caresses, which consist of a "crooning" noise, regurgitation of food, and an endeavour to feed me, rubbing both head and feet on my hand, etc.

It would be difficult to find a more intelligent pet amongst the bird family. Very few things take place in the house with which "Polly" is not quite conversant. For instance, as usual in villages, the pump is in the kitchen, and when I reach out my hand to use the same, "Polly" anticipates my action by imitating the noise of the pump handle and the dripping of the water. Again, when I put on my hat or coat to go out, or light a taper to go to bed at night, he always exclaims "Good morning," and if I do not quickly leave the room this is frequently repeated.

Saving a Servant Maid.

I am a member of a co-operative society, and my number is 104. When "Polly" hears the milkman in the street he shouts, "Milk; I want a pint, please; 104." When the baker calls, "Bread, one, please; 104. Thank you; good morning." When my wife opens the door to call my son to get up for breakfast, "Polly" usually anticipates by calling, "Are you getting up? Breakfast ready. You will be late." One day my father drank a glass of water from the pump, and Polly said, "Oh, you were thirsty." I offered him some fruit of which he was rather dubious; turned his head on one side and said, "Is it nice?" I could prolong this list "ad infinitum."

His range of voice is simply marvellous, extending from a piercing whistle to the deepest bass; a metallic ring like the rattle of crockery, and the opening and closing of an iron gate are imitated to perfection. He can pronounce his words as clearly and distinctly as any human being, and will frequently talk for two or three consecutive hours.

Very few things take place without Polly's comment. One time we are holding a "Quakers' meeting," when he breaks the silence by exclaiming, "You are quiet. What's the matter with you? Aren't you very well?" He has a very infectious laugh, and has many times set us laughing, when he will mimic first the particular laugh of one and then of another. He can imitate any individual's voice, and we have many times been

only for the inclination to laugh. The other day, at the conclusion of grace before dinner he pronounced the "Amen" as solemnly as a sexton at a funeral.

He is of a very jealous disposition, which is also shared by my favourite Gordon Setter. I have only to take notice of the one to arouse the jealousy of the other, but both seem content if I give to each one hand on which to lavish their affection. Until I do this Polly makes a hissing noise at the dog, and the dog in turn insists on shaking hands with me. Polly takes a delight in talking to the dog, and I have many times, when in an adjoining room, heard him talk like this: "Come in this minute. My word, I'll give it you." Then, after a brief interval: "Do you want an apple? Do you want a banana?" And he will then run through quite a list of supposed wants, including breakfast, supper, drink, strawberry, etc., even including a "banapple."

My dog has a habit of yawning; this is invariably met with the remark, "Oh, you are bad." About a year ago I added a Pekinese dog to my pets, and the second morning after his arrival I was roused from my slumber by a furious barking. I came downstairs to investigate, when, picture my surprise to find the dog on the table, near Polly's cage, and the two—Polly and the dog—engaged in a barking contest, which was continued until I made the dog retire to his box.

Polly is of a very shy disposition, and can rarely be induced to talk before strangers, but this difficulty is easily overcome when our visitors retire to an adjoining room, when he will immediately join in any conversation which may be going on.

Prefers His Own Way.

I have never taken much trouble to teach him to say sentences of my own choosing, as I soon found out that he had his own ideas of propriety in this respect, and that which I wanted him to say he simply would not, whilst at the same time he was always repeating sentences which he had seldom heard; but when I have heard him trying to say certain words I have repeated them to him, and he would try to pronounce them correctly, much as a child does when beginning to talk.

I think the best way to teach a particular sentence is to do so from an adjoining room, for by this means you both arouse the bird's curiosity and impress his memory. I have noticed that sounds which emanate from outside soon attract my bird's attention. Amongst the first things he learnt was the call and alarm note of the House Sparrow, and no one could detect his imitation from the genuine article. The cry of "Rags and bones, any old boots," soon took his fancy, and is still one of his favourite phrases. His most talkative time is about dusk, when he usually gives a "vocal entertainment" of at least an

The Rearing and Colour Feeding of Canaries.

A lecture given by Mr. J. F. Park to the members of the Vale of Leven C.B.C., and communicated by the hon. sec., Mr. A. H. McLean.

THERE is little doubt that all the present varieties of the Canary have been evolved from the wild Canary of the Canary Islands and Madeira. An extract from Professor Pearson's notes in the records of Cambridge University, July, 1891, says: "The wild Canary is regarded as a sub-species of the Serin, which inhabited Central and Southern Europe, and occasionally visits the British Isles." Of course, there have been a great many theories put forth in early days, some of which have long since proved to be wrong.

The Canary of Ancient Literature.

Away back as far as the beginning of the eighteenth century we find there were as many as 29 varieties of Canary. About the oldest Canary literature which we can trace is Gesner's book, dated 1555, and some of the wording is very amusing reading. After describing some other bird, he says, "similar to this is the bird of sweetest song, called the Canary, which is brought from the Canary Islands, where the sugar come from." We also get the information here that sugar was imported into England as far back as the early part of the sixteenth century. He goes on to say: "The Canary is sold very dear, both for the sweetness of its singing, and also because it is brought from such a long distance with great care, and but rarely, so that it is wont to be kept only by nobles and great-men."

It would be interesting, if time permitted, to follow the notes we have in the writings under different dates which show the progress towards the present-day Canary as we know it. Dr. Adamson, writing in 1678, points to the grey variety, and states: "The grey kind are not of a uniform colour, some feathers are affected by different shades, some of a lighter and some of a darker tinge." Then, jumping to Pennant's description, in 1776, of some which he had seen, he says: "They were of a dull green colour; they did not sing, so I suppose they were hens." Gesner, in the same year, speaks of a "yellowish-green bird, with a distinctly yellow tinge on its back," which brings it within our scope to picture the further progress.

Take, as among the first, the cinnamon Canaries, which, in the early days, were called Dun Canaries. A great deal of care and study must have been taken in the production of these, and even to-day we must have a thorough knowledge of pairing for colour in the production of cinnamon stock. Expert fanciers have proved that cinnamon colour of plumage in young stock can only be got by using a cinnamon hen and a cinnamon-bred cock. If a cock having no cinnamon blood is mated to a hen with no cinnamon blood all the young which show any cinnamon feathers are hens. I merely note this in passing, and leave the literature of the Canary at this point, with the hope that our own experience of breeding may bring out something of interest as the result of proper mating both for colour and type.

Getting to our breeding-room, we want, if possible, to have the room well lighted and free from draughts, as it is admitted generally that our pets can stand a lot of cold, but they cannot stand any draughts. To the amateur who has been in the habit of having his cage hanging by the side of the window with, no doubt, the well-meant idea of giving it plenty of light, I would say, remove the cage into a sheltered position on the wall where the light will strike without the draught which is unavoidable in most windows.

About Breeding Cages.

Opinions differ regarding the proper kind of breeding cage; some breeders prefer the cage of wood with only the front of wire, known as the box cage, and I have nothing to say against it, provided it is kept thoroughly clean, and regularly washed. Otherwise in the corners and crevices which abound there is the danger of red mite, etc. Being confined, except for the front, such cages are apt to become "smelly" quicker than the open wire cage, which is the one I prefer, and which, if standing on the shelves of a rack where there is no draughts striking it, and in a room where the temperature is equable, I think is much healthier than the box cage.

Of course, my choice is strengthened by the fact that it is the Yorkshire Canary that I keep, and as these birds are wanted to stand up as erect as possible, I think it is better to keep them in a cage with the light on the top of it rather than in one with a wooden top. Again, when these birds are exhibited they are shown in all-wire cages, and it is better that they should be used to an all-wire cage.

With, say, the Norwich variety it is different, as they are shown in wooden or box cages. However, either kind of cage is suitable, and breeders have been equally successful in the use of both. It may, therefore, be left to the fancier to make his own choice, and a visit to the room of some of his birdy friends may help him in this. Whichever one he may choose, I would recommend that he supplies the same with pretty large drinking glasses, as these have the advantage of keeping the water fresher in the warm weather, when a small glass with only a small quantity of water gets easily soiled, and the water gets quite warm, for clean fresh water is as essential as thorough cleanliness throughout the cage and all appliances.

The Furnishing of the Home.

The getting of the cage ready or the arranging of the new home for the soon-to-be-married couple is an important job, and should be carried out with the whole idea of sanitation and convenience for the birds. I use earthenware nest pans, into which I place a sanitary felt lining. These were pans I consider a great improvement on the old wooden nest boxes or nest boards, with the little pot nests, as these seem to me to be fitted up more for the comfort and convenience of red mite and other parasites than for the comfort of the birds. If a box cage is in use these pans are fixed up by a screw nail on the back of the cage with a wire ring hung on to contain the pan, in any desired position in the cage. The top of the nest pan should be slightly above the line of the perches.

I do not give a bird any nesting material other than one or two strands of hemp teased from a piece of string or clean rope, just to amuse the hen, as I find they usually pick and arrange the nest lining to suit their taste, and a lot of nesting material only makes an untidy and dirty cage.

Having prepared the house so far, we now turn our attention to the birds, and we will here take it for granted that the pair has been selected to suit the fancier's taste. I will not enter on the subject of pairing for any special purpose, as this is a very wide subject, and one which would fill a whole paper by itself. But I would say that unless arranged otherwise for some special purpose, it is general to pair a buff to a yellow bird.

We now place these in a cage which has been prepared for them. Some fanciers place their birds for a time in separate cages in a position where they can see each other, their idea being to let the birds make each other's acquaintance. For my part, I think that this proceeding is utterly unnecessary, for it is not very often that there is any severe quarrelling if the hen is in condition to be mated up. The cock is generally the first to wish to strike up a more intimate acquaintance, and when you see him having a look round the nest and singing a coaxing song to the hen she soon comes round to his side, and in a day or two they settle down to their family duties.

When the birds have been placed together a little egg food should be supplied, with a little blue maw seed added as a stimulating diet. This should be given in small quantities of about a teaspoonful every other day for each pair for a day or two; you will surely see the cock feeding the hen with the tasty bit.

The staple food of canary seed, with just about a third part rape, should have an addition of just a little niger seed, for this is greatly recommended as a preventive of egg binding, and, with a few young dandelion leaves or a little lettuce, the cock will be all the more assiduous in feeding his mate.

A Possible Danger.

If all is going well, there will not be much alteration in affairs for a few days, but shortly the hen will become more steady and sedate, and you can generally tell that it will not be long till you have your first egg. This time is not altogether free from danger, and a watch must be kept in the morning to see that all is right.

Some day, when you enter your bird room, you may see the hen sitting with her feathers all ruffled and her wings down, and, in some cases, sitting in the corner of the cage. Then there is a little egg difficulty on, but do not interfere with her; leave Nature for a little to do its part, and probably the next morning you will see the little expected egg in the nest.

If not, something will have to be done without further delay. I think steaming is the best thing to do, and the process is very simple to anyone, even the beginner, if he

goes about it the right way. Take the bird gently in the left hand with her head towards the little finger, and the tail projecting between the thumb and first finger, and hold her over the steam from boiling water.

A narrow-necked jug is the most suitable, with plenty of boiling water. The jug should not be quite full, and a piece of muslin or some thin material should be laid over the jug slack enough to form a little nest-shaped hollow.

The idea of this is that should the egg pass during the operation, as it sometimes does, it will drop into the muslin and be uninjured. Expose her vent freely to the steam, and before replacing the hen in the cage place a drop or two of sweet or olive oil on the vent. In special cases a drop or two of equal parts of tincture of ergot and olive oil may be placed into the beak, and unless the case is an extreme one the egg will soon be laid.

If, however, a cure has not been effected, something else will have to be tried to save her life, and as heat is a great factor

success has often come by rolling her in a piece of hot flannel and placing her near to the fire, or once more over the steam from the jug of boiling water. In no circumstances should we tamper with a bird while laying, except to save her life; let Nature alone as long as possible.

I recommend the taking of the eggs from the hen as laid, and that a china egg be placed in the nest. On the evening of the day on which the third egg is laid I take away the cock, clean the cage, and replace the three eggs.

I do not leave the cock with the hen after setting (I have always another job for him), and I have had little trouble with any hen rearing her young alone. I have a box with small divisions numbered to correspond with the number on the cages; this saves any danger of mixing up the eggs.

Having thus set the hen, we have to wait patiently for results. If all goes well we may count the hatching on the thirteenth day from the evening on which the hen was set.

(To be continued.)

How My Khaki Canaries Went to Nest.

By MISS DYDDGU HAMILTON.

WHEN I separated my Canaries into pairs the cages I put them into were all of different sizes and shapes—cages which had housed my Foreign Finches in former days. Only one of the lot was a real breeding cage, and it and one flight-cage were the only two which could boast a partition for a nursery.

When each of the three cocks was housed with his own mate, I had six hens left over. One of these was so broody that she settled down in a corner of her cage and laid an egg there. So I paired her with a yellow Yorkshire cock belonging to the children of the house in which I live. Another hen I mated with a Goldfinch, bought for the purpose, because someone told me that these red-eyed Canaries are the best kind for breeding mules.

In the beginning I had hoped that one cock would suffice for two hens. But I very soon discovered this to be a mistake as they pulled each others nests to pieces, each hen trying to secure all the material for her own home. One hen was so heart-broken when I removed her, that she seemed to faint away, and lay all in a heap on the floor of her cage for hours afterwards, neither feeding nor even moving till I replaced her with the pair she had been with previously, when she immediately became as perky as possible. It was this hen that I later on paired with the Goldfinch; and she quickly seemed quite contented with him, starting away to make a new nest with great industry. She is now sitting on three eggs.

The Mice Take a Hand.

The first to lay was my variegated hen, and she sat so steadily that I had great hopes of youngsters. But, alas! the mice, who had been very troublesome, climbed into the cage one night and ate up the eggs. The only mitigation of my grief was the fact that the remains of the broken eggs showed signs of what looked like hard-baked yolk, which I think proves that those eggs were not fertile, as the hen had then been sitting for ten days, ample time for the baby birds to have been formed in the shell. My other two hens sat for a fortnight, and then left their nests. I broke the eggs, all of which were clear except one in which was a dead chick.

The nests I had provided had wire foundations with felt linings. The first thing my birds did was to tear the linings to pieces, using the shreds of felt to reline the wire holders in a fashion more pleasing to themselves, afterwards filling the cup-shaped hollow with cow-hair and feathers from a nestling-bag. One hen preferred scraps of dry grass and the fluffy seed of groundsel and dandelion to anything else. Of moss none of them made any use.

A Varied Menu.

The food I gave was Spratt's mixed seed, spray, millet, and whole groats, with plenty of green stuff. In cold, wet weather like that of our present June at Whitsuntide, I give extra hemp and linseed. In very hot weather, on the contrary, I diminish these oily seeds almost to vanishing point, while I keep up unlimited supplies of flowering grass and groundsel, green oafs, lettuce, plantain, in fact any fresh growing food that is obtainable.

Sharp grit I provide in a little jar, preferring garden mould and grass turves to sand or sawdust for the floor of the cage. There is always a piece of cuttle-fish bone stuck between the bars, and of this all my birds, both cocks and hens, devour immense

quantities, gnawing it away almost as if they were rodents with cutting-teeth, instead of being birds with bills.

In addition they get broken-up egg-shell every time that boiled eggs come to the table. It is not a bad plan to save some of this in a small tin, against the time when eggs get scarce and dear. It is to the free consumption of these chalky substances by my hens that I attribute my luck in having no trouble with soft shells or egg-binding.

My foreign birds never cared for swings in their cages—generally working themselves into a panic as soon as the swing was set in motion by some bird other than the one perched thereon flying foul of it. Therefore I used to take out all the swings. But the Canaries seem as fond of swinging as though they were children. They also seem to prefer the patent spring perches to the ordinary fixed sort. This is lucky for me, as the patent kind are so readily removed and easy to clean.

The Best of All Perches.

Another kind of perch which all birds love is a plant in a pot. Whenever my plants show signs of caterpillars or green-fly, I pass them into one or another of my cages, and the Canaries soon clear them of insects. They are not quite so gentle in their methods as were my tiny foreign Finches, so I have to take out the flower-pots as soon as the parasites are eaten, or the Canaries would pull all the leaves off the plants in their search for more.

Oxeye daisies and dwarf rose trees make excellent plants for this purpose, as both are very apt to become literally smothered with green-fly at quite short notice when placed out on a London balcony or window-sill.

Whenever such dainties were forthcoming the cocks would hasten to feed their hens. With more ordinary food they would wait until the hens called them by fluttering their wings and squeaking like baby-birds demanding attention.

Better Luck Next Time.

As none of my birds was successful with the first clutch of eggs I felt rather sceptical about any luck with the second nests. But a pleasant surprise was in store for me. On Whitsun eve, as I approached the cage of one of my two khaki pairs, I noticed an egg shell neatly broken in halves and quite clean inside, lying on the floor of the cage under the nest.

In the first instant I feared that my enemies the mice had been at their mischief again. Then I observed that "Cynthia" sat with her feathers more fluffed out than she used to have them when sitting on eggs only; while her husband, "Endymion," seemed to be standing on guard near the nest, and eyeing all my movements with quite unaccustomed suspicion.

Though I was nearly bursting with excitement and curiosity, I fed the pair as quickly and as quietly as I could, and then went right away from that cage. Nor did I get so much as a glimpse of the baby until the following Monday, when he was three days old. He then appeared to me to be in size, shape, and colour exactly like a ripe raspberry with all the soft downy bloom upon it, as it is seen when growing wild in a wood before being gathered.

Eight days later I had a second peep at him. He was quite four times his former size, with primrose-coloured quills showing in his wings, and tiny tufts of drab down on other parts of his pink body and head.

His parents will not touch either hard-boiled egg, or bread-and-milk, but seem to feed the infant on nothing but grass-seed and groundsel. Nevertheless, I leave a dish of slightly dampened "egg-bisco," constantly in the cage, in case as he grows bigger, he may consider that he requires a more nourishing diet.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A. I. L. and C. P. B.—Replied to by post.
BREATHES VERY HARD (C. Young).—You ought to have said how you fed the bird, and under what circumstances it is kept. It may be bronchially affected, or it may be simply over-fat, but one cannot tell with certainty from the meagre details you give. Try the following for two or three weeks, and if not then considerably better, write again and give fuller particulars. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. In addition give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on two other days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts niger, teazle, white millet and broken groats. Give a liberal supply of green salads daily. In the drinking water for three consecutive days, and afterwards every second day for the remainder of the week, add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and in the second week give instead four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. In the third week give the rhubarb and salts mixture as above every second day.

RETURNING COCK (F. R.).—In the case of a cock which had to be removed during the period of incubation on account of pulling the nest to pieces and molesting the hen, you should not return him until the young are ready to leave the nest, when they could easily take his place on the other side of the wire slide, where they would be fed and weaned by one or both the parents through the wires. Of course, if the hen should show signs of beginning to lay again very soon before the young are out of the nest, you may return the cock and place the nest, with the young in it, in a nursery cage, and hang on the front of the breeder, or, if the compartment on the other side of the wire slide now occupied by the cock is fairly light and bright, you may arrange the nest on the other side of the slide and fix a perch so that the parents can reach them comfortably when they raise their heads to be fed. But do not be in a hurry to return the cock without there is an urgent reason for doing so.

MAKES WHEEZING NOISE (E. L.).—You must first of all see that the exciting causes of the condition are removed before you can hope to cure it. See that it is quite free from cold direct draughts, sudden extremes of heat and cold, fumes of burning lights, or a dusty, irritating atmosphere. Then, every second day for a fortnight, in addition to its staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of the oil you are now using mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre. If not well at the end of a fortnight stop the medicine for a week, but continue with the oil and sherry, and resume the medicine at the end of a week and give it again for another fortnight.

FERTILITY OF EGGS (Novice).—(1) If the cock is in good vigour and condition there is no reason why the egg laid on Tuesday, and all subsequent ones, should not be fertile. Even the one laid on Saturday might have been given a chance for experimental reasons. (2) Put a small rubber ring over the hind toe and shank for a fortnight, and then remove it and put in the cage thin and nearly round perches, about the size of a lead pencil, see they are fixed securely, and leave these to complete the cure. Make the rings by cutting rather less than 1-in. off the end of the rubber tubing used on babies' feeding bottles. Place the three front toes through this, and, holding back the hind toe against the shank, push on the ring up the leg until

it is nearly as far as the end of the hind toe reaches, and leave it there, so that when you release the bird the hind toe will be held back by the ring.

LOUD NOISE WHEN BREATHING (F. F. C.).—It is quite possible that the loud noise the bird makes when breathing is due more or less to a nervous temperament, and not necessarily associated with ill-health. Still, you can do no harm in trying the following for two or three weeks, and if not better in that time write again, and I will advise you further. Every second day, in addition to its ordinary dietary, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days during the first week add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and in the second and third weeks give instead four drops each of oxymel of squills and sweet spirit of nitre, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together in the water.

NO RESULTS (Forest Gate).—It seems to me that you have not yet given the birds any real chance to get to work. All you seemed to need when you put the birds together was a little more patience. You cannot expect every pair of birds to begin to show results within three weeks of being put together. Some pairs will be together much longer than this before making any serious step towards nesting, and then get to work and show quite good results on the season. The hens have probably been a little backward, but now the season is well advanced they should be in better condition, and the best thing you can do is to mate the cocks again with the hens that seem the most inclined to nest, feed rather liberally, as you are now doing; give a liberal supply of dandelion seed heads and crisp young leaves daily and leave the rest to nature to take its own course. Do not separate them any more until the hens have gone to nest, or it is quite apparent that no nesting will be attempted this year owing to the approach of the moult, then you will, at least, stand the best chance of getting some results.

CROUCHING ON PERCH (D.M.).—In the absence of more details I am inclined to think that there is nothing more the matter than soreness of the feet, or possibly, overgrown claws, the latter often so hamper a bird's movements that it sits and crouches rather than attempt to travel about the perches. Examine the claws, and if you find them overgrown carefully cut them back to about the normal length with a sharp pair of nail or embroidery scissors, and in a day or two the bird will resume its normal activity. If the toes are sore, or caked with hardened dirt and grit from the cage floor, soak them well in a saucer of warm water until you can easily wash off the substance and then bathe for a few minutes in a warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of the

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (12d.); Batty's "Yorkshire Canaries" (11d.); House's "Norwich Canaries" (11d.); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (12d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Parrot," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

acid dissolved in a saucerful of water—dry gently, and anoint sparingly with a little sweet oil or any simple ointment, or vaseline. Repeat the operation in this case daily for a few days. If neither of these surmises is correct please write again, and give fuller particulars of the bird's apparent health and how you treat it.

CLUB AND RECORD (K.C.).—(1) There are several Cage Bird Societies in Romford and district, some of which may be near you. Consult a copy of "Cage Birds Annual" for 1916, wherein you will find a full list of them, and the Secretaries' names and addresses. You could get the "Annual" from our Manager for 7d., post free. (2) I believe £70 is the record price paid for a Canary, this being the price said to have been paid for a noted clear body Dark Crest many years ago, so you see the price you name is badly beaten as a record. Other high prices paid for Canaries are £70 for a cock and hen matched for breeding; £30 for a pair, ditto; £65 for a pair, ditto; £20 for a single bird; and £21 for a single hen. Instances of such sums as the latter being paid for good exhibition specimens are by no means a great rarity.

UNPRODUCTIVE (R.H.).—I rather suspect that the vagaries of the present season so far are mainly responsible for your very poor results up to the present, and perhaps the birds may have been past their breeding prime, which would be partly observed by their coarse and scaly legs and feet; or, on the other hand, they might have been a little too young to cope with the conditions of the season. At any rate it is quite evident from the result of the last clutch that the cock was probably chiefly responsible for the two clear clutches, and the last clutch may have been due to the climatic conditions affecting the birds or the eggs during incubation, or it may even have been due to weakness in the germs. The added eggs were certainly fertile, but for some reason, which, of course, I cannot say, the germs failed to develop beyond a certain stage. I would advise you to give the hen a fortnight's rest; then, if the weather is warmer and more settled than is the case at time of writing, give her another trial with the cock that appears in the most vigorous condition and stoutest song. Meantime feed them all up a little, as advised for backward birds in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," a copy of which you should get from our Manager, post free for 7d.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

A BUNTING IN IRELAND (W. M. Carroll).—I fancy you are mistaken in supposing the bird you have caught to be the Grl Bunting, which is a very rare bird; in fact, almost unknown in Ireland. Your description fits the Yellow Bunting almost exactly. The head marked with black lines running from beak to poll is characteristic of a well-marked specimen of the Yellowhammer, and another point of resemblance is the reddish-brown colour at the root of the tail. This, I may point out, does not

agree with that of the Grl Bunting, which is olive-green. Then you say nothing of the black patch on the throat and upper breast, which is a striking feature in the Grl, and I therefore presume your bird does not possess it. Now, although these birds have a family resemblance, there is considerable difference in the size, the Grl being much the smaller of the two. Perhaps this fact and the differences pointed out may assist you in identification.

FINCHES DOING BADLY.—(W. R. Bearby).—I am sorry to hear of your troubles and consequent disappointments. In the case of the hen Bullies there is still time to do something with them, as Hybrid pairs are frequently somewhat late in breeding. As far as I can gather from your letter your feeding appears to be pretty correct, but you say nothing of other treatment. Are they in cages or aviary;

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indoors or outside? The trouble with the Bullies points to their being indoors without sufficient fresh air. Birds in outdoor aviaries and buildings seldom suffer from asthma unless they are badly fed, and then, as they get old, they develop it. I would advise you to allow abundance of fresh air, plenty of exercise, and a free use of the bath. Continue aperients occasionally to regulate the bowels, which might also be done by feeding upon wild food and fruit. It is just possible your birds may not be suffering from true asthma, but a complaint brought about by injudicious feeding. This may not be your fault, but may be due to the greedy nature of the birds. If after a time the breathing does not improve, try the following: Equal quantities of glycerine, chlorodyne, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine. Give five drops to each table-spoonful of water. Feed on your usual seed mixture, with an extra allowance of maw seed and soaked seeds two or three times a week. Treat the other birds as follows: Reduce the quantity of dried seeds and replace with some soaked or germinated, and offer a little egg food daily and see that they eat it. Give fruits containing acids, and a few drops of fresh lemon juice in the drinking water. The bare places round the beak should also be treated with lemon juice. Supply both birds with insects, all kinds, from green fly to fairly large caterpillars.

TROUBLE WITH DIARRHŒA (Perplexed).—First of all thoroughly examine the canary seed; see that it is sweet to the taste, and free from unpleasant smell. But, anyway, if you can get some from another source you should try it. If you have not tried him with mixed seeds, do so—such as maw, a little hemp, and split groats—removing the canary for a couple of hours daily. I have found that the Yellow Bunting can be induced to partake of a little soft food, and if yours will do so, dust it with powdered bismuth. Give an aperient of Epsom salts and let him have boiled water to drink. If you find no improvement, take half a spoonful of prepared chalk and mix it in the boiled drinking water; keep him without any for an hour or so; stir well and offer to drink.

MOULTING A LINNET (Reader in Trouble).—I do not like your method of moulting. You will find a natural moult much the better in the end. Treat the bird in the ordinary way, but if you find he is a bit backward, just partly cover up the cage with a cloth; but this is seldom needed. They generally commence to drop a few feathers when we get a sudden break in the weather during the autumn months.

FEEDING A LINNET (W. B.).—The stock mixture for feeding Linnets as advised in the Nutshell is quite a good one, and canary seed should certainly be included. It takes the place of grass seed, of which they eat a good deal when at liberty. At this time of the year you should keep your birds well supplied with wild food, and if some of the kinds are difficult for you to procure, you can always find a spray or two of seeding grass, as this grows everywhere. An occasional aperient will be good for your birds, also a pinch of common salt on the sand tray.

BREEDING GOLDFINCH MULES (G. S. T.).—Your birds are going on all right, and I have no doubt you will get good eggs. Birds vary in their dispositions; some are very noisy and forceful, others quite the opposite. You had better watch the Finch. If he interferes with the eggs you must shut him off from the hen. You should be able to tell if the eggs are fertile when they have been sat on about a week. Hold them up to a strong light. If they are dark and full they are generally all right. Leave any clear ones in the nest. They help to support the young ones or prevent them getting squashed.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AILING AMAZON (H. F. J.).—Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Diet as follows: Seed mixture, boiled maize (boil till soft, but the grain should be whole, drain off all water, then stir in tea drops of cod-liver oil emulsion), ripe fruit, nuts in variety, and pieces of biscuit, dry crust and plain cake. Raw carrot and dry boiled potato are also wholesome, and can be regularly given. Grit (Parrot grit), cuttlebone, and a chunk of wood (for it to exercise its mandibles upon) should be continually in the cage. As regards treatment, the eye should be fomented with a hot decoction of camomile flowers, dabbed dry with a soft cloth, and then painted with a rose-water and zinc solution. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Put a little honey and borax into its mouth twice or thrice daily, by means of a small stick or feather—there will be no difficulty in administering this if the bird is fairly tame—but it can be given lightly

spread on biscuit, bread, or plain cake. Continue the above treatment for a month, or till full relief is given. Report progress in about three weeks.

TREATMENT FOR YOUNG GREY PARROT (H. S.).—You should get the Nutshell "The Grey Parrot," 21d. post free, from our Manager. Your dietary is fairly satisfactory, but add canary seed and oats to your mixture. You can also give it dry biscuits, crusts and plain cake. Cuttlebone and grit should be continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon. It should have some kind of ripe fruit daily, you must consult its taste, but most Parrots like sweet apple. You must not stand the cage in such a position that there will be a direct current of air through it, neither must it be in a stuffy corner, but where it can get light and air without draught. The bowels should move quite freely without watery looseness, but at the least sign of constipation give a dose (one teaspoonful) of fluid magnesia in the drinking water. As it is young, put ten drops of Bynosphates in the drinking water every other day.

AVADAVATS AND WAXBILLS (Nonpareil).—You would do well to get two Nutshells "Avadavats," "Waxbills," 2d. each post free from our Manager, you will then get details which are impossible to give in this column. (1) You must use half-inch mesh netting. The correct staple food for Avadavats, Waxbills and Alario Finches is canary, white millet and millet sprays, with green food, grit and water. For Pin-tailed Nonpareils, canary, millet and millet sprays, and as much paddy rice as they care to eat. (6) Too large a question to answer in two or three words, so much depends on size and situation. A heated aviary should have a minimum winter temperature of 60 degrees. (7) Supply the paddy rice uncooked. In a cage 4ft. long, 3ft. 6in. high, and 20in. wide, you might keep, merely a cage full of pretty pets, twelve; for breeding, one pair only. There is a special paddy rice which is sold for small birds, it is very different to the rice in the husk sold as chicken rice; it is similar to look at, but has not quite so hard a skin, and is slightly smaller; if you get this kind and a healthy pair of birds to start with they will do well.

GREY PARROT (Gloucester).—Its bowels must be kept moving quite freely; one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day should secure this, and on the days you are not giving the magnesia lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. If your bird is tame and will permit you to handle it, then cleanse the sore twice a week with tepid water, using a soft rag; dry it with gentle pressure from a clean soft rag, then anoint with zinc ointment; only a little ointment must be used at a time; the anointing should not only take place after the cleansing of the sore, but daily; before putting any ointment on the sore, any moisture should be picked up with a piece of soft rag. Keep a watch on the bird's mouth and throat, and if either become at all furred or foul, put in a little honey and borax daily, and continue same till the mouth is quite clean again. Shall be pleased to hear how it progresses.

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AMAZON PARROT CURGLING (J. H.).—Very probably the bird is merely mimicking the pouring out of water or some such similar noise it has heard in its vicinity. A Hawk-headed Parrot I used to possess, whenever it saw a jug or kettle forthwith proceeded to mimic the sound of pouring out water, and it also did so at other times. There is apparently very little, if anything, wrong with your bird; however, to make sure (it cannot do harm), get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and as long as it lasts give it a little daily, either from the end of a stick, or tightly spread on biscuit, bread or plain cake. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day for a month, and twice a week for the same period put half a teaspoonful of chemical food in the drinking water. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Keep cuttlebone and grit continually in the cage, also a chunk of wood for it to exercise its mandibles upon.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Red Mite Destroyers (M. M. Wiseman).—When you say that you cannot get either quassia extract or pyrethrum powder in Newcastle, we think you cannot have enquired very far. Both are obtainable from any chemist anywhere. You can make your own quassia infusion by steeping two ounces of quassia chips, which you can get at any chemist's or at an oil shop, in a pint of water, or by boiling the same amount in a quart of water until it is reduced to a pint, or you can buy the concentrated infusion ready for use. Pyrethrum powder, or Keating's powder, is also quite easy to get anywhere.

Linnet Contest Report.—We have received an account of a Linnet contest held at the "Empire Hotel," June 10, but as no town is mentioned we have been unable to publish this under its proper heading.

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Miss M. Staniland—Hen Rosella; death from pneumonia, contributed to by variable weather conditions.

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CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aberdare.—July 11, Miller's Restaurant, 7.30. New members; discussion of classification for show Dec. 7.—J. M. Shelby James.

Arddwick and Manchester C.B.A.—July 4, St. Thomas's School, 8. An interesting and instructive paper will be given by Mr. J. Beswick, Stockport. A good attendance is requested.—A. E. Thorpe.

Ashton-under-Lyne C.B.S.—July 4, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion Street, 8. Ordinary monthly business.—J. Whitehead.

Bowling B.F.A.—July 3, Barley Mow Hotel, Wakefield Road, Bradford, 7.30. Stewards for July shows and other business.—J. Nicholl.

Bradford East O.S.—July 4, Park Chapel School-room, 8. General business; report of F.F. show.—J. Spencer.

Bradford West C.B.A.—July 1, Shoulder of Mutton, 2.30. F.F. show; judge, Mr. L. C. Casey. Entries night prior.—F. P. Terry.

Bacup Roller C.C.—July 4, Park Hotel, Bacup, 7.30. Monthly meeting; birds will be present at this meeting.—H. Wantling.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 1, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. F.F. show; judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe.—Hy. Fretwell.

Burnley O.S.—July 3, Star Inn, 7.30. Fixing specials N.F. show July 8. Birds staged at 3, at Star Inn; judge, Mr. Braybrook, Brieffield.—H. Eastwood.

Barrow C.B.A.—July 5, Gardner's Restaurant. Special meeting; close of entries for N.F. show.—D. McFarlane.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—July 5, Lamb Hotel, 8. Paper on Norwich by Mr. Stubbs.—A. S. Treasure.

Clapham C.B.A.—July 4, Clock House, Clapham Park Road, S.W., 8. Final arrangements for young bird show; subs. due.—T. J. Hose.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—July 1, King's Head Hotel, N.F. show; birds staged 11 a.m.—R. Ward.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—July 5, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 7.30. Entries accepted for N.F. show July 8 at 4. Roller members requested to be present to discuss show business.—A. C. Shirley.

Cowdenbeath.—July 1, Raith Arms Inn, 6.—A. Robertson.

Edinburgh Norwich and Mule Breeders' Society.—July 8, Free Gardeners' Halls, Picardy Place, 2.30. F.F. show. Classes: Cock, cl. or tld.; Hens, A.O. colour; Crest; C.B.; Cinn.; Bord., ck., cl. or tld.; Hens; Green or Cinn.; A.O. colour; A.O.V. Can.; Hyb. or Light Mule; Dark. Fee, threepence per bird. Large turn-out requested.—A. Bell.

Garston B.B.A.—July 1, Rochabite Hall, Seddon Road, N.F. and British bird show. Entries accepted up to staging time, 2.30. Judge, J. Thornton.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Gateshead C.B.S.—July 8, Lockhart's, High Street, 7.30. N.F. show, 2 classes each variety, cl. and mld., yell. or buff. Judge, Mr. Houghton, Gloucester. Subs. due.—W. Curry.

Guiseley, Yeasdale C.B.S.—Regent Hotel, 2.30. F.F. show. Birds can be entered up to 2; judge, Fred. Bell, Bradford. Meeting after show. Important business.—W. Rose.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 3, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Question night and other business.—A. Lawford.

Halifax O.S.—July 1, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Meeting and lecture on "Treatment of Young Birds from Nest to Moulting." by Mr. S. Dean, Gt. Horton. A good attendance of members and friends is earnestly requested.—J. J. Dunn.

Malifax C.B.S.—July 6, Trafalgar Inn, 8. Lecture, Mr. H. J. Chittenden, of Manningham, on Canaries.—A. Sutcliffe.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—July 1, Queen's Head Inn, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Leeds C.B.S.—July 1, St. George Schools (near Infirmary). Young bird show, staged 2.30. Judges, S. Wilcock and T. H. Inman. Fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 5, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, 7.30. Revision of Yorkshire Union Rules, also steward for members' show July 8, at 3. Judge, J. Horsfield, Bradford.—L. Hodgson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—July 1, Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, 7.30. Paper will be read on the general management of the Roller Canary. Rule books ready.—H. Best.

Lochelly C.B.S.—July 8, Bay Horse Hotel, 6. Consideration of open show, club show, and other interesting business.—W. Grewar, Sec.

London and Counties A.C.B.—July 1, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, E.C., 7.30. Lecture on Yorkshires.—W. Gilbert.

Morley C.B.S.—July 1, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.—B. Cook.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 4, St. Stephen's School, Conran Street, 8. Orders for colour-food; subs. due; new members invited.—A. Colley.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—July 3, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 7.30. Arrangements for July show and lecture.—Roy Kell.

Queensbury C.B.S.—July 6, Granby Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 5, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Business general.—J. W. Jackson.

Reading C.B.S.—July 5, Palmer Hall, 8. Final arrangements for F.F. show. Members outside town desiring to exhibit write sec. for schedule. To save postage, not sending to those members.—O. C. Smith.

South Shields.—July 1, Cyprus, 7. Schedule of young show.—W. L. Smith.

Sheffield O.S.—July 4, Rotherham House Hotel, 8. Table show; many specials. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers.—E. C. Job.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—July 6, Little Regent Inn, 7.30. F.F. show.—J. W. Lowes.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—July 3, Red Lion Hotel, 8. General business.—J. Glover.

S.E. London F. and A.—July 3, North Camberwell Constitutional Club, 432, Old Kent Road, 8. General meeting and judging competition; judge, Mr. W. Jeffries. Also arrange for young stock show.—R. Jackson.

Tong C.B.S.—July 4, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Yorkshire Union Rules.—W. Walker.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 1, Horse and Groom, 7. Monthly business; voting on rules for Yorkshire Union.—Wm. Chapman.

West of Scotland.—July 1, Nelson Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, 4. F.F. show, Canaries, all varieties. New members still being enrolled.—Wm. Hutchison.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 6.30. Revision of Yorks. Union Rules, etc.; subs. due for half-year.—Taylor and Halliday.

Wigan C.B.S.—July 1, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Judging competition.—J. McAndrew.

Wolverhampton N.P.S.—July 8, Duke of York. Annual N.F. show; birds staged 3. Classes: Norwich 7, Yorks. 5, A.O.V. Can., Mule young, Mule old, Goldie or Bullie, Greenie or Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin or Twite, A.O.V. British, Foreign, Novice 3.—W. Harrison.

West Stanley Empire F.F. and C.B.S.—July 2, Club Room, 7. Election of judges for annual show.—R. Hutchinson.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show, Laidlaw's Hall, Leonard St., June 24, with a good turn-out of birds. Mr. J. Cranna judged and gave satisfaction. Nor. Yell.: 1, spl. 6, Curthbert; 2, 3, Crawford; 4, 5, Bories. Buff.: 1, spl. 3, Crawford; 2, 4, 5, Bories; 6, Styles. Crest: 1, spl. Bruce, C.B.; 1, spl. Bruce; 2, 3, Brough. Spl. Yell.: 1, spl. Bruce; 2, 3, Brough. Buff.: 1, spl. Johnston, Goldf. and Buff.: 1, spl. Cutbert; 2, Robertson; 3, McPherson; 4, Styles. Linnet and Greenf.: 1, spl. McPherson; 2, 3, 4, Robertson; 5, Bories; 6, Lawrie. A.O. Brit.: 1, spl. McPherson.—J. L. Smith.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

Show, June 17, 57 birds. Judge, Mr. P. Mason, Windhill, whose awards were well received. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 3, Smith and Son; 2, Fawcett; vhc. Crowther; he, Myers; c. Earl. Buff.: 1, Middleton; 2, vhc. he, Bower; 3, Myers; c. Smith and Son. Uneven Yorks.: 1, he, Earl; 2, Middleton; 3, Smith and Son; vhc. Williams; c. Myers. A.O.V. Yorks.: 1, Middleton; 2, Myers; 3, Burnett; vhc. Smith and Son; he, Williams; c. Bower. Nov. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Dr. Young; 2, 3, Feather; vhc. Butterworth. Buff.: 1, Dr. Young; 2, Butterworth; 3, Feather. A.O.V. Yorks.: 1, 3, Fowler; 2, Butterworth; vhc. Feather.

ECCLSHILL C.B.S.

F.F. show, June 24, Fountain Inn, with a very good entry of 51, and some very good birds. Mr. J. Wilcock, junr., judged, and his awards were well received. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, 2, vhc. Boocock; 3, 4, Baxter; he, Wright; c. Simonett. Buff.: 1, Baxter; 2, Simonett; 3, Stebbings; 4, Boocock; vhc. Pearson; he, Sparks; c. Wilcock. Mkd. Yell.: 1, Baxter; 2, Boocock; 3, Pearson. Buff.: 1, Baxter; 2, Simonett; 3, 4, he, Stebbings; vhc. c. Pearson. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Nor.: 1, Knight; 2, Airtion. Buff.: 1, 2, 4, Airtion; 3, Pearson; vhc. Markwell; he, Knight. Mkd.: 1, 3, Simonett; 2, Airtion; 4, vhc. Wilcock; he, Markwell. Members please note change of meeting night to July 8 instead of July 1.—Sam Wilcock, Sec.

WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

F.F. show, June 22, headquarters, Wood Green. The entry was not bad, considering the number of members away and that others are hard pressed for time to attend to their pets. The birds consisted mostly of Norwich Canaries, Yorkshires not finding much favour with the Wood Green fanciers. The class for champions was a hot one, the birds being very even in merit, type, and substance, and well to the fore in all of them. Mr. Kerr staged the winner, a bonny yellow, although he was closely pressed home by a lovely typical specimen owned by Mr. Griffith. We gathered that the members had not done very well this season, although one or two had a fair number of youngsters. Mr. P. Brooks, Sec., had everything well in hand. We heard from him that the society is going strongly, although many are away. Mr. H. Norman judged. Nor. Ch.: 1, 3, vhc. Kerr; 2, he, c. Griffin. Amat.: 1, 2, 3, vhc. Bailey. Nov.: 1, c. Dr. Huggins; 2, 3, he, Martin. Ch. Old Birds: 1, 2, Griffin; 3, Pettit. Nov.: 1, Martin; 2, Miss Smith. Nov. Yorks.: 1, Miss Smith; 2, 3, Dr. Huggins. Crests: 1, Pettit. For.: 1, 2, Miss Willis. Goldf.: 1, Griffin; 2, Miss Smith.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

F.F. show, Foresters' Hall, June 24. Judges, Mr. Furniss (Yorks), Mr. Webster, Rotherham (Norwich). Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, spl. Champion; 2, Jones; 3, 4, Pickering and Fretwell; vhc. Bagshaw; he, c. Gregory. Cl. Tkd. Buff.: 1, Bagshaw; 2, Champion; 3, vhc. he, Pickering and Fretwell; 4, Gregory; c. Jones. Mkd.: 1, 2, 4, c. Champion; 3, vhc. he, Pickering and Fretwell. Nor.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, 4, J. and L. Woolhouse. Nov. Yorks.: Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, spl. Wall; 2, 3, 4, Williams; vhc. Wainwright; he, Howarth; c. Hinchcliffe. Buff.: 1, 2, 3, Williams; 4, Hinchcliffe; vhc. Wall; he, Wainwright; c. Howarth. Mkd.: 1, Hinchcliffe; 2, 4, Williams; 3, Dransfield; vhc. Wainwright; he, Howarth; c. Swift. Nor. Cl. or Tkd.: 1, 2, Gill; 3, Hartley; 4, vhc. Sisson; he, c. Wasden. Mkd.: 1, spl. 2, Gill; 4, c. Hartley; vhc. spl. Wasden; he, Sparkes. Buff. or Goldf.: 1, vhc. Walsh; 2, Swift; 3, c. Farnell; 4, Pearson; he, Bearder. Linnet: 1, Falding; 2, 4, Walsh; 3, c. Bearder; vhc. Pearson; he, Farnell. Redpoll, etc.: 1, 4, Falding; 2, Walsh; 3, Farnell; vhc. Hobson. A.O. Hardbill: 1, 3, 4, Walsh; 2, he, Falding; vhc. Bearder; c. Farnell. Softbill: 1, spl. 3, Walsh; 2, Bearder. Specials most points.—Members' Yorks., Champion; Norwich, Waters; Nov. Yorks., Williams; Nor., Gill; Brit., Walsh.—E. Sisson, Asst. Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Eighth annual summer show, St. Thomas's Schools, Ardwick, June 24. Mr. A. G. Davis, Manchester, judged, and gave very satisfaction. Considering the many mem's away serving the colours and the indifferent breeding season many are having, we had a capital entry, 130 birds being staged. Norwich were again up to the usual standard, among them being many promising birds of good type and splendid quality. Yorks. came up better this year. There was a nice class of young Borders, and British were great, many of the best which have taken premier honours elsewhere, and they looked as well as ever. Foreigners were quite an attraction. Specials most points: 1, S. T. Oldham; 2, T. Lane; Yorks. most points: A. Taylor, Norwich. Best Young Yorks.: A. Taylor, Norwich. Best F.M. Brit., W. Fairhurst. Leader for the challenge cup: S. T. Oldham, with 27 points. T. Lane next with 26 points; other specials were won by G. Clifton, W. Hubbard, Long, Peters, Blinston.

Cl. Tkd. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 4, Taylor; 2, Lane; 3, Gilbert; he, Fletcher; c. Fletcher. Buff.: 1, Lane; 2, 3, 4, Richards; vhc. he, Taylor; c. Gilbert. Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, Lane; 2, 3, Peters; 4, Thorpe. Buff.: 1, 4, Rev. Gaul; 2, Thorpe; 3, vhc. Richards; he, c. Warburton. Tkd. Yell.: 1, 3, vhc. Peters; 2, Rev. Gaul; 4, he, Hughes; c. Thorpe. Buff.: 1, Lane; 2, Peters; 3, Rev. Gaul; 4, Thorpe; vhc. Clifton; he, c. Richards. A.O.V.: 1, he, Garbutt; 2, 3, 4, c. Long; vhc. Lane. Nov. Yorks. Cl. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Alitt; 2, Blinston; 3, Redditt. Buff.: 1, 4, Blinston; 2, Redditt; 3, Akitt. Open and Amat. Bord. Yell.: 1, Garbutt. Buff.: 1, Garbutt. Mule or Hyb.: 1, 2, 4, vhc. c. Oldham; 3, c. Hubbard. Goldf. or Buff.: 1, Oldham; 2, 3, Fairhurst. Brown Linnet: 1, 3, c. Oldham; 2, Fairhurst; 4, vhc. Blinston; he, Strafford. Greenf.: 1, Austin; 2, Lane; 3, 4, he, Oldham; vhc. Fairhurst; c. Hubbard. Siskin, etc.: 1, Fairhurst; 2, 3, vhc. Oldham; 4, he, Strafford; c. Hubbard. Chaff. or Brambling: 1, 4, vhc. he, c. Oldham; 2, 3, Strafford. A.O.V. Hardbill, including Hens: 1, 3, 4, Oldham; 2, Strafford. For.: 1, 3, 4, Hubbard; 2, Oldham. Old Birds—Yorks. Buff.: 1, Lane. Nor. Yell.: 1, Rev. Gaul; 2, Lane; 3, Thorpe. Buff.: 1, 3, 4, Clifton; 2, Lane. Hens: 1, Thorpe; 2, Rev. Gaul; 3, Lane.—J. Spencer.

HUDDERSFIELD C.S.

Annual F.F. show held at the headquarters, June 17th, with a very good entry of 70, all Yorks. Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford) judged and gave general satisfaction. Cl. or Invis. Tkd. Yell. (1): 1, Skinn; 2, Cox; 3, Batty; vhc. Wood; he, Whitehead; c. Gledhill. Buff. (23): 1, he, Skinn; 2, Whitehead; 3, vhc. Smithies; c. Holmes and Schofield. Tkd. or Mkd. Yell. (16): 1, Smithies; 2, F. Sykes; 3, Atkinson; vhc. Bray; he, M. Radley; c. Hicks. Buff. (18): 1, Haigh; 2, Bray; 3, F. Sykes; vhc. M. Radley; he, Batty; c. F. Ellis. Cin. Mkd. Yell. (4): 1, Buttle and Coupland; 2, E. Ellis; 3, F. Sykes; vhc. S. Radley. Buff. (3): 1, Cox; 2, Smithies; 3, Buttle and Coupland. Second F.F. show will be held July 29, Mr. W. Mundell judge.—A. Lawford, Sec.

HALIFAX C.B.S.

Members' first N.F. show of season, June 24, King Cross Band Room; 41 birds staged. Mr. P. Mason, Windhill, judged, and appeared to give satisfaction to all. Some splendid young birds were on view, and there was a good turn-up of visitors after judging, all of which made the show a splendid success in every way. Unfortunately the afternoon was wet, which kept a good many members and friends away. Open. Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, Stobart; 2, Walsh; 3, Sutcliffe. Buff.: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, 3, Savile. Mkd.: 1, Stobart; 2, 3, vhc. he, Sutcliffe; 4, Walsh. Nov.—Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Yorks.: 1, vhc. Wilson; 2, Gelder; 3, F. Horsman; 4, Maloe; he, c. Morton. Buff.: 1, 2, Hanson; 3, Wilson; 4, Gelder; vhc. c. Thornton; he, Senior. Mkd.: 1, Thornton; 2, Senior; 3, 4, Wilson; vhc. F. Horsman; he, Stocks; c. W. Mitchell. Both sections: Self or Foul Green Yorks.: 1, Thornton; 2, 3, Leach; 4, W. Mitchell.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Young bird show, June 21, Carlton Hotel, the room being all that could be desired for a Young Bird Show. Entries were not so numerous as in previous years owing to a number of the members having a bad start; still, some grand specimens were on view. Mr. E. W. Allsopp cleared the decks in the Norwich section, also winning the salad bowl presented by Mr. Brailly for the best young bird in the show. Mr. J. Bale won special for best Yorkshire, and was runner-up for the salad bowl; Mr. A. Ball best mule and best British. Mr. J. H. Bevan brought 13 entries all the way from Porth. Judges were: Norwich, A. Maggs; Yorks., S. F. Whetton; Brit. and Mules, D. J. Lewis; and the awards were well received.

NOR.: Class 1: 1, Allsopp; 2, 3, 4, Rev. Jolliffe; vhc. Slocombe. Class 2: 1, 2, Allsopp; 3, vhc. Jolliffe; 4, he, Phelps. Class 3: 1, Jolliffe; 2, Slocombe. Class 4: 1, 3, 4, Allsopp; 2, Jolliffe; vhc. Slocombe. NOV.: Class 5: 1, James; 2, Rev. C. J. Norris. Class 6: 1, 2, James. Class 7: 1, 2, James; 3, Rev. C. J. Norris. Class 8: 1, 3, Rev. C. J. Norris; 2, Bevan. YORKS.: OPEN: Classes 9, 10, 11: All awards, Bale. Class 12: 1, 4, vhc. Bale; 2, 3, Howard. NOV.: Class 13, 14: All Bevan. MULE: 1, Bale; 2, 3, Bevan; 4, Brailly. GOLDF.: 1, Allsopp; 2, Ford. BULF.: 1, Bale; 2, 3, Bevan. GREENF.: 1, 2, Bevan. RED-POLL: 1, Bevan. CHAFF.: 1, Pearce.—E. Thomas, Sec.

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S. SHIELDS C.B.S.

Meeting Cyprus, Mr. Thompson chair. Agreed to hold young show July 15; J. Riseborough, Sunderland, judge. Cash specials given by Messrs. W. Thompson, J. Richardson, W. Priestly, A. Tucker, and W. Howden. Also agreed to hold annual show Dec. 2, T. Dixon, Bedlington, to officiate.—W. L. Smith.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

Meeting June 19, Deansgate Hotel, with a fair attendance. Three new members were elected. Decided to have another N.F. table show and judging competition on the last meeting night in July. Next Saturday we hold our annual N.F. show, and we shall be glad to see as many friends and fanciers present as possible.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

CRYSTAL PALACE AND PENGE

Meeting Alexandra Hotel, Penge. Schedule for young stock show was discussed, and it was agreed to have it the same as last year; members that have not received same kindly note the hon. sec. Stewards, Messrs. Smith, Foxen, Whiffen, and Breeze. Discussion was then started in reference to colony breeding of Canaries, but it seemed to be the opinion of the members that it was not a success owing to the hens wanting to crowd in one nest, and it wants somebody to suggest a remedy. Vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Foxen.—W. D. Fryett, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting June 5, Red Lion Hotel. N.F. show was discussed, and it was decided to abandon same. This course was taken in consequence of members obtaining such poor results. At most we could not muster more than 20 Norwich, and in consideration of the numerous specials offered we deemed it advisable to adopt the above course. To fill the breach we decided to hold a N.F. table show on June 17; all members judged, governed by N.P.C. scale of points. This proved both interesting and instructive, and members keenly awaited each other's judgment. Mr. Pitchford gave a special for most points, which was won by Mr. Hartley. Nor. Yell.: 1, 3, Bagshaw; 2, Ousman. U. Buff.: 1, Hartley; 2, Foulks; 3, Ousman; vhc. Fox. Varieg.: 1, 2, Hartley; 3, Bagshaw; vhc. he, Glover. Linnet: 1, 3, vhc. Forrest; 2, he, c. Hartley. A.O.V.: 1, Hartley; 2, 3, Forrest.—J. Glover, Hon. Sec.

ABERDARE C.B.S.

A very successful meeting was held at Miller's Restaurant, Aberdare; Mr. Thomas Davies presided. The society is now in possession of three cups: a solid silver members' cup, the E.P.N.S. open cup, and the solid silver Stanley cup, presented to the society by Mrs. W. Davies, Aberaman. There are also quite a number of specials, medals, etc., presented by influential gentlemen in the town. The membership is fast increasing, and are also proud to report that the following gentlemen have consented to become vice-presidents: Charles Kenshole, Esq., High Constable of Miskin Higher; Rev. J. Sulgwyn Davies, J. W. Hurt, Esq., and Dr. Wilson. The society wishes to draw the attention of all fanciers to the show date has been changed to Dec. 7, so as not to clash with any of the other shows in S. Wales. We are indebted to our judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and E. J. Davies, for their kindness in meeting us as to change of date.—J. M. Shelby-James, Sec.

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

PONTEFRAC.

Open Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, June 24. 36 entered 4 min. time singing: 1, Beard; 2, Blackbeard; 3, Boskill. Open sing, June 25. 37 birds; 5 min. time singing: 1, Beard; 2, 3, W. Nelson; 4, T. Flows.—Jaa. Beard, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet Singing Assoc. Cup contest for quality, headquarters, Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, June 24. 19 birds competed for cup and five prizes. There was some very good singing; first and second made a dead heat, and then sang off: 1, Knowles; 2, 3, Topping; 4, R. Statham; 5, Bentley; 6, J. Statham. Next contest, consolation, July 8.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

BARNESLEY.

June 25. Linnet contest for members only; 4 min. time sing. Shepherd, timekeeper; Bainforth, chalk, under a moderate company. 1, Hardman and Dooley, tie, 3 min. 1 sec. each; 3, Wright, 2.53. Lark contest for 7 min. singing, with some very bad singing; 1, Coles, 2 min.; 2, Hayes, 30 sec. only; 3rd prize not claimed, and to be carried forward.—J. Hardman, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A. open quality contests for all England, Clarence Hotel, Skinner Lane, June 24; a crowded house and good singing: 1, Buckler; 2, Boyd; 3, shared Smith and Marshall. Judges, S. Butterfield, A. Butterfield. June 25, 18 birds: 1, 2, shared H. Wigfield and S. Butterfield; 3, A. Binns. Judge, Messrs. C. Biss and J. Hutchinson.—T. Summers, Sec.

Linnet contest, Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, June 25. 28 birds sang: 1, Marshall; 2, Smith; 3, Richardson; 4, Watson. Judges, A. Richardson, W. Lacy; timekeeper, A. Butler.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane. Open contest for quality; 28 birds: 1, Chipindale; 2, Walker; 3, 4, Wright. Judges, A. Lorrinan and J. Lorrinan; timekeeper, H. Reeder. Two Bramley fanciers were present to hear the singing, and the visitors presented the prizes to the winners.—J. Wright, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road. Members' sing, June 25: 19 birds sang: 1, 3, T. Ward; 2, Bott; 4, Condiffe. Judges, Naylor and Howarth. June 26, 25 birds sang: 1, T. Ineson; 2, Bott; 3, 5, Sissons; 4, B. Smith. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

The Young Bird Shows.

NOTE.—Secretaries will greatly facilitate the work of ourselves and our printers if they will kindly endeavour to send their reports as nearly as possible as they see these accounts printed, and if they will also write the names of exhibitors as distinctly as possible.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

F.F. show, Granby Hotel, June 24, Mr. H. Myers, Queensbury, judged the 28 birds. Cl. or Tkd. Yell.: 1, Ambler; 2, he, Womersley; 3, A. Jowett; 4, vhc. Blagbrough; c. Haggis. Buff.: 1, Blagbrough; 2, Ambler; 3, Verity; 4, Rolfe. Tkd. Buff.: 1, Womersley; 2, A. Jowett; 3, Rolfe; 4, Allatt. Mkd. Yell.: 1, 2, A. Jowett; 3, Verity; 4, Allatt; vhc. Rolfe. Buff.: 1, Haggis; 2, Verity; 3, vhc. he, Farrar; 4, Allatt. Foul Marks: Farrar; 2, Blagbrough.—W. Jagger, Sec.

EAST HAM F.S.

Second show of the season, Central Liberal Club, June 17, 139 exhibits. Competition was very keen. Mr. G. Potter won silver spoon for best bird with a grand Goldfinch. Mr. A. Taylor judged. Yorks. Ck.: 1, 2, Blows; 3, res. Potter. Hen: 1, Potter. Tkd., etc.: 1, Blows. Nor. Ck.: 1, 2, Blows. Tkd., etc.: 1, Blows. Mules: 1, 2, Turner; 3, Thompson. Goldf.: 1, spl. Potter; 2, res. Thompson; 3, vhc. Turner. Buff.: 1, Thompson. Linnets: 1, 3, Turner; 2, Thompson.—W. A. Harwood, Hon. Sec.

BOWLING B.F.A.

F.F. show, June 24, Barley Mow Hotel, Bradford. 67 birds. Judge, T. Bennett, who gave entire satisfaction. Champ. Class 1 (9): 1, 2, Casey; 3, Pacey; 4, Padgett. 2 (8): 1, Casey; 2, 3, Padgett; 4, Hudson. 3 (3): 1, Casey; 2, Thompson; 3, Robinson. 4 (4): 1, Casey; 2, Thompson; 3, Robinson; 4, Padgett. 5 (2): 1, Hudson; 2, Bleazard. 6 (4): 1, 2, 3, Pownall Bros.; 4, Bleazard. Nov. Class 7 (8): 1, Nicholl; 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Wood and Mirfield. 8 (13): 1, Robinson; 2, 4, Wood and Mirfield; 3, J. G. Hodgson. 9 (5): 1, Fitzpatrick; 2, J. G. Hodgson; 3, Wood and Mirfield; 4, H. Hodgson. 10 (9): 1, 2, Nicholl; 3, Wood and Mirfield; 4, Robinson. 12 (1): J. G. Hodgson.—J. Nicholl, Sec.

OPENSHAW, GORTON C.B.S.

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CODNOR PARK & EASTWOOD.

Meeting Three Tuns, Eastwood, June 24, Mr. Potts chair. Decided that the F.F. show be held July 17 at Three Tuns, Eastwood. Birds to be staged by 5; classes: Norwich open, yellow, ditto buff; Nov., yellow or buff; Yorks. open, yellow, ditto buff; Nov., yellow or buff; Mules or Hybrids, A.V., 1916; Old Birds, A.V.; A.O.V. Canary bred 1916; Goldf. or Bullf.; brown Linnet; Greenfinch; Redpoll; Siskin or Twite; Bramblef. or Chaffinch; A.O. Hardbill. Special, open: 1st most points, 5s. cash; 2nd most points, half-dozen teaspoons; 3rd most points, pair of vases; 2s. 6d. cash for best Canary. Entrance fee, 6d. per cage. Prizes on sliding scale. Judge, Mr. B. Simpson, Pye Bridge.

BRIGHTON & HOVE C.B.A.

In place of the monthly table show for June a private club whist drive was held at headquarters, when members were allowed to introduce two friends. A fair number gathered for a very pleasant evening of 24 games, the Chairman and his wife being the winners. Ladies' highest score, silver-plated butter dish and knife, Mrs. C. Pearson, 173; Gents' highest score, Yorkshire show cage, Mr. C. Pearson, 171. Mr. G. B. Absalom presented the ladies' prize, and the club the gents' prize. It is hoped to hold a young stock show in July, if any members are still left as civilians, and young birds are about on the sticks ready for exhibiting, the season so far being very poor.—W. H. Gibb, Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting headquarters, Crown Hotel, Hill-street, June 7, Mr. J. H. de Maillet chair, and a very good number present. New members elected: Messrs. Caster, Robinson, Berry, Harris, Barron, Neville, Eginton, and Stevens; proposed, Messrs. Greenwood, Kettle, and Hawkesford. Decided to hold annual N.F. show July 8; birds to be staged by 4. Any member who has not received schedule kindly write sec. for same. We have enough members to be able to stage at least 200 birds. Will members please do their utmost to make this a record Nest Feather show. Mr. Bastock kindly consented to take over the secretaryship of the society in the event of the present secretary being called to the colours.—A. C. Shirley.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting June 20, Mr. Brailly presided, Mr. E. J. Banks being unable to attend. Under existing circumstances it was a pleasure to see such a good attendance, and I trust at the next meeting to see all members present. The Rev. C. B. Jolliffe read a paper on "What advantages can the Society offer to its members?" which was enjoyed very much by all present. Mr. Jolliffe dealt with the question of co-operation, rambles, how to help the novice to purchase suitable stock, and the disposal of surplus stock. Mr. Jolliffe, speaking from notes, promised to send his paper when complete to CAGE BIRDS. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. B. Jolliffe was unanimously passed. Resolved that Committee be called to deal with Young Bird Show, to be held on July 19.—E. Thomas, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, June 19, headquarters, Spencer Hall, Mr. P. Johnston, chair, and a very good attendance. Sec. announced that specials for Y.B. and British show had come in very well, and thanks to the generosity of donors it was found quite possible to provide special prizes for all classes without drawing on the society's funds. Schedule of last year was adopted with slight alteration, the classes numbering 41. Members will be able to put on points for Mr. Weston's cup, besides sharing over 40 special prizes. On conclusion of business Mr. G. Gardner, vice-president, gave an interesting lecture, during which he impressed upon members the benefits of pedigree or line breeding. A keen discussion followed, which was beneficial to all present. A vote of thanks to Mr. Gardner brought the meeting to a close. Young bird show, July 8; Judge, Mr. G. E. Weston.—F. C. Knight, Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C.

Annual general meeting at Bradford, June 17. Chairman, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Balance-sheet showing small cash balance adopted. Result of election of officers for 1916-17. Pres., Dr. Craig; Vice-Pres., W. A. Cowgill, C. E. Morrison, and H. B. Towers. Committee (in Yorkshire): L. Dykes, J. Greaves, P. Mason, H. J. Chittenden, T. Ogden, L. C. Casey, J. Chippindale, G. Sneed, S. Midgley, J. Firth, A. Whitley, and A. Firth. Outside Yorkshire: C. R. Bullen (Kent), J. Currie (Barrow), T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle), A. Hirst (Accrington), J. W. Ramsden (London). District representatives: W. H. Hamlyn (Harrogate), E. Clegg (Dewsbury), T. Slater (Keighley), W. T. Furness (Sheffield), C. E. Hall (Leeds), E. Stobart (Sowerby Bridge). Hon. auditors, G. Sneed and W. Firth. Hon. Sec. and Treas., J. Chambers. Decided that the club's competitions be continued. In place of the N.G.M.Y.C.C. challenge trophy, now won outright, Dr. Craig, of Sheffield, generously offered the club a trophy value 7 guineas, and this kind offer was accepted. The meeting was then adjourned to July 15 to consider patronages and the rule in respect to the stalling of birds. Societies desiring the patronage who have not already done so will oblige by applying at once. Members who have not yet paid their subs. will also assist by doing so before this meeting.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

Country Rambles**SHEFFIELD O.S.**

Our annual ramble took place June 18, when over fifty members and friends assembled at Wadsley Bridge, where our chairman met the party. Mr. Dawn was accompanied by Mr. Joe Beaver, who acted as our guide—and what a conductor he is! A man of jovial temperament, and a racy raconteur, who knows the district thoroughly, and whose remarks were not only entertaining but instructive. We left the New Inn at 2.30 and passed along the old road to Grenoside. On arriving at the summit of the hill the sun suddenly burst forth through the dark clouds which hitherto prevailed, shining upon the waving depths of cornfield, and the landscape appeared in all the brightness of emerald and blue green suffused with the warm browns of the ripening grasses and mingled with the

**ONE OF THE BEST.**

Clear yellow Yorkshire, winner of four firsts in four attempts. It is owned by Mr. A. Troke, Christchurch, and has won 1st Bristol, 1st Oxford, and 1st Bournemouth (twice).

rosy purple of the clover; a smiling prospect of the land, heartening in its suggestion of prosperity. Entering Greno Wood, we found it full of verdant vigour, giving us a fresh idea of the power of life's fruitfulness. Butterflies were on the wing, birds were numerous, and there was a continuous droning of the bees, which were helping themselves to the feast provided by Nature. Here and there we noticed a little circle of feathers beside the hedgerow showing where the Sparrow Hawk had borne down his victim. The half-way house was now approached, where, by the usual generosity of Mr. Dawn, all were liberally provided with refreshments. The next venture was the Ant-hills, and here the British bird-men reaped a fine harvest. Arriving at the Norfolk Arms at six, we found Mrs. Morton had all in order, and to our surprise many ladies, wives of members, and friends were there in advance. After a very refreshing wash and brush-up we adjourned to the tea-room and thoroughly enjoyed the good things provided in the usual first-class style. The popularity of this outing increases year by year; two friends walked twelve miles to join us, while Mr. Towers made the journey from Keighley. The prospects of our open show were discussed, and one visitor kindly gave a gold contribution and another promised a ten-guinea trophy. The health of the chairman was proposed by Dr. Craig, who eulogised him for all his kindness and generosity, and expressed the hope that he might be spared for many years to occupy the position he has achieved through his enthusiasm and his respect for fanciers generally. In reply, Mr. Dawn thanked all for their good wishes, remarking that their happiness and enjoyment compensated him fully. It was now time to make a move homewards, having spent a most enjoyable time with Nature.—E. C. Job.

"I thank you very much for the last advt. in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS. I sold a lot of birds through it, and I had letters from all over the country."—R. HUGHES, Rhondda.

"I have sold every bird advertised in CAGE BIRDS, and could have sold some of them many times over."—W. HEPWOOD, Albrighton.

A Talk About Foreign Birds.

With Special Reference to the Hobby in Scotland.

By GAVIN ALSTON.

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Of other Parrots, the Blue-fronted Amazon has a good name for talking, and some of the other Amazons follow close up. Do not ask anybody who keeps a Parakeet if it talks, as you will only be showing inquisitiveness, and boring the man at the same time.

The Parakeets most frequently kept in captivity are the Ring Neck, Rosella, Cockatiel, and Budgerigar. The last two breed freely in an outdoor aviary, and for an amateur are good stepping-stones to something better. The Cockatoos are also commonly kept in cages. By far the prettiest is the Leadbeater Cockatoo, and the only one that is worth keeping for exhibition purposes.

A Favourite with the Judges.

The Macaws are the largest of the group. There are few bird shows of importance in Scotland that cannot boast of having a Macaw amongst the exhibits, and it is, as a rule, awarded the coveted ticket, irrespective of condition or staging. Very often it is ragged and unhealthy-looking, often dull and sleepy, as if mourning that it has no more worlds to conquer.

Why the Macaw should be so favoured on the show bench is difficult to understand. There are often rare and equally valuable Parakeets in perfect condition competing, and yet they have to take a back seat to this somewhat clumsy giant of the race.

Following the Macaw in the honours are usually King, Crimson Wing, or Pennant Parakeets, and perhaps an Amazon or Cockatoo. It is little use showing any of the Indian Parrots, or anything else of the commoner kinds, if you wish to get anything better than a commended card. Rarer species, such as the Many-coloured Parakeet, or some of the beautiful Lories, shown in perfect condition, should be able to make the present winners stand back.

In a class for Budgerigars, Love-birds, etc., Rosy-faced Love-birds generally take the lead, followed by a pair of Yellow Budgerigars. Anybody who wants to be in front of the times should secure a pair of Hanging Parakeets. These, I think, should be eligible to compete in this class.

The next class at our shows is for seed eaters, and this class is generally the best-filled in the Foreign section, and the competition, as a consequence, is keen. Here will be found Whydahs, Weavers, Grassfinches, Mannikins, and Waxbills.

A good pair of the rare and beautiful Violet-eared Waxbills would undoubtedly take the lead, if such were forthcoming, and they can now be obtained if one is willing to thrust the hand deep enough into the pocket.

A good pair of Parrot Finches can almost be counted a certainty for securing the red ticket to hide behind. They are pretty birds in their green and red, and are by no means cheap or easy to obtain. The demand is vastly in excess of the supply, and I could fill pages about the disappointments I met with before I obtained a pair.

The Gorgeous Gouldian.

A good pair of Red Gouldians will always bid well for first honours in this class, but one seldom sees a pair exhibited. The female seems to be much rarer than the male, and is apparently more difficult to keep in condition, so the little gentleman has often to stand the contest unsupported.

The Gouldians are grand birds for exhibition. Their rich colours are so clearly cut and so beautifully blended, whilst they are so steady, that it is difficult for a judge to get past them. The Black-headed Gouldian has generally to play second fiddle to the Red. He is beaten by his red-headed brother, becomes the victim of circumstances, and, being in a mixed class, often gets left out altogether.

Gouldians are quite hardy when acclimatised, but when first imported they shuffle off this mortal coil with such apparent ease that one sometimes wonders whether they are not as much celestial as terrestrial. After those I have mentioned, you are never sure what may find favour, but a good pair of Ichenos, Rufus Tails, or Diamond Finches will generally stand a good chance.

The Whydahs and Weavers are also handsome, but as a rule have to take a back seat in such good company. The Zebra Finch and the Waxbills are often represented among the exhibits, but although charming in an aviary, they are usually passed unnoticed on the show bench.

In the soft-billed and fruit-eating class a good Tanager often leads off, and a good

Superb is a show in itself, as it hops from perch to perch, the light reflecting on its wonderful plumage of green and blue and gold. I have seen a Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker do a lot of winning in this class, and a Glossy Starling or a Black-throated Cardinal should also score well, but a Silver-eared Mesia, if it puts in an appearance, would take the shine off them all. A good Shama is sometimes shown, but cannot count on winning, and a Pekin Robin may as well be kept at home.

The Importance of Proper Staging.

The staging of Foreign birds so that they will look their best is also of much importance. In the British section this has been reduced to a fine art, and we have only to look at the birds and cages of British bird exhibitors to learn enough for our purpose. The box-pattern cage answers best for all small birds, and only in the Parrot classes is a deviation from this admissible, and even with them it is best.

Foreign birds have generally the honour of being staged on a table in the centre of the show-room, where people get round about, and the box cage partly ensures the little privacy they are justly entitled to. Many of the exhibits are shown with the inside of the cages camouflaged white, which I think is a mistake. White enamel strikes too cold, gives the bird a washy appearance, and shows up any imperfections in its plumage.

I have tried many colours, and I think green, in different shades according to the colour of the bird, suits them best. Dark holly green is often advised, but in my opinion does not suit so well as bright green or emerald, but there is no hard and fast rule. A little must be allowed for one's own taste.

The classification provided at Scotch shows hitherto, with one or two exceptions, has been far from creditable to the societies who have the drawing out of this. I hold that Foreign Bullfinches and Goldfinches should not compete in Foreign bird classes.

They ought to have a class provided for themselves, but if a class is not provided, they ought to be eligible to compete in the British bird classes. The points for judging them being identical with their British cousins, there is nothing to hinder any judge of British judging them side by side with British Finches on their own merits.

Better, however, to have a class for them, and let it follow their respective classes in the British section, as a judge of British is more likely to know the fine points of a show Goldfinch than a Foreign bird judge.

A Plea for Better Classification.

Now, in some Scotch Shows you will see all sorts and sizes of Foreign birds competing for the coveted position. You can see the tiny Waxbill staged against the huge Macaw, and all the different grades between.

These shows are no exception, they are the rule, the exception being that a few shows go one better and provide two classes, one for large and one for small Foreign. This is a great improvement, and the diversity in size of the exhibits is not so ridiculous.

But I think every open show should endeavour to have at least three classes for Foreign, namely: Foreign birds, large; Foreign seed eaters, smaller than and including Java Sparrow; Foreign, insectivorous, or fruit eating, smaller than and including Scarlet Tanager.

The large insectivorous and fruit-eating birds such as the Toucan and Toucanet would look more in place competing with the Parrots than in an insectivorous class along with such small fry as the Zosterops and such like. If this were done, I am sure there would be a better turn-out of the smaller species.

The classification is not the only thing that calls for attention. Specialist judges should be appointed, as many of the judges of British are incapable of doing justice to the Foreign classes. I have seen a common Weaver placed first in a large class of small seed eaters containing many rare and valuable Grassfinches in fine condition.

Now, you are not to think I wish to throw any slur on the gentlemen who act as judges. By no means; as far as I have seen they do their work to the best of their knowledge, but it is the fault of the societies in appointing them to work they are not acquainted with.

I know well enough it is far easier finding fault than finding a remedy. Before the exhibiting of Foreign birds becomes popular in Scotland, which it is not at present, something will have to be done in this direction. The formation of a Foreign bird club for Scotland might be the means of solving the difficulty.

Another fresh field for aviculturists is the hybridising of Foreign birds. Some of the Hybrids between British birds are now so common as scarcely to be worth the trouble of trying for, but Foreign Hybrids are so rare, and the possibilities and material so exhaustive, that it would be well worth while devoting more attention to it.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

- Oct. 11-12.—Clapham C.B.A.—(T. J. Rose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.
Oct. 20-21.—Liverpool O.S. (Green and Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road.) H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
Oct. 27-28.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
Nov. 1-2.—Cheltenham C.B.S. (A. L. Treasure, 19, Rutunda Terrace.)
Nov. 3-4.—Sheffield O.S.—(L. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)
Nov. 3-4.—Barrow Red Cross Show (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.)
Nov. 4.—Leicester Hand in Hand (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.)
Nov. 9.—Blaenavon C.B.S.—(G. Broome, 32, King St.) J.H.R.
Nov. 11.—Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
Nov. 17-18.—Halifax O.S.—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 24-25.—West Bromwich C.B.S.—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
Nov. 29-30.—Southampton C.B.S.—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.
Dec. 6-7.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobbourn Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Scotland.

- Nov. 11.—Muirkirk O.S.—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Wales.

- Dec. 7.—Aberdare C.B.S.—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

- Dec. 12.—Newtownards C.B.S.—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

We have received from Mr. W. Errington a sample of his colour food. This is sweet to the taste, of very good colour, and should prove perfectly effective in use.

Societies wishing the patronage of the Border Fancy Canary Club, can get application forms by applying to W. B. Smart, 13, High Street, Loanhead, Midlothian. These must be properly filled in and returned on or before Aug. 19.

Fanciers and friends of Mr. S. Cook, writes Mr. J. Green, Hon. Sec. Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., will be sorry to hear of the loss he has had in losing his buff hen, which caused such a sensation during last show season. Hard luck, Sam!

Please notify through your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Wright, 77, Ransom-road, Coventry, that I have taken on the office of secretary pro tem. of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S., our sec. being much overworked on munitions, and until further notice all communications should be addressed to me.

I have resigned the secretaryship of Newtownards and District C.B.S., writes Mr. Wm. Montgomery, and the position has been taken up by Mr. D. H. McBride, Balfour-st., Newtownards.

Mr. J. M. Shelby-James, Hon. Sec. of the Aberdare C.B.S., writes that in order to avoid clashing with any other society, the date of the annual show has been altered from Nov. 23 to Dec. 7.

I am very pleased with the picture of my Yellow Border cock which appeared in CAGE BIRDS on June 24, writes Mr. J. H. Madagan. It does your esteemed artist, Mr. Norman, great credit. The 1915-16 record of the bird is 1st Plymouth, 1st and special Cheltenham, 1st Liverpool, 1st Cardiff, 2nd Redhill, 2nd Llanelli, and 2nd Manchester.

At the last meeting of the Cardiff C.B.S. the Rev. C. B. Joffe gave a lecture on the advantages which accrue to bird-keepers by becoming members of a cage bird society. Mr. Joffe has kindly promised to write his remarks in the form of an article for the benefit of CAGE BIRDS readers, and we are sure that the publication of the same will be awaited with interest by our readers.

An important meeting of the Gateshead C.B.S. will be held on July 8, at 7.30, in Lockhart's, High Street, Gateshead, to arrange classes for the open show, nominations for judges, etc. A Nest Feather show will be held on the same date (see Club Notices). Members and those intending to join should bring some entries, writes Mr. W. Curry, Sec., 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who will be pleased to give further particulars on application.

A Chance for Brains and Energy

As will be seen by the report on another page of the meeting of the Cage Birds Organisation Committee, the secretaryship has fallen vacant through the resignation of Mr. Usher, who is unable any longer to devote his whole attention to the duties of the position. Much good work has been done while Mr. Usher has acted as organising secretary, and now all is plain, straightforward sailing for his successor. We shall be pleased to hear from anyone who will be prepared to continue the work, and to put his whole energy into carrying out the ideas of the committee. Letters to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, stating the salary expected, will receive the attention of the committee at the next meeting.

We have received the syllabus for 1916 of the Leeds C.B.S. Besides the programme of events for the season, it contains a full list of the specials to be offered at the various shows, classification for the shows, balance-sheet for 1915, list of officers, and members names and addresses. The balance-sheet shows the satisfactory amount of £13 3s. 7d. in hand, an increase of £7 1s. 4d. upon the amount brought forward from the previous year. The hon. sec. is Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill, Leeds.

The Annual Members' First Feather Show of the City and Suburban C.B.A., will be held on July 12. The venue is not mentioned in the schedule forwarded to us, but we presume it will be the Church Institute, High Street, Marylebone, as usual. 34 classes are provided in the schedule, of which 24 are for Canaries, 2 Hybrids, 6 British birds, and 2 Foreign. No less than 40 specials are in competition in addition to the prize money, and the show will doubtless prove up to the usual high standard of the society. Members should note that entries close July 5 to Mr. E. J. Martin, 54, Battersea Park Road, S.W. Mr. H. Norman judges.

"Bird Notes" for June, the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, opens with an article by Mr. W. Shore Bailey on Laughing Thrushes, illustrated by photographs. Mr. D. Dewar continues his notes on Bird Catching in India, Mr. F. Dawson Smith "Bird Life and Sport on Achill Island," Mr. E. Hopkinson "The History of the Budgerigar," and the Rev. C. R. Dawson "Some Colony Birds." The Marquis of Tavistock sends interesting notes on "The Endurance of Birds," and Dr. Lovell-Kerens, under the heading of "A Roadside Tragedy," tells the story of the devouring of a young Thrush by a bird which was declared by some observers to be a Cuckoo.

Our Front Page Drawings.

The original drawings of our front page illustrations, and of most other pictures appearing on our pages, may be purchased by readers for framing. Terms for any picture will be sent on application.

Who Lost the £20 Note?

Commenting on the story that a painter had found a twenty pound Bank of England note in a House Sparrow's nest "Punch" says: "This we understand has been claimed by various people in the neighbourhood, who had been lately troubled by mysterious thefts of 5s. and 10s. Treasury notes."

THE PASSING OF A YORKSHIRE WORTHY.

James Overend, of Cinnamon-marked Fame.

By C. A. HOUSE.

Although some weeks have elapsed since the passing of Jim Overend, of Ravensthorpe, the news has only just reached me. Jim was one of the old school, and one of the best. He was a true Yorkshireman, and typical of all that is best in the county of the White Rose. He was born in humble circumstances sixty-seven years ago, but by his stern determination and unflinching attention to business had raised himself to the position of one of the most respected tradesmen of the Dewsbury district.

He went to Ravensthorpe in 1870 as a journeyman; ten years later he started in business as a builder and contractor, and from humble beginnings built up a fine business. In the Ravensthorpe district alone he built between 300 and 400 houses and shops, many tall mill chimney stacks (in this branch of the trade he was one of Yorkshires' experts), and the only bank in the district.

"Jim" Overend was a public-spirited, broad-minded man, with a heart as large and generous as the strongly built athletic frame that contained it. There was nothing narrow or small-minded about the man. He had known what it was to be poor, and his heart and hand ever went out to those of his fellows who were in sorrow or trouble.

Formerly he was a member of the Ravensthorpe District Council, and when Dewsbury took Ravensthorpe into its municipal boundaries he continued as one of the representatives of the district, and for some years served as chairman of the General Works Committee. For the last six years he had been a member of the Dewsbury Board of Guardians.

His activities in other directions were great. He was an enthusiastic supporter, worker, and speaker, of the Dewsbury Temperance Society, a vice-president of the Dewsbury Football Club, a member of the Yorkshire County and Dewsbury Cricket Clubs. But above all his other interests and hobbies came that of the Yorkshire Canary. He belonged to the old school which favoured even-marks, and "Jim" could turn them out.

The records of thirty to twenty years ago give abundant proof of his prowess in this direction, especially so far as Cinnamon-marked birds were concerned. He would at any time spend a day going to see a good even-marked Cinnamon that he had been told about, and, having seen it, would not leave it if it was at all possible to bring it back to Ravensthorpe.

About five-and-twenty years ago I was judging at Jarrow, and on going through the even-marked Yorkshire class (all our Northern schedules contained such in those days) I came across a bird which I considered had been dressed too much, and disqualified it. It proved to be "Jim's." His subsequent action shows the man's sporting nature and his big heart. Some time after, I was lecturing before the Dewsbury Cage Bird Society, of which he was then president, and in introducing me to the meeting he referred to the Jarrow incident. "Some thought I should be ill-friends with Mr. House; not me; he did his duty. What is more, I am proud to say that he proved himself a better man than Jim Overend, and there is no other man in the Canary Fancy of whom I can say that. Instead of being vexed with him I congratulate him on being the only man who has ever proved himself a better hand at even-marks than I am."

Only a true-hearted sportsman could have spoken thus, and it was typical of the man. He was one of the best. Those who knew not the Fancy in those days may perhaps judge him harshly, but one must remember that even-marks were invariably more made than bred, and Jim only did what all others did, or tried to do. One needed a good bird to practise on, but it was wonderful what an expert could do in the way of improving a naturally good even-marked Yorkshire, and "Jim" was an expert at the game. So expert that this incident at Jarrow was the only one which resulted in disaster for him. Of recent years he had not taken the active interest in the Canary Fancy that he used to do, but he remained a strong supporter of the Dewsbury C.B.S., and on many occasions proved himself its best friend.

His mortal remains were interred at Mirfield Parish Church, and in addition to his family and a large number of personal friends attended. There were present representatives of the Dewsbury Town Council, Dewsbury Board of Guardians, Dewsbury Temperance Society, Birstall Temperance Society, Dewsbury Liberal Club, the Dewsbury Cage

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

- FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.
J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate; 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidgate Green, Bradford.
J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Gillingham, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds. 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviculturist, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Marnham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Byrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. A. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaris, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham. A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Gm. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviaris, Hocknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Ecclehill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

Bird Society, and a number of his employees; eloquent testimony to his unflinching kindness, generosity, and popularity amongst all classes of the community amongst whom he lived, and whom he is delighted to serve.

I had known him over thirty years, and he was the same genial hearty good fellow the last time I met him, which was just over twelve months since, when I was judging one of the Dewsbury C.B.S. shows, as he was thirty years ago. He is gone, and his going leaves a blank in the Yorkshire Fancy hard to fill. He belonged to a school that is fast passing away. A school which had its faults, but which after all in true sportsmanship, and sincere fancier feeling was ahead of the Fancy of to-day. He was one of the pioneers of the Yorkshire Canary Fancy, and nothing gave him greater delight than to look upon and admire the beauties of a good four, or six-pointed bird.

His end came suddenly. He was about as usual attending to business, visited the Dewsbury Empire in the evening, retired to rest about 11.30, had a seizure shortly after, and passed away at 4.30 in the morning.

He is gone. We cannot mourn for him. He lived his life, and played his part as a man. One who realised that he had a duty to his fellows and ever sought to live in the spirit of it. To his wife and son our hearts go out in silent sympathy, but they with us, we know, will have bright and happy recollections of him, and in all our hearts his memory will live long. As we think of him, we shall miss him, but must feel that we are the better for knowing him. He was a man. Nay more—One of Nature's gentlemen. Jim Overend—R.I.P.

Those Bird Stories!

The latest bird story is to the effect that a Sparrow recently blocked up the supply pipe of a gasworks so effectively that the whole town of Nairn was plunged in darkness, to the consternation of the inhabitants, who thought the sudden extinguishing of the lights was a warning of the approach of Zepplins. There is, presumably, no electric light at Nairn.

A Substitute for Fruit as a Bird Food.

Mr. E. J. Brook, of Hoddam Castle, an aviculturist of great experience in the treatment of insectivorous and frugivorous birds, says in "Bird Notes" for June, "I find that practically all my birds, seed-eaters and fruit-eaters alike, are fond of boiled greens made crumbly by the addition of biscuit meal. Birds that looked discontented if they did not get their usual allowance of fruit are quite happy with this cabbage preparation."

HOW TO CAPTURE THE GERMAN CANARY TRADE.

A WORD ABOUT GERMAN-BRED BIRDS.

TAKING a general view of what has transpired since the scheme to capture the German Canary trade was initiated, it is reasonable to assume that breeding on the colony system will play an important part in the production of the hundreds of thousands of birds which will be needed annually to make the scheme a success.

In the circumstances, breeders and prospective breeders ought to find abundance of matter to interest them in the pages of *CAGE BIRDS* this week. There has been an admirable response to the request of *CAGE BIRDS* for the views of those who have succeeded in Canary culture in the past, and readers, especially those who are novices at the game, will find in the various contributions advice which ought to prove of the greatest assistance to them when they are about to prepare for next year's breeding season.

A Certain and a Handsome Profit.

It will be observed that in no case is any doubt cast upon the question of profit. Practically all the experienced breeders are unanimous in stating that Canaries, properly managed, will yield a very handsome profit in return for the small amount of labour and expenditure needed.

There are degrees in success, of course. Some breeders will make more profit than others. Much depends upon the amount of skill applied by the breeder; but there are no serious difficulties to overcome, and nothing to prevent the careful novice from making a success of Canary breeding in the first season, especially in view of the fact that really successful breeders are giving away the secrets of their systems so generously.

This subject formed the basis of an interesting discussion at the weekly meeting of the Canary-trading Committee, held at the offices of *CAGE BIRDS* on Monday, June 26. In the absence of Mr. F. Carl, Mr. H. J. Fulljames (vice-chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs. H. W. Gutierrez (British Roller C.C.), J. Jeffrey (Metropolitan C.B.A.), H. J. Kybert (East Ham C.B.S.), J. W. Ramsden (Streatham Hill), D. Reeks (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.), and the Organising Secretary.

As a result of the discussion, a report of the sub-committee on colony and cage breeding appears in *CAGE BIRDS* this week, and readers will there find what the considered views of the committee on the subject are. At the same time it should be stated that the committee are quite open to conviction, and if any critic be able to suggest a better system than that set forth, or better details for the system, the committee will be happy to give such suggestions their earnest consideration.

It was decided to publish the report on the motion of Mr. Jeffreys, seconded by Mr. Reeks.

Are German Canaries Still Imported?

Another subject of great importance discussed by the committee was the question whether German-bred Canaries are actually finding their way into the English and other markets to-day, notwithstanding the blockade. The matter has been touched upon on several occasions, and Mr. Trower, some weeks ago, produced a resolution passed by three societies, and suggested that the Canary Trading Committee might take it up with advantage.

For reasons explained in committee, it has been impossible to take any steps officially, because of the absence of definite evidence upon which to construct a case to set before the authorities. A step forward was, however, taken on Monday night when Mr. Gutierrez (British Roller C.C.) brought forward a motion, in several clauses.

After discussion, the first clause (as follows) was carried, the remaining clauses being left over for consideration on receipt of Mr. Trower's reply:—

"That Mr. Trower be requested to obtain an officially-signed copy of the resolution passed recently at a meeting of certain clubs, re the alleged trade in German Canaries, the communication to contain full particulars as to date, place and clubs represented, and, if possible, evidence bearing out the allegations made."

In the course of the meeting the Organising Secretary announced that owing to other business arrangements it became necessary for him to tender his resignation, which he did with regret, because he felt that there was a great future before the scheme. He added that he was preparing a report giving suggestions upon which a successful organisation might be built up, and he would be very pleased, notwithstanding his resignation, to submit that report for the consideration of the committee within the next two or three weeks.

The chairman remarked that the committee had four months in which to formulate some

scheme of organisation which should be self-supporting, and in the meantime they could incur no pecuniary liability.

The secretary stated that his report would suggest systems of finance. He felt that there would be no difficulty in making the scheme fully self-supporting. He pointed out what a great privilege the movement enjoyed in having the use of valuable space each week in *CAGE BIRDS* to forward the interests of the scheme. No scheme of the kind could, he said, succeed without the aid of the Press, and the movement in this case had the great advantage of an official organ which gave its services gratuitously.

Mr. Gutierrez said there did not seem to be anything for them to do but to receive Mr. Usher's resignation with regret, especially as he had shown such a lively interest in the scheme.

The resignation was accepted, and it was agreed to advertise in *CAGE BIRDS* for a successor at once. Mr. Usher's offer of a report being accepted.

Colonies Out of Doors.

A correspondent this week raises an interesting point relating to the breeding of Canaries on the colony system. So far, the question has only been discussed in its connection with indoor-breeding. Experienced breeders know well what an invigorating effect the open-air has on all live stock than can stand the treatment, and Canaries are particularly susceptible to its influence.

The average hardy, healthy Canary will live out of doors through summer and winter where sufficient protection from draughts and cold winds is provided, and under such conditions the fertility rate in eggs will be found to be very high.

It is, therefore, not absolutely essential to use a room for colony breeding; a shed in the garden, or in the backyard will give excellent results, care being taken to render the shed cat proof. This quality may easily be obtained by placing a wire of larger mesh about six inches before the small mesh wire which covers the front of the aviary.

HOW TO BREED CANARIES FOR PROFIT.

What the Sub-Committee Thinks.

VIEWS OF BREEDERS INVITED.

AT a meeting of the Canary Trade Committee, held at the offices of *CAGE BIRDS*, on June 12, the following motion was unanimously carried:

"That the Sub-Committee's report be published, so far as it concerns the cost of rearing and possible production under the two systems, with the object of getting the opinions of other breeders."

This resolution relates to a report of a Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Gutierrez, Norris, Trower, Fulljames, and W. H. Vale, who sat to consider a paper by Mr. Vale entitled "What has to be done," and to make recommendations to the Central Committee on the questions of cost, production, etc., in the breeding of Canaries under two systems—breeding in colonies, as compared with breeding in cages.

The object of the publication of the report is to indicate, roughly, the lines along which breeders and prospective breeders may proceed in their support of the movement to capture the German trade in Canaries. A secondary object is the stimulation of interest by expression of the views of successful breeders upon the suggestions of the Sub-Committee.

A Choice of Methods.

So far as the colony system is concerned, there are two ways in which the breeder may proceed with a prospect of success, and with a minimum of expense. A room may be wholly devoted to a given number of birds, or a portion of a room may be wired off.

In the case of a small room, two or three vigorous cocks in full song might be turned in amongst ten to twelve hens. There should be an abundance of nesting places, to avoid disputes, and plenty of building material.

Where it is only possible to devote a portion of a room to the purpose—say, 10 feet long, by 4 feet deep, by 8 feet high—one lusty cock may be turned in amongst four or five hens. The dividing partition may be all wire or wood and wire, and the Sub-Committee strongly recommend straight wire, and not mesh wire, because the birds are apt to damage themselves against the mesh wire. Where

straight wire is used for the partition an extra sovereign must be allowed for initial cost.

It is, however, possible to effect an economy in wire by making a wooden partition across that end of the room which holds the window. The window may be covered with straight wire, and the only other wire needed would be about a square foot, to cover an observation hole in the partition.

As to the initial cost, the Sub-Committee estimate that wire netting should cost £1; ten young hens, at 3s., £1 10s.; two cocks, at 6s., 12s., making a total of £3 2s., or, in the case of an all-straight wire partition, £4 2s.

From the one cock and five hens it is reasonable to expect a production of forty young birds.

The cost of rearing varies according to locality. In country districts, for instance, green food can be gathered daily, and costs nothing, eggs are cheap, and stale home-made bread may take the place of biscuits. In such circumstances cost would be reduced to a minimum, but, under any circumstances, there is no doubt that a properly-stocked aviary can be made to show a satisfactory profit.

Generally speaking, the Sub-Committee think that produce may be reckoned at eight per hen, and these should sell readily at remunerative prices.

If Breeding Cages are Used.

The birds may be bred in cages, and the Sub-Committee estimate the initial cost as follows:—

5 cocks at 6s., 10 hens at 3s. ...	£3 0 0
5 double breeding cages at 10s. ...	2 10 0
	£5 10 0

ON THE PROFITABLE BREEDING OF CANARIES.

THE COLONY SYSTEM VERSUS THE CAGE SYSTEM.

The Views of Mr. Ramsden, the Popular Manager of the Crystal Palace Show.

SIR,—In accordance with your wishes I give my experiences of Canary breeding, stretching over a period of some thirty years. It is impossible to give a direct answer to your questions, as so much depends on what one is breeding for, and what space is available, so I give my experiences and leave your readers to judge which method best suits them.

Twelve Nest Boxes: One Shilling.

Some years since I had a sheltered outdoor aviary, measuring about 7ft. high, 5ft. long, and 4ft. deep. Into this I turned four medium quality Norwich hens and a very strong year old Norwich cock. About a dozen nest boxes were hung around the aviary—soap boxes at one penny each—half a pound of cowhair, costing a few pence only, was put in a net and hung in the aviary. A large seed hopper hung on the wall, a large water fountain on the floor, a bundle of green stuff in a pot, and some coarse grit and sand on the floor completed the arrangements.

The hens went to nest without trouble, over 40 strong, healthy youngsters were reared, and from a financial point of view the aviary was a huge success. I should mention that the front was double wired, straight wire on the inside, and wire netting on the outside, with a two inch space between, the wire netting on the outside, keeping cats away. The soft food used was bread and biscuit, equal parts, and 1 egg to a basin full.

Later, I wired off some four feet at the end of a first floor room, and tried the experiment indoors, using about a dozen hens and three cocks. The results were not so very satisfactory. The hens fought for certain nests, the cocks fought over certain hens, nests were stripped and eggs broken, and one cock was found dead one morning. Four or five of the most pugnacious hens were got rid of, and then the remaining 7 or 8 hens and two cocks bred and reared some 25 youngsters.

The next season I tried another plan. I bought some 24 boxes from the grocer, a ready-made wire front, and a seed box and water pot for each. I distempered them out, and then had 24 single cages—about 18 by 12 by 10.

At this time, some 15 years ago, my old friend, the late Mr. Greenway, of Croydon, called on me with three or four boxes full of Canaries. He told me he was finished with Canary breeding, and that I must buy his stock. He quoted 50s. for about 30 birds, a ridiculous price, so I bought them and ran one hen into each of the boxes mentioned above.

Where economy is a serious question it is possible to obtain very good results on the following plan:—Take a dozen home-made single cages, made from shop boxes, such as Quaker oats boxes, loose wire fronts, etc.; also one dozen breeding hens and three stock cocks. Turn a cock in with a hen that is ready to nest, and take him away when the hen has laid two or three eggs. In this way three cocks will easily keep a dozen hens going. The young may be turned into a room or into an aviary, as advised for the colony system, until ready for sale.

There is no doubt that breeding on the colony system promotes stamina, and that stamina promotes fertility, while the trouble of looking after the birds is greatly reduced, as compared with the trouble involved in breeding in cages, although when breeding for fancy points, it may be more satisfactory to use cages. The Committee are, however, concerned in this report with the successful and economical production of Canaries in quantity, and it is from that point of view that their estimates are made.

With regard to the cost of upkeep, the Sub-Committee have come to the conclusion that it may be set down at the figure of 1d. per bird per week, but it is not easy to make any hard and fast rule on account of the variety of circumstances that may affect different districts.

There may be many cases where novices who are not in good circumstances may be quite unable to start operations on the scale recommended by the Sub-Committee. Such breeders, or would-be breeders, need not despair. They may start with a pair, and breed enough stock to set them up properly in the second, or, at most, the third year.

The cocks numbered about half a dozen, and these I used as stud birds. Every hen had the chance given her to build a nest, and as soon as she had done so, and was calling for a mate, one of the cocks was turned in with her for about half an hour for two or three mornings. The eggs were properly fertilised, and the hens hatched and reared their young without any help from the cocks; each cock had kept four or five hens going easily.

The youngsters were turned into the indoor flight about 12ft by 8 by 4 previously mentioned, and did remarkably well. About 200 birds were bred from the 24 hens, and many were in the money in limit and selling classes. The others sold fairly well, with the result that a profit of £34 was made on the room in the one season, after labour had been paid for.

Breeding De Luxe.

Later, I went in more for quality than quantity, discarded grocer's boxes, purchased the best 36inch double breeders, and limited myself to 12 pairs of stock birds, which I picked up carefully at an average cost of £2 a pair. The average production of these pairs was eight youngsters per pair per season. Many sold well on the show bench, and I had more customers for my surplus than I could supply, and after paying a lad to look after the birds during the breeding season, the room yielded a profit, a handsome profit on the outlay, every season.

I consider the cost per bird per week for up-keep to be one penny, though this can be slightly reduced in country places where eggs are cheap, and green food to be had for the asking.

In conclusion, I would answer your queries as follows:—

The single cage system answers best in the majority of cases, where the aim of the breeder is to produce a large number of birds and close attention can be given. Other wise an aviary or a number of aviaries each containing one cock and three or four hens.

The cheapest form of breeding cage is the cage made from a grocer's box and a loose wire front.

The cheapest aviary is obtained by wiring off the end of a room, straight wires for choice, as wire netting is liable to scrub the birds' tails. In normal times, straight wire fronts are advertised in your columns at from 3d. to 6d. per square foot. Curtain rods make good perches, and penny soap boxes make good nest boxes.

When success is assured, utilise part of the profit each year in improving the room. Plenty of reliable dealers advertise their wares at very reasonable prices.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

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THE PROFITABLE BREEDING OF CANARIES.

(Continued from page 365.)

A Fulham Breeder Plumps for the Colony System.

SIR,—In reply to your invitation to readers for their opinion as to which is the most profitable system of Canary breeding to enable us to capture the enemy's trade, I consider the colony or aviary system is without a doubt the most prolific and economic in every respect.

I will endeavour to give a few reasons and my experience in support of this opinion. Bearing in mind that only strong, healthy songsters are desired, as apart from "show birds," it is miles in front of breeding cages.

In the first place I consider it the best system for novices, as it is so simple, and requires very little knowledge to make it a paying hobby from the commencement. It will provide both pleasure and pocket money to any person of ordinary intelligence in return for a small outlay.

Second, is the vast amount of labour saved. The small amount of time and attention it requires makes it the ideal profitable hobby for the busy man. Even though he is away from home most of his time it need not detain him from making a start providing he can look to his birds, if only for five minutes each morning during the breeding season, and in the winter months five minutes every few days will suffice; with an occasional half-hour every few weeks to have a clean up. That is all the time that is necessary to spend with one's polygamous family, any further time spent with them is purely pastime and pleasure.

A third reason is that more birds can be bred and reared than under the breeding cage system, from a given number of parents. Fourthly, one cock is sufficient for four hens, thereby causing a saving in the cost of stock birds. And again the trouble from red mite is practically nil. All this I have proved by experience. I consider that one cock to four hens in each small bird room or aviary is preferable to two or three cocks to a proportionately large number of hens. Then you have one happy family and no squabbling.

The Simplicity of the Open Air Method

Personally, I believe in the open-air treatment, or the outdoor aviary (or a small, well ventilated room should answer as well).

During the winter my birds sometimes go a whole week without being even looked at, and yet they are in no way "neglected," a healthier lot you never saw. Never an ailing bird, although they are exposed to every change in the climatic conditions, except that they are protected from the cutting winds, and I firmly believe they are receiving the best possible treatment to insure their health, comfort and prolificacy.

If this is so, how is it done? might be asked. It is quite simple.

All that is required is a small suitable structure in the backyard (or an empty room) five stock birds and a few utensils, and you are ready to start.

Providing you commence with strong, healthy young, coldroom birds of a suitable breed, and give them plenty of the right sort of food you cannot go wrong. The birds themselves will do the rest. Too many people run away with the idea that Canary breeding is a tedious, scientific, and messy job. It is nothing of the sort, if they go about it in the right way.

My aviary is a converted "lean to" greenhouse, 7ft. long, 4ft. 6in. from back to front, and 9ft. high at the back, sloping to 7ft. 6in. in front. The front is boarded 3ft. from the bottom; the rest of the front is small mesh wire netting. One end is boarded entirely, and both that and the roof are covered with tarred felt. At the other end is the door, opening outwards, immediately on the inside of which hangs a canvas curtain to prevent the birds escaping when going in or out.

Above the door is a small glass light which admits the morning sunlight. I have also a glass light which I slide in front of the wire netting in the autumn to prevent rain and snow beating in, or the birds getting "sooty," from the fogs. There is a ventilation space under the eave of the roof, and I have cemented the floor to keep out vermin.

Small branches and perches are arranged round the inside of the aviary, and on the wall are hung two self filling seed hoppers, one contains Spanish canary seed, the other summer rape, and they hold sufficient seed to last a week or two. I have also a poultry fountain which contains the drinking water and that also holds sufficient to last for more than a week. A dozen nest pans and boxes

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

are arranged in various positions, and for nesting material, nothing beats "charpie" for the hen to build with.

The egg food I prepare in bulk with wholemeal flour, as recommended in CAGE BIRDS. Sufficient of this may be damped each morning in the breeding season to last 24 hours. This keeps sweet even in the hot weather. Greenfood I give in abundance. A large bunch of watercress in a jar of water keeps fresh until all is devoured, and in addition to this I give a small pot of mixed seed. The nests require no attention except to remove adhering excreta and any eggs that fail to hatch, which are very few.

One Cock to Four Hens.

My original stock I obtained from a well known high class Roller breeder, and although I paid a good price for them I do not regret it, as they breed such sweet songsters. The result from my one cock and four hens this season up to date is 21 fine healthy youngsters, some of them commencing to sing, two clutches of eggs due to hatch in a few days, and hopes of more to follow.

The outlay for food, etc., since February last is 14s. 6d., and for that I have sufficient to last for some time longer. The seed, nesting material, etc., I keep in tin boxes in the corner of the aviary so that it is always to hand. I have no difficulty in disposing of my birds at good price, and I buy more from other breeders to supply the demand.

I would advise both old hands and novices to give this system a trial. What is possible with one, is possible with others, and so long as no unforeseen circumstances occur they will have no reason to regret it. I should be pleased to show any of your readers my aviary by appointment, and give any hints they may require.

There is no doubt that this is a business proposition that can be successfully carried out, if you can only arouse sufficient triers, and I wish it every success.

W. LARKING.

Mr. Tomlinson Likes the Colony System, with Reservations.

THE colony system, or, as it is known to some, "swarm breeding," is practised extensively in Germany. It has several very strong recommendations in its favour. First, there is less expense in the breeding accommodation, i.e., in the purchase of cages. Secondly, the system entails less labour than the cage system. Thirdly, one often gets the benefit of the cock in assisting to rear the young after they attain a certain age.

Still another point may be adduced in its favour. Previous to the war—may it soon be over and our lads back again with us—Germany sent a number of their "all wire" collapsible aviary breeding cages to England, and I have reason to believe that with at least two of our successful exhibitors line-bred birds have been reared on the colony system in these cages.

A Colony in a Cage.

If memory serve me correctly, the cages used were adapted for one cock and either three or four hens. The labour saving with these cages is that the cleansing of one floor space suffices for the one cock and his three or four hens; there is only one bath needed, one water fountain, one egg-food pan, one receptacle for hemp, and one or two seed hoppers.

Still another way of colony breeding is to use a larger space, an aviary, or a spare room, and run two or more cocks with a larger number of hens. I prefer the aviary cage of the two methods, for it and its occupants can be better regulated to order than the larger space with its number of cocks. The "Roller" is often pugnacious when in breeding condition, and the "blackguards" can be taken from the "aviary cage" and tried in fresh company.

In some instances more young are bred on this system, as some cocks will accommodate more hens than others will, but one disadvantage is that a colony is not conducive to economy in the food bill, for more of the following items are consumed during some stages of the breeding than are really necessary: egg food, green-food, hemp, and other varieties of seeds that may be given, excepting the rape and canary seeds, for these are always with us.

The waste occurs in this way. So soon as a nest of youngsters are hatched, or at least in a very few days afterwards, these extra articles of diet go into the menu. The result is that those hens that have not yet gone to nest, and those still with eggs, are having a treat at their owner's expense.

The cocks also are consuming these extras; some cocks will feed youngsters at an early age, others are shy with them, and will not feed until they are about a week old, while others are even later than that. Frequently he will be eager to feed the hen; then, if she be a good one, what does she do? She transfers it to the young, and, whether a good hen or a bad one, she usually settles down again on the youngsters, when she would be better employed in foraging for herself and

allowing the youngsters air. Those hens without youngsters will also receive this attention from the cock.

The system gives more opportunities to the feather-plucker, because where a number of hens are kept together it is often difficult to detect the culprit.

To anyone desirous of giving the colony system a trial, I would suggest ordinary breeding cages having three or four removable partitions. Should expense be no object, then the "all wire aviary cage." Our English cage makers would supply them.

The Cheapest of All.

Still another "aviary cage," quite the cheapest I know of, is one made from a match case, costing a shilling or thereabouts. In recommending this I still have you in mind, Mr. Cagemaker, for there would still be work for you in making the fronts and utensils, providing, of course, our "colonist" does not take it into his head to cover the fronts with wire-mesh netting and use the household saucers for food and water. These match cases will serve for three or four hens and one cock by using outside nesting receptacles made to hang on the ends for preference.

As you ask, Mr. Editor for opinions on the methods of breeding, I must say that in practice I prefer breeding cages for my own use, using two or three hens to one cock. A description of this method I must leave, owing to lack of time, for another issue.

J. TOMLINSON.

A Roller Specialist Prefers Cages.

SIR,—As far as my experience goes I have found the cage system of breeding Canaries by far the most successful as regards the number of birds reared, which I take it is the chief consideration in attempting to "capture the German trade."

The colony system takes less time and attention, perhaps, but its few advantages are outweighed by its disadvantages, it is too haphazard a method, and generally there is a lot of quarrelling and mischief going on. I have been looking for a detailed account of the system as carried on in Germany to be given in CAGE BIRDS, but so far little information has appeared.

In my own case I could not tolerate the colony system, as I require the parentage, lineage, and full particulars of every bird registered in a book, also to be able to use my discretion in the pairing up, which can only properly be done by using cages.

Cost per bird per week? Someone else, please.

My own aviary, built for cheapness and efficiency, is of wood framing covered inside and outside with match-board, outside covered with felt, inside papered and distempered. The roof is first boarded, then a layer of brown paper, next felt, and covered with galvanized iron, and loose boarding on top of this; well lighted and ventilated, and floor of cement.

My cages are made of three-ply wood, as plain as possible, without sand trays, and distempered inside and outside, each cage slides in and out on bearers which are triangular in section, and touches nothing else but the top edges of these.

HENRY NEVE.

Mr. Crawhall Prefers the Cage System.

SIR,—In response to your letter in CAGE BIRDS I have very little time to write fully this week, as I am going to camp each night and morning with the local division of the St. John Ambulance. That, with my ordinary business and attendance on my birds leaves very little time for writing, but I will endeavour to briefly tell you my methods and leave it to your judgment whether they are worth publishing.

Of the colony method I have had practically no experience. Some years ago I had two or three spare hens flying in half a room which I had used the previous year for a flight for the young birds. I put a cock in with these hens, and gave them nests inside spare boxes. There were more nests than hens, but in spite of that there was a most fearful amount of fighting and stealing of nesting material, two hens laying in one nest, and all the other troubles which attend this system of breeding.

At the end of the season I had not a young bird from them, some hatched out but were not reared. This was my one and only experience of the colony system, and the results did not justify me trying the experiment another season.

With regard to the ordinary methods of cage breeding, I have no particular method that I favour, having been successful with nearly all methods of pairing and feeding. The great thing for all breeders to bear in mind is to have the birds perfectly healthy and in good condition. This can only be attained from a careful dietary during the winter months.

As in poultry, so in cage birds, you must

not have your breeding hens in too fat condition. They should be sprightly and lively. No mopy or dull looking birds should be bred from. As with the hens, so with the cocks, they should, without undue forcing, be strong and lusty in song.

Two such birds paired together at the end of March, not sooner, should be able to produce three nests of healthy youngsters, three to five in each nest.

Asking for Trouble.

The trouble that most people experience is brought on by themselves, they often pair too early because they have brought their birds on quickly with stimulating food, such as the excessive use of egg food and mixed seed, and are afraid of losing a few eggs in the cage bottom before pairing up. They had far better lose those eggs than pair up too soon.

Another fault with a great many breeders is that when the young arrive they give too much egg food. Anyone who has tried to hand feed young Canaries from the time of hatching knows how little it takes to fill their crops for the first few days. What then becomes of the surplus? Generally it is eaten by the old birds, and it has two effects upon the mother—either it produces a kind of laziness, and she gives up feeding, or it stimulates the ovaries and she commences to lay again before the young are able to do for themselves.

Now the sensible way is to give small quantities at a time, three or four times a day, and to give it in a concentrated form. For young birds up to 14 days old the proportion of egg to bread should be as 2 to 1. Most breeders use it in the opposite proportion, but many years ago I read an article by Mr. J. Robson, in which he gave this as the secret of successful rearing, and since adopting it I have never had a failure.

I have reared young with this food without the aid of green food, as well as with green food. I have reared them without hemp seed as well as with it, but I always use rape and white canary seed, the latter ad lib., and the former in proportion to the age of the young.

My chief trouble has been in weaning young. I have not successfully got over the diarrhoea which often attacks birds at this stage, but I think I am fairly well on the road now. My chief remedy is powdered prepared chalk—even whiting will do. I also like a little bismuth added to the soft food, but only use these things if necessary.

With care, attention, strict cleanliness, and a study of the birds, I think that on the whole it will be found a larger proportion of birds will be reared by the cage method than by the colony system of breeding.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

How to Beat the Germans.

Only a Question of Supply.

SIR,—Referring to the remarks of Mr. Claude St. John in last week's CAGE BIRDS, we wish, as one of the foremost firms of exporters of Canaries in Great Britain, to contradict the statement that it is necessary to train the vocal powers of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries up to the standard of the German singing Canaries in order to compete with them in foreign markets. Breed the Norwich Canary, the bird of the good old bulldog breed, in its thousands. Breed the Yorkshire Canary, the bird of grace and beauty, in its thousands, also Crests, Lizards, Scotch Fancies, and other varieties, and we shall eventually compel the Hun to retire from the Canary markets. It is not a question of patriotism in the Canary markets. The English Canary always fetched the most money and sold quickest in the world's markets. The demand for English birds being greater than the supply, the German Roller has been given the opportunity to fill in the demand. Both the Americans and our Colonies say: Give us a Canary of type and beauty; we are satisfied with his song, which he retains throughout, and will not lose through want of tuition.

J. HOWARD & SONS.

(A letter from Mr. Ramsden appears on page 367.)

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Correspondence.

A Precocious Youngster.

SIR,—I should like to know through the medium of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, whether any other breeder of Canaries has had a young bird singing at the age of three weeks and two days. I have spoken to two or three breeders in Reading about it, and cannot find anyone who has known of such a thing before, so I should like to know if this is the only case. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

G. H. TOMES.

A Novel Nesting Arrangement for an Aviary.

SIR,—A description of my nesting standard for Yorkshire Canary breeding may be of interest to many of your readers. The standard is fixed in a five inch pot, and is exactly twelve inches high; then comes a wooden cup, screwed on to the top of the standard, in which to fix the earthenware nest-pan. The wooden cup is cut in four pieces in order to make it clutch securely the nest-pan. For about two inches deep around the flower pot is sand and grit. Let your readers think what this arrangement means in regard to red mite. The wooden cup may be filled with any kind of mite killer, thus protecting the nest from attack. As my young ones grow I take out the nest pan at times and brush it round with a solution of Jeyes' fluid, which fairly executes the enemy. I am pleased to tell you that we, that is my wife and I, have done fairly well this season; we only take two rounds, and we have now about 95 young birds from 15 pairs, which in due course I shall hope to dispose of through the medium of CAGE BIRDS.

PERCY LANE.

Bird Shows and the Entertainment Tax.

SIR,—I should be very much obliged if, through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, or from you directly, the officers of our society—the Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—could be informed as to how we must pay the tax, which we understand is applicable to bird shows. Do we pay on gross receipts from door, including catalogues, or only on tickets actually sold; and if so, must we pay on unused ones? We make a practice of sending out a certain number to each member, but many are returned.

F. C. KNIGHT.

[The tax is payable on admissions only, but it would have to be added to the price of tickets actually sold, even if these were not used. Tickets that were sent out on sale or return would carry the tax for the time being, but only those for which the society actually receives payment would be taxed to the revenue of the country. There should be no particular difficulty about this; all that is necessary is to add the tax to the usual price of the tickets. Cash admissions at the doors would, of course, pay the tax, just the same as if they were by ticket. Catalogues are not chargeable with the tax; it is only the money paid for admission that is taxed, and this would be taxable whether the right of admission, which had been paid for, was or was not exercised.—ED. CAGE BIRDS.]

Successful Breeding of the Goldfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid.

SIR,—I was glad to see Mr. Wren's letter in last week's issue about his success with the Goldie-Chaffinch Hybrid. I had a good look at it when it was about three weeks old, and even at that age it was possible to trace its parentage on both sides. The hen Chaffinch was sitting in a box high up in the aviary, and while we were there the Goldie went up into the box and fed her on the nest, so I don't think there is much doubt about it. Another of our members has been lucky enough to breed Goldie-Linnet hybrids, but unfortunately they both died, also the hen Linnet. Jolly hard lines for a fancier, and he has my sympathy. I also noticed a letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS from a fancier recommending bread and milk for young birds. I have come across several instances in country districts where this has been given, and the birds all look in splendid condition. One of the most marvellous instances I have heard was "Truthful Tommy's" tale. He was hand-rearing a nest of four Linnets. First thing in the morning he skimmed the cream off the milk, and fed with that. One day a travelling Zoo came along, and by tipping the keeper he got a drop of elephant's milk. He gave them some of that, but didn't see much difference till night time, when they seemed to be filling out a bit. He put the nest in a small cage and went to bed, but in the night he heard a noise—thought it was a bomb—and on investigation found the birds had grown so big that they had burst the cage into three pieces, and were all dead of shock. "And they was nigh as big as pigeons," says he.

W. H. PYKE,
Reading C.B.S.

"Khaki" Canaries.

SIR,—Mr. St. John is quite right; my birds are Cinnamon Canaries. There is a stuffed specimen so labelled, and precisely similar to mine, in the central hall of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. But the statement of the fact that they are Cinnamon Canaries does not exhaust the subject, and I should be really grateful to Mr. St. John or any other expert who would tell me a little more about them. These are a few of the questions I should like to have answered.

Is the cinnamon colour just a freak, or do breeders know how to obtain it at will? Am I likely to obtain cinnamon offspring (a) from my cinnamon pairs, (b) from cinnamon hens mated with yellow or buff cocks? Are cinnamon hens more ready than other Canary hens to breed mules with, say, the Goldfinch or Linnet? What is the proper name for common or singing Canaries like my own, of no definite lineage, and with a natural, not an organ-taught, Roller song? This information I would fain possess, and from whomsoever it comes it will be very welcome.

EDDYDGE HAMILTON.

How to Beat the Germans.

SIR,—Mr. Claude St. John is justified in criticising the statements mentioned, but the bare statements do not quite convey the meaning intended, as the reports of the committee meetings are very much condensed. In reply to Mr. Claude St. John and other correspondents who have written me on the subject, I would like to state that the committee had been considering the question of cost of breeding various types of birds, the market for same when bred, and the probable price they would realise. Experts had given us their valuable advice and experience, and we were informed among other things that there was a very large demand for English Canaries in America and the Colonies, that the English Canary would be bought in preference to the German Canary in the majority of cases, and that in the comparatively few cases where really high class German Rollers were wanted the order would probably go to Germany as before (English breeders of Rollers ought to compete in these cases). It was agreed that the German common Canary was an unattractive bird, devoid of colour or smart appearance, and decidedly lacking in stamina. It was stated also that in normal times these common birds were dumped into London at 1s. 3d. per couple of hens, cage included; cocks, each in a cage, at from 3s. 3d. each. It was for this type of bird that I said, and still say, we cannot compete, and do not want to compete. Mr. Claude St. John's figures and statements do not exactly fit the case. I am not an expert on the Roller Canary, but I have purchased Roller Canaries bred by English fanciers at 10s. and 15s. each that were fully equal in song to birds the Germans were quoting at 21s. and 30s. each. These birds were sent abroad, and gave the greatest satisfaction.

It is not a question of patriotism. It is simply a business proposition to produce a good looking, strong, healthy Canary (much preferred, so the expert dealers tell us) to take the place of the common German Canary, fifty per cent. of which die before they are 12 months old.

In my opinion what genuine Rollers are required can be, and are, produced by English breeders at prices that easily compete with the Germans. As regards other varieties, experts have informed the committee that there is an enormous demand for English Canaries at good prices. A limited number of customers require show specimens for which they are prepared to pay high prices. The majority require, not a nondescript bird, but a fair Norwich, Yorkshire, Border, or Crested Canary, and are quite satisfied with the song of these birds.

Therefore I said, and still say, "Produce a fairly good bird, and a good songster, and you will get your price." In breeding such birds the breeder will undoubtedly breed many smart looking birds that will sell readily at a good price. The remainder, if the breeder is unable to dispose of them locally, dealers have told the committee they are willing to purchase in normal times at from 7s. to 10s. a pair (at the present time the prices they are willing to pay are much higher).

The English breeder can and does produce better and stronger birds than the German, and can probably offer them at a lower price than the German quotes for his second and even third quality birds. What the English breeder has to do is to produce them in much larger numbers, for up to the present the supply has not equalled the demand. To help willing men to breed such birds is a pleasure, but I could not honestly advise any man to breed common Canaries to sell at the lowest prices quoted in the past by the Germans, for I know that his time, like mine could be more profitably occupied. J. W. RAMSDEN.

Hand-rearing Woodlarks.

SIR,—Replying to "Woodlark," I may say that I have kept Woodlarks for years, and there is something to admire in their little ways of showing their joy and pleasure at their owner's attentions, and I enclose the recipe of a food that I hope will be all he needs:—1 measure of crissel ground fine to powder, 1½ each of ants' cocoons, dried flies, and hard-boiled egg, and 10 measures of dog biscuits ground in machine. The whole should be well mixed up, and enough for each day moistened with carrot, scraped with a clean knife, chopped watercress, lettuce, or water. The above food will keep if kept dry.

W. AUBREY.

Goose Grease as a Cure for Feather Plucking.

SIR,—In this week's issue of CAGE BIRDS I notice an article by Mr. Edwin Wilcock, New Lawley, in which he gives a good cure for feather plucking in Parrots, but he states that he failed through want of goose grease to complete a cure. If he will give me his full name and address I will send him a one lb. jar of goose grease, free of charge.

BIRD LOVER.

[We have communicated Mr. Wilcock's address to our correspondent, with thanks for his kindness in making the offer. It is pleasing to note the good fellowship prevailing among our readers, and their willingness to grasp any opportunity of conferring kindness.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Rearing and Colour Feeding Canaries.

SIR,—The lecture by Mr. J. F. Park, published in last week's CAGE BIRDS is so highly interesting that I crave your indulgence to ask Mr. Park if it is his own experience that Cinnamon-coloured young can only be got by using a cinnamon hen and a cinnamon-bred cock. As Mr. Park is satisfied that young showing Cinnamon feathers can be bred from parents without any cinnamon blood in their veins, and that they are hens, can he say if it is possible to breed green-marked young from pure Cinnamon-blooded parents? If so, would the green-marked birds from this mating be cocks or hens?

LOVER OF THE CINNAMON.

Bullfinches Breeding in Captivity.

SIR,—I have been given to understand that Bullfinches will not breed in captivity, but I am pleased to say I have bred three from five eggs. Two of the eggs were punctured. The first young one was hatched on June 18 and the third on June 20. I have the Bullfinches in a back-yard aviary along with four Brambling-finch, and the cock Bullie is assisting in feeding his offspring. I may state that I am only a novice at the fancy, and keep the birds to look at only.

"JUST LUCK."

[It is not at all unknown for Bullfinches to breed in captivity, while, of course, Hybrids between other British finches and the hen Bullfinch are to be seen at all our shows.—Editor.]

A Nest in a Shell Hole.

SIR,—My nephew, Sergt. N. S. Price, sometimes sends me notes about bird life as seen in the trenches, and I think the last received from him is worth sending to CAGE BIRDS. The following is an extract from his letter:—

"Having seen something which was interesting in the extreme, I thought I would relate to you the whys and wherefores of it. This morning while on fatigue I was searching for nose caps and while looking into a shell hole, about three feet across, a bird (Lark) flew from almost under my feet. Looking down I saw there was a nest built between two big thistles. It contained three young and one egg, but I didn't touch the egg at all, so I don't know whether that was added or not. It was dark with black markings."

F. J. DAY.

So Near and Yet So Far.

SIR,—In quite a small enclosure in my garden (about 5ft. by 3½) I have a pair of Chaffinches, the cock is a fresh caught bird. Very soon after he was put in the hen built a beautiful nest in the covered in part up near the roof, laid, and sat well, but I did not know when she started to sit; I missed her, and on searching found that she was sitting. The other day I found three young dead on the ground, about a day old, and on looking into the nest found one dead youngster there and no eggs, so all must have been fertile. I had supplied soft food and seed, but if I had given live insects no doubt she would have fed them. I should like to have reared them, as I suppose it is rather uncommon to breed Chaffinches in such a small place. I have bred other British birds and several foreigners in cages or small aviary, but not Chaffinches before.

F. J. DAY.

The Artful Blackbird and the Deluded Worms.

SIR,—A friend of mine had a curious experience some time ago. Looking from his window on to the lawn he saw a Blackbird hopping down the side of the flower bed, digging his beak into the grass as he was going along. When he had finished one side, he crossed over to the other and repeated the actions. My friend wondering what all this meant went to the spot and found at intervals worms had come to the surface. Did this constant picking in the grass resemble rain falling, and induce the worms to come up?

CURIOSITY.

Reported Occurrence of the Cirl Bunting in Ireland.

SIR,—With reference to the Cirl Bunting depicted in CAGE BIRDS, of June 3 inst., Constable Joseph Morton, of Kilmallock, captured on June 1, in the stables of Messrs. Suttons near the town, a strange bird, never before seen in the locality. I saw the bird, and from the resemblance to the Cirl Bunting in your picture, and also to the bird in your coloured supplement "British Birds," which I have, I am quite certain that the bird caught by Constable Morton is a Cirl Bunting. The head is marked with black lines running from the beak to the poll, the rest of the colour of the head being yellow. The back is reddish brown, the breast and sides and over the tail are the same colour, but richer, and underneath the tail is yellow. Beak sharp pointed, but broad at the base and dark coloured. Eyes large, prominent, and very black. Some years ago, whilst driving on the road towards Rathkeale, in this county, I saw a similar bird perch on the hedge, but I never before or since, until the present one turned up, saw a similar bird. So Ireland along with the other things it has, has more than once, I believe, been visited by the Cirl Bunting.

W. M. CARROLL.

This letter we sent to our British Bird expert, Mr. Norman, and his answer was to the effect that the description fitted almost exactly the Yellowhammer, and that our correspondent was probably mistaken in thinking the bird to be a Cirl Bunting, especially as he had not mentioned the black patch on the throat and upper breast which is so striking a feature in the Cirl Bunting. We communicated this reply to Mr. Carroll, and published it in full in our query columns of last week. Further, we sent to our correspondent a full description of the plumage of the Cirl Bunting, and his reply is appended. Perhaps some other reader in the neighbourhood has seen the bird, either before its capture or after its escape, or it may be that it will be retaken. In either case we hope particulars will be sent us. We believe that, as stated in the inscription to the picture which has given rise to the correspondence, the Cirl Bunting has only once previously been noted in Ireland.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.

SIR,—Your letter of June 19 received, I regret extremely that owing to the tampering with the cage in which the alleged Cirl Bunting was confined, by a little boy of Constable Morton's, who had the bird, it got away, so I cannot verify what the bird was from the detailed description given in your letter, and Mr. Norman's description. That the bird was not a Yellow Bunting I am quite satisfied, as I know a Yellowhammer as well as I know a common House Sparrow. The bird had the black patch on the throat mentioned by Mr. Norman, and rather whitish yellow patches on each side of it. Of course the bird having escaped, I cannot examine it as to the tail feathers, but the description you give of the crown, nape and sides of neck would suit the bird. As I mentioned before, I never saw a similar bird, except on one occasion, and in that case it was flying wild, having just perched on a hergerow whilst I was passing. Others who saw the present bird declare they never saw a similar one, but the Yellowhammer is very common here, and the bird in question was not a Yellowhammer.

W. M. CARROLL.

A further letter from Mr. Carroll is as follows:—

SIR,—Your letter to hand, I shall be pleased that you do as you suggest in your letter of the 24th inst. about the Bunting. I was cycling through the country yesterday (Sunday) and came on several pairs of Yellowhammers, intent on providing for their young, or on courtship bent, but they were Yellowhammers pure and simple.

I am very sorry that the bird escaped, as I'd have sent it to you direct to inspect it. We are on the look out for it around here with a view to catching it again. The interest you have shown in the matter proves you the right man in the right place, and I wish you and CAGE BIRDS both long and successful careers.

WM. CARROLL.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 367.)

An Exemplary Sire.

SIR.—Living on the American side of the "Herring Pond," I have only just seen "CAGE BIRDS" of May 13, and I see therein that Mr. T. Williams thinks it is unusual for a cock bird to share with the hen the duties of incubation. I will say it is what any ideal cock bird should do. I have a hen sitting at present, and every time she leaves the nest to stretch her legs and get a drink the cock takes her place on the nest. Every ideal cock should take care of the hen while on the nest, assist in feeding the young, and attend to them entirely for two weeks after the hen has gone to nest the second time. Some inexperienced cocks will fight the hen when she leaves the nest until she returns and then feed her, but these are not what I call ideal helpmates. Other cocks will not help in feeding the young, but stand and "play Indian" and look on.

DAVID O'BRIEN.

San Francisco.

A Jealous Cockatiel Belies the Reputation of His Species.

SIR.—In October, 1914, I purchased a pair of Cockatiels, and immediately placed them in a garden aviary containing Budgerigars. There they nested, but unfortunately, the hen after laying three eggs died from egg binding. From that time the cock bird remained unmated in the aviary till on May 4 this year I procured through an advt. in "CAGE BIRDS" another hen for him. From October 17, 1914 onward the Budgerigars had hatched freely, and the Cockatiel never molested in the slightest degree either the adult Budgies' young or nests.

The recently bought hen Cockatiel soon mated, laying her first egg on May 25 last. As soon as the sitting commenced, trouble began. The cock Cockatiel selected for attack, apparently without cause, the only Budgerigar that at the time had a nest of young and eggs, and he so maltreated her that she neglected her nest, and the young in consequence died. I then put the poor maltreated hen Budgie in a separate cage, which I placed in the aviary; but so great is the venom of the Cockatiel that his one object seems to be to get into the cage to continue his attacks. At the same time he does not show the slightest animosity towards any of the other Budgerigars in the aviary. Can any of your readers explain such pugnacious conduct on the part of a species having the reputation, as I believe, of extreme gentleness? Or, have any had a similar experience?

W. KEMPT.

Two Kinds of Virginian Cardinals.

SIR.—Like your correspondent, Mr. H. D. Astley, I also wondered what bird Dr. Hanson referred to in his recent interesting letter, and I came to the conclusion that the "Virginian Cardinal" he remembered was the very distinct species, also called "Virginian" by the very clever people who inflict on us scientific names, but which really inhabit the valley of the Colorado and Lower California. Its scientific name is *Cardinalis virginianus igneus*. It is a darker bird, has a longer tail, a stouter beak, and can be easily identified by the almost complete absence of the black face-mask. On thinking the matter over, however, I decided that he must have confused the Virginian "Redbird" (American popular name for this Cardinal) with another "Redbird," found in much the same localities, and also a sweet singer. This latter is a Tanager (*Piranga rubra*); it is all red, but has no crest.

The two species are frequently confused in the Southern States. For instance, in a seven-penny novel which is to be found on all book-stalls at railway stations, called "The Song of the Cardinal," there is an allusion to a local saying that, when the Cardinal says "Wet, wet," there will shortly be rain. But a popular work not before me ("Our Bird Neighbours") declares that it is the Tanager, and not the Cardinal, which repeats this note.

For the English aviculturist, however, there are only two races of Virginian Cardinal—the larger, darker bird, which nests and (frequently) winters in the Southern States, and the smaller, brighter bird caught in, and exported from, Mexico. The former is the bird which used to be imported, and has a very sweet song; the latter is the bird which is imported nowadays, and is not nearly such a good singer. I pointed this out in "Bird Notes" a long time ago, and a few years since I asked the opinion of Herr Fockelmann, of Hamburg, who in the past thirty years has imported many thousands of these Cardinals. He replied that he had noticed the same thing, and also stated that, in point of hardiness and length of life in captivity the Southern Cardinal is notably inferior.

I notice that Mr. Astley seizes on this opportunity to make another protest against the

frequent use of abbreviations by fanciers. This time his protest is considerably watered down; he only suggests "indolence" on the part of Dr. Hanson. The remark he flung at me, which I recently quoted in your "useful publication," was that such abbreviations were "worse than a mistake—they were common." He asks what would have been the result had he written an article in "CAGE BIRDS" containing such abbreviations as "nets," "lows," and "tins." Well, I imagine that nothing very dreadful would have happened. I am nearly sure that our Editor would not have lost a night's sleep, and he might even have been grateful to Mr. Astley for saving space. Whether Mr. Astley would have made himself understood is another matter. Every aviculturist, however, understands the meaning of the abbreviation "Cale." Personally, I like the old English word "Nightingale," but most of my correspondents use the abbreviation, and I am never roused to wrath thereby. It never occurs to me to tell them that their literary style is "worse than a mistake—it is common"; if I did so I should expect them to regard me as a disagreeable person.

But the abbreviation which I used was not "Cale." It was the recognised popular name Blackstart, and I challenge any reader to say that the name Black Redstart "brings back to one all that is charming and beautiful" more successfully than the name Blackstart.

Mr. Astley's protest is one of those avicultural episodes which have amused me more than a little, and I think it will also amuse your readers, if I explain to them the true inwardness of the situation. Mr. Astley has described himself as a "country squire." A country squire, as we all know, does not usually devote much time to literature, and anyone who reads Mr. Astley's contributions to the "Avicultural Magazine" will probably come to the conclusion that literature is not one of his strongest points. Now, I am an ex-public schoolmaster and, however great my ignorance on the subject of birds, I certainly ought to know a little about English prose composition. In Mr. Astley's severe lecture to me on this latter subject there is therefore a faint suggestion of the process popularly known as "carrying coals to Newcastle."

Having been told that my literary style was "common," I, of course, did not expect to have the privilege of being asked to write for this particular magazine again, but, much to my surprise, only a very short time had elapsed when I received two requests from Mr. Astley for "copy"! I did not reply to these communications, and one would think that this would have been regarded by any ordinary person as sufficient indication that I did not wish to have anything more to do with the "Avicultural Magazine" under its present editor. Imagine, therefore, my surprise when I one day came across an advertisement in "your useful publication" announcing that I was one of its "constant contributors!"

Now, Mr. Astley has made his protest, so, in common fairness, I must be allowed to make a protest also. If I have occasionally used abbreviations, it is because I am a believer in the good old adage that "when one is in Rome, one should do as Rome does." I protest against those who, while calling themselves aviculturists, are too grand, too fastidious to use the homely language of their fellow aviculturists; who take no interest in "common" birds, but must have something more expensive and more fragile than their fellows; who write to the "Daily Mail" claiming to have "one of the finest collections of birds in the country"; who insert descriptions and photographs of their moated houses in the "Avicultural Magazine"; who, in a word, set themselves on an avicultural pedestal. They are spoiling our hobby, one of the best features of which should be that it brings all classes together and makes them understand and like one another better.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

[While giving publication to the above letter as sent, we should like to say that Mr. Teschemaker seems in our view to be somewhat hypersensitive. We took Mr. Astley's remarks on the practice of abbreviating the names of birds as having a general application, not a personal one. Further we think that the very fact that Mr. Astley has twice asked Mr. Teschemaker for copy for publication in the "Avicultural Magazine" is in itself evidence of the appreciation Mr. Astley has of Mr. Teschemaker's ability to express his wide knowledge in proper language. This appreciation we are sure will be shared by all those who have had from time to time the privilege of reading in "CAGE BIRDS" articles from Mr. Teschemaker's pen.]

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THE REARING AND COLOUR FEEDING OF CANARIES.

A lecture given by Mr. J. F. Park to the members of the Vale of Leven C.B.C., and communicated by the hon. sec., Mr. A. H. McLean.

(Continued from page 353.)

WHILE the hen is sitting, the food should be of the plainest, the staple of canary seed, with a pinch of rape, is quite sufficient until a day before the eggs are due to hatch; a very small taste of egg food, or a bit of bread soaked in milk, may be given, but no green food.

On the thirteenth day, on a glance into the cage, one may see a half shell on the bottom, or, on listening closely, one may hear a little "cheep"; then we know there is some results from our efforts. We would not advise the fancier to disturb the hen in any way, but just have patience, and he will find out later on how many young the hen has got.

If he happens to catch the hen off, and sees a little yellow spot on the neck of the young, he will know the hen has given them a feed, and things are going on all right. A little hemp can now be added to the seed supply, and with fresh egg food supplied regularly in small quantities, and a little green food, the young ones will grow rapidly.

I might mention here that I make up my egg food with tea biscuits, having boiled the egg for fifteen minutes, and, when cold, chopped it up as finely as possible (the back of a fork will do when one has no egg mill). I grind five good tea biscuits to powder, and add the egg and one teaspoonful of sugar, the whole, when thoroughly mixed, is ready for use.

A Critical Period.

About the eighth or ninth day the young birds should begin to form their feathers, and there is always a little danger at this period, but provided that all goes well, and they get on all right, I would recommend that they get a clean nest, as if this is left until later they are apt to be disturbed, and leave the nest too soon. At about two weeks old they are strong enough to be about, and on the sticks, but they should be kept snug and warm in the nest as long as possible.

A whole lot could be said about the hen's second laying, etc., but we want to say something about moulting, and I propose to consider this from the point of view commonly known as colour feeding, and which is much more interesting than the simple annual changing of clothes.

The question of what is colour, and how it is produced, has engaged the attention of fanciers for a long time. New plumage, in the early stage, is not feather, but only the little tubes, or quills, in which the blood circulates, and which eventually develop into feathers. This leads us to believe that the colouring matter must be deposited through the blood, and in bygone days many different things were tried in order that this improved colour might be got.

As a result of varied experiments it has been proved that certain foods affect colour to a certain extent. If the feeding then is the secret of colour, what is the "natural" colour of the Canary? If by reason of habit (a habit which has been handed down) we feed during the moult, as at other times, on canary seed, etc., when the bird is confined in a cage, and has no other choice of food, we get the colour which is pale, and is generally known as "natural" colour.

How are we to prove that that is the natural colour of the bird? Is not the word unnatural wrongly used, for how can a colour which has been improved by feeding be called unnatural? We must, of course, admit that nearly all the food supplied by us to the bird is artificial, for where in its natural or wild state could a Canary get hard-boiled eggs, for instance?

I maintain that if we give a choice of foods, and the birds partake of a proportion of something which improves their colour, it cannot be called unnatural, though it may be unusual.

Colour Feeding in the Old Days.

I have not heard or read of anyone who has claimed to be the originator of this colour-forming food. There is a story that it was first found out by a lady giving her singing bird, which was unwell, some cayenne pepper with its food, and the bird, being in the moult at the time, began to show the effects in its new feathers. A friend, noticing these feathers, asked her what she had been giving her bird, and, having found out, he carried the experiment further. Be that as it may, the history of the early effects of colour feeding would take up too much time.

Away back in 1871 colour-fed birds were put on the show bench, and were looked upon with suspicion as having been "faked." Birds shown at the Crystal Palace Show in February, 1872, by Mr. Benrose, of Derby, led to some trouble, but in the year following he made his secret of feeding known, and when it was explained to the Fancy (through

the "Journal of Horticulture"), in December, 1873, that it was nothing more than capsicum or cayenne pepper, most people did not believe it. The wonder is that it had not been discovered sooner, for it had long before that been recommended medicinally.

Well, now, having satisfied ourselves that we are going to colour feed our birds, we turn our thoughts back to them, and we look to our flight cage, where our young ones are now about eight weeks old, and by this time it will be necessary to put them on the feed. Some breeders single them out, and put them singly into small cages or moulting boxes, but the breeding cages which we have been using will do all right.

I like to moult them in pairs better than singly, for I find they then take their food better, and thrive better. The trouble about moulting a lot together is the habit of plucking, which some of the youngsters develop. We have to take care that birds, especially those promising ones we hope to show, are not plucked, or have their flight feathers soiled or broken, as, of course, they do not moult these in the first moult.

How to Prepare the Colour Food.

To prepare the colour food I make up the egg as already said, only adding one extra teaspoonful of sugar, as sugar is helpful to their feathers, and I begin with one teaspoonful of the colour food. Several makes are on the market, but they are really very much alike.

When you buy a 1lb. tin, say, of colour food, or cold pepper, as it may be called, really prepared capsicum, it is a good plan to turn some out on a tray, and add, say, two ounces of hot Natal pepper. This small proportion gives a gentle heat to the food. A little fine salad oil, some fanciers prefer cod liver oil, might also be added, and when all have been thoroughly mixed put it back in tin ready for use. Then add one teaspoonful of this colour food to your egg food, and each bird should be allowed a teaspoonful per day, or this quantity per head when several are in one cage.

Gradually increase the strength of the food by adding more colour until it reaches four teaspoonfuls to the egg, and keep at this strength until the birds moult on the head, or go on until the moult is finished.

Some fanciers take away the seed while the birds have the colour food in the dishes, but I have not found this necessary, and do not believe in it. If the birds are healthy and the food rightly made, there will be little trouble in getting the birds to take it.

Do not give the birds green food while on the colour food, but at intervals a little linseed should be given to add lustre to the feather. If the birds are not keen on eating it, a little can be added to the colour food in the form of linseed meal, but see that it is fresh, one tablespoonful to the egg.

When Moulting Time Comes.

When the birds are getting on with the moult a small bit of sulphate of iron, about the size of a hemp seed, should be dropped in the drinking water every other day, and clean water on other days.

A quick moult is always desirable to produce the best results; it shows the bird to be in a healthy state, as the same amount of vital force which enables the bird to throw off its old coat produces the new one.

During the moult it might be well to hang a thin muslin curtain in front of the cages, as it serves the double purpose of keeping off the strong light and keeping the birds clean. The whole moulting should occupy nearly two months, and a big proportion of this time is occupied in moulting the head. A long time after the body moult is done the head and neck will still have to moult, and round the eyes a light ring can be seen; until this is finished the colour feeding must be kept up.

It may appear strange to some that one bird in a nest along with some others, which have all been fed exactly alike, and which has been seen to eat its full share of the colour food, has shown little or no colour. This is a weakness, and the bird would have shown it in the same degree on plain feeding. The deposition of colour is proof of its possessing its functions, and in healthy order, and by giving the food as said we find out the birds which have not the capacity of producing colour.

Capsicum feeding, then, instead of being something which is to hide defects, really becomes a good guide to us, indicating the strength and character of the birds, and helping us to select our breeding stock, which are likely to carry out to a practical issue the theory of like producing like in regard to colour.

Questions having been invited, Mr. Park answered the same in a manner that the merest novice could readily understand. Mr. A. Maxwell, of Partick, one of the most prominent Norwich Plainhead Canary breeders in the West of Scotland, stated that he was thoroughly pleased with Mr. Park's remarks, and heartily endorsed the advice given, and a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AS A NORWICH CANARY BREEDER.

By G. W. SAUNDERS (Haslemere.)

An old hand at Canary breeding gives some advice on how to build up a strain of winning Norwich that should be useful to novices, and some others.

I HAVE been a lover of birds for a good many years, and still have recollections of the time when, at about eight years of age, I kept a hen House Sparrow for two or three months during one very cold winter, and then let it have its liberty when the weather got warmer.

But it was about twenty-six years ago when I first commenced to breed Canaries. I had a very bad start, for I bought a cock bird from one man and a hen from another. The hen died egg-bound. I bought another, and that also died during the process of laying.

I had been told by a friend that one never could breed Canaries the first year of trying. Of course, we had no birdy paper like CAGE BIRDS at that time to tell us differently, and where I was living I knew only one bird fancier, and he was one of the "never breed Canaries the first year" men.

Still, I paid another modest three shillings and got another hen, a foul green mixture sort of bird, and from that hen I bred three youngsters. Of course, I really thought I had done something clever in breeding young Canaries the first year of trying. Not only that; I also thought they were real champion Norwich.

The next year I bred nineteen youngsters; I may say I didn't make a fortune out of them, for as I was moving I sold the lot, except one cock bird, at the big sum of two and ninepence each.

Suspended Animation.

Though I had to dispose of my birds I still had the birdie fever a bit bad, and after a year or two I was again able to try my hand at breeding Canaries. It was about that time that I went to live at Sutton, Surrey, and I there made the acquaintance of that well-known Norwich fancier, P. J. Muscutt.

Being an old Northampton fancier and exhibitor, he was well in the know about the ins and outs of the breeding and exhibiting of the chubby ones, and I should like to say I learnt more from him than from any other fancier I know. He put me on the right road by the advice he gave me, also by selling me a decent pair or two of birds to make another start in breeding.

At that time he used to show at the Crystal Palace shows, and I used to go with him. Several of the old hands would get together and discuss the merits and defects of this or that bird, where this bird beat that one, and so on. This little novice used to hang on right behind with ears open, and perhaps mouth as well, so that I should not miss anything that was said; then in my little way I used to weigh the lot up, and by so doing I learned a lot which helped me in my hobby.

I think that a good show is the place for a novice to learn. If he is willing to keep quiet and know nothing, I'll bet he will soon learn what a bird should be like, but I am very much afraid there are novices of to-day who know, or think they do, more than the old hands who have been at the game for a long time.

The Luck of the Beginner.

It was in 1901 I exhibited at my first show, that was at Caterham Valley. I sent two birds, a yellow and a buff cock, both competing in the same class. It was a fifty shilling limit show. I find, on looking up the catalogue of that show, that the well-known judge, Mr. T. Heath, who judged the Norwich at the late L. and P.O.S. show, was also judge at my first venture.

Being my first time out, I am afraid I was, like many others had been before me, rather excited, especially as friend Muscutt had told me he reckoned I should beat him, so after leaving work I rushed home, didn't stay long for tea that night, and it was not long before I was on my bicycle and doing that seven miles to Caterham.

Only those that have had the "bird fever" very bad know what it is like; it takes a bit of getting rid of. But once in the show I soon found the birds (it was a mixed show), and, what's more, I found one of my birds was first and special, and the other yhc, and in a class of twenty Norwich. What did I feel like? Why, it was one of the proudest moments of my life, especially as I had beaten a Palace winner belonging to friend Muscutt, but I had bred it from a pair he sold me, so a lot of credit was due to that fancier. Alas, next day I received a notice from the secretary, Mr. Kilby, to say my winning bird had been claimed. Well, that was a little set back to me, but I had the pleasure of supplying four hens to the lucky purchaser.

From that time I have every year but one

bred and exhibited my favourites, the chubby ones. I have been fairly successful on the show bench. I was told the other day that to be successful on the bench one must needs have a long pocket to buy the winners, and I may say if that had been correct I should never have been able to have managed it, for I always breed my own winners, and sometimes other fanciers' winners as well.

Of course, we welcome the fanciers with a long pocket, and we cannot do, and don't want to try to do without them. I only wish to point out it is not necessary to buy your winners, for if one is a real fancier with a certain amount of grit or a certain amount of staying power, coupled up with a good dose of birdie fever, I feel certain he will come out on top at times.

Make Haste Slowly.

I was speaking to one of our well-known judges some years ago at one of the shows, and he said to me, "You are doing very nicely with your birds, now keep gently on as you are going." I think that was good advice to a novice, for as novices we are rather inclined to want to go too fast, trying to run before we can walk.

As I am penning this in the hopes of helping the novice (I don't profess to be able to teach the old hands anything, though there are none of us but can learn something from one another), I would say, first get to know what a Norwich Plainhead should be like; visit the shows; don't fancy you know enough or know more than the champions; hang on behind and listen to the criticisms on the birds, and I can promise that you will hear plenty of that, as a rule, at our shows. What you don't know, and cannot find out without asking, ask some fancier, or the judge if he is about, to explain to you. I know by experience they will be pleased to tell you what you want to know.

If you find your birds are far from the mark, then I would advise you to go to a reliable fancier and get him to fit you up with a good pair or two of stock birds. But first of all find out if he breeds his own winners, for if he cannot breed his own winners it is very certain he cannot sell you birds for you to breed yours.

Do not think you are going to buy good, sound, reliable stock birds at the price of song birds, or you will be mistaken. Pay a fair price for a pair or two of real good stock birds, and then you may expect to breed something decent to look at.

One big mistake some novices make is in having too many pairs of half-raters. My advice to those is, clear out most, or all, except, perhaps, a pair or two which have been proved to be good feeders, as they may be useful. It is not number we want in our rooms, but quality.

Type and Quality All-Important.

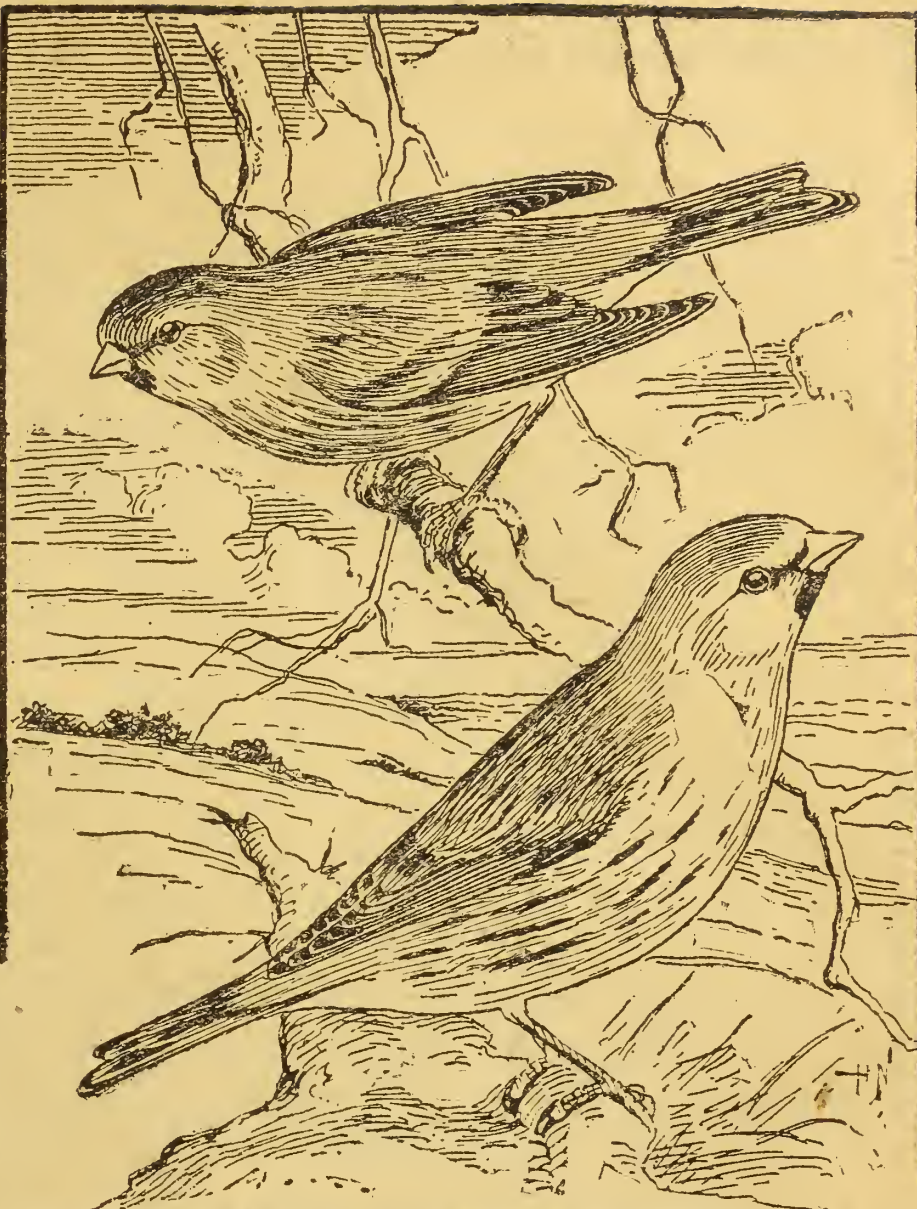
I am a stickler for type and quality, and would like to advise the novice to keep type and quality well to the front. Size is all right when you have type and quality with it, but without the real Norwich type and quality of feather size will not often get you the red ticket which we all like to see on our own cages at the shows. I was speaking to an exhibitor at the late L. and P.O.S. show, whose birds were a bit down in the prize list, and he said, "I can see where I have made a mistake. I have bred only for size."

If I wanted to stamp type into my stock I should pick out two or three pairs of birds which excelled in type, and in breeding from those I should expect to stamp the proper Norwich type into my stock. I have proved this in the building up of my own strain of Norwich, for when once we have the proper Norwich type fixed in our birds then we can increase the size.

To keep up the size I usually mate up a pair or two of the largest birds I have, and they generally breed me one or two large stock cock birds, and sometimes a show bird.

Some fanciers will tell us the way to breed show birds is to use a large cock and small hen; others say medium sized birds, and some will have large birds. As so much depends, however, upon how and what the birds are bred from, I myself do not think that one can make a hard and fast rule, though I certainly have a leaning to the large cock and medium sized hen, as my experience has been that the small or medium sized hens prove the best feeders, but I have bred winners from all the three different matings.

I was once asked what I considered the hardest point to breed and maintain in the Norwich Plainhead. I replied that my ex-



LESSER AND MEALY REDPOLLS.

These charming British birds are great favourites both as pets and as exhibition birds. The Lesser Redpoll (the top bird in our picture) is resident with us all the year round, but the Mealy is only an Autumn-Winter visitor, sometimes coming only in small numbers, and in other years in immense flocks. It is better known in the North of England and in Scotland than in our Southern counties.

perience had been that the hardest point to breed was a good bold head, a head with a good entrance, full cheeks, and with a nice rise from the beak.

As the pairing of the birds correctly is very important, and I should say the most important part in breeding good birds, I should like to advise any fancier, if he does not quite understand the art of pairing to the best advantage, just to ask some kindly fancier who does know to give him a hand at the job; it will pay to do so.

To improve the heads in my little stock, I pair two or three pair of birds together which excel in head properties. Instead of looking at my stock, and saying to myself, "Now, G. W., you have three or four cock birds and three or four hens which have all got good heads, and you have others that fail a bit in head, and you must make them go as far as you can by putting those with good heads with those that fail a bit," I should pair the best-headed birds together.

If they only breed me good-headed birds it would pay me, for the point is I am helping to stamp good heads into my stock, and a Norwich is nothing without a good head. The very first thing that catches the eye of the judge is the head and front of the Norwich, and if during the process of judging the bird gets put back because it fails in head properties, it would take a bit of doing to get it up again into the first three. Nothing looks worse than a Norwich with a head on its shoulders about large enough for a Border.

I have not had much experience in double yellowing or buffing, so on that point I cannot speak. To keep up the colour in my stock I usually pair a clear to a marked or variegated bird, and I have found no difficulty in keeping up the colour in that way, but if I wanted to improve, and I had not got the right kind of bird to do it with, I should procure a yellow variegated green cock or hen, not the "Liverpool green," but a bronze green, as there are such birds to be had. I certainly should like to advise any fancier not to try the Lizard, for I think so doing would bring a lot of trouble into one's stock.

Then there are some that recommend the Crest-bred to improve the size of the Norwich. I should say don't use this either, for I think we have enough size generally in the Norwich at the present time, and our birds want a bit of pulling into shape.

A mistake some novices make is that when they are fortunate enough to breed a good bird, and they find that someone is after it with a tempting offer, very often they are induced to part with it, thinking that they have still got the parents and can breed another like it.

My advice is, don't part; those parents may never again breed you such a champion. If a novice wishes to keep his name well up in the prize list he will need to keep his best for some time. Better sell a few half-raters than your best, for by keeping the best you can improve your stock year by year. I can safely say, without boasting a wee bit, that that has been the rock on which I have been able to build my strain and breed a winner or two each year since I commenced exhibiting.

Keep your best until you have built up a strain of Norwich that you can always rely on to breed you some winners; then you can part with one or two now and again. Remember that winners are not bred in every nest, and if you sell your best at the start you must, if you think at all about it, know you are letting the best of your brains go out of your stock, and you cannot afford to do that in building up a strain of Norwich.

I have no need to go into the feeding, etc., of my birds, but before closing these few rambling notes I should like to say again that if any fancier has the ambition to breed winners it can be done with the advice and help of CAGE BIRDS' staff of experts and other fanciers, who are always ready and willing to give advice if one is willing to learn. If these few remarks only help one novice I shall be satisfied, and I close in wishing CAGE BIRDS and all the staff good luck.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

P. J.—Answered by post.
STRAINED TOE (A. E. W.).—The bird has undoubtedly strained the toe a little, probably by too violent exercise about the perches, or possibly by getting a claw stuck in the wires and struggling to release itself. You should see that the claws are not overgrown, as this greatly increases the risk of these accidents. For treatment get two saucers side by side, fill one with fairly hot water, but well below the scalding point, and dissolve in it a small teaspoonful of boracic acid, and fill the other with cold water. Catch the bird and hold the foot in the hot water for a few minutes, then transfer it to the cold for a few minutes, and repeat these operations several times in the same order, being careful to finish up with the cold immersion. Wipe dry, and carefully massage the foot with a drop of some stimulating lotion, such as Elinman's, or even a drop or two of a mixture of equal parts of olive oil and whisky well shaken together. Repeat these operations once daily for a week, and see that it has well fitting and properly shaped perches.

GONE BLIND (Clydebank).—Sorry to disappoint you, but the bird is clearly suffering from cataract, and nothing whatever you can do will be of the least avail towards effecting a cure. Neither can I advise you to breed with it any more. It would, indeed, have been advisable not to breed with it this season, as there is a great probability of the progeny being predisposed to the trouble. There is no real necessity to destroy the bird on account of this trouble, as it will live happily enough in its cage alone, and also probably sing more or less as soon as it gets accustomed to its changed condition. It would certainly live the full length of its days in spite of this affliction.

THREE IN ONE (Rainbow, Tottenham).—(1) It is extremely doubtful whether this bird will be of any use for breeding this season, but there is no reason whatever why she should not be a successful stock

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 134, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

bird next year. The cause of her sitting in the nest and getting no further was that the ovaries were not fully developed, and now the moult has set in there is no likelihood that there will be any further development this season. Your best course when she was sitting in the empty nest was to have given her a small clutch of some common eggs to hatch out and rear the progeny if she would, which would have been a very likely circumstance. Now you cannot do better than keep her in a good-sized cage, in a comfortable place, and get the moult over as completely as possible, and after that keep her on a fairly plain dietary for the rest of the winter. About the middle of next February begin to feed her rather liberally, and give a regular supply of young dandelion stools and seed heads as soon as you can get them, and keep her near to some young and vigorous, singing cock. Then when the proper time arrives mate her with a lusty young cock in full song, and she may go to nest and complete the cycle in a normal manner. (2) Add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinking water of the hen with dandelion, and mix in the egg food a little rice powder. A teaspoonful of well-boiled summer rape daily will also help to correct it. (3) I should suspect the cock as being responsible for this repeated infertility. If the hen shows signs of going to nest again, although she has already done enough in ordinary cases, you might let her have another chance and mate her with a robust young cock that has been filling the eggs well.

COLOUR-FEEDING (Colour Feed).—You ought to have said how you have been feeding and treating the birds generally, then I may possibly have suggested some cause for the lack of results in your attempts at breeding. If you have not a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," get one from our Manager, 7d., post free, and direct its contents between now and next season, and you should be able to show a better record at the end of next year. As regards the colour feed thoroughly mix together a teaspoonful of the colour you name with two tablespoonfuls of the soft food you propose using to begin with, and give the birds a teaspoonful each daily of the mixture lightly moistened with a drop

or two of water. Begin to give this strength at the end of July two or three times a week to all the birds you are going to feed, whether they show signs of going into moult immediately or not, and as soon as they show any signs of the moult approaching give it daily, and as soon as feathers begin to drop increase the proportion of colour to three teaspoonfuls to each four tablespoonfuls of soft food, and a week later again increase it to a teaspoonful of colour to each tablespoonful of soft food, and continue with the latter strength until you see the new feathers beginning to come on the neck or head, then gradually reduce to the strength you began with, and finish off with that. It is best when using the food you propose to mix a quantity to last some little time, so that it can stand a little for the colour to thoroughly penetrate into the biscuit food. Keep it stored in an air-tight tin. If birds do not take to it as freely as you would like, add a slight sprinkling of maw seed after mixing for each feeding time. About half a pound of colour should be quite sufficient to moult four birds.

WILL THEY INHERIT? (Novice).—Whether the young you have managed to rear from the hen that has persistently "sweated" her progeny will inherit a predisposition to the same vice depends largely upon whether the vice is prominent in the strain from which the hen is bred. If this is so, then there is a great chance of the young being predisposed to it. But in a great number of cases this "sweating" is a mere accident arising from temporary conditions or environments, or management, and in such a case as this there would be no inherited taint. One cannot tell what vices, or virtues, for the matter of that, any given brood may be likely to inherit without knowing rather closely the history of their progenitors. All that could really be said definitely of these particular birds is that they will not necessarily be addicted to "sweating" their young, and if kept in good sound health and normal breeding condition they probably will not, unless there is a strong hereditary taint in the strain.

EFFECTS OF THUNDERSTORM (J. N. A.).—I do not think the thunderstorm would really have anything at all to do with the hens allowing the young to die. The incidence of the storm would be merely a coincidence. Judging from what you say about the cocks, I am inclined to think that they were already in very high condition, and the freshness and exhilarating after effect of the storm increased their vigour, and probably that of the hens also, with the result that the behaviour of the cocks quickly obliterated the broody instincts, which had already suffered somewhat in the excitement of the storm, and brought the hens into nesting condition again, with the natural consequence that they allowed the young to starve. Many hens will act in a similar way without any storm to condone their behaviour. Had the cocks been further away, out of sight and earshot of the hens, I should imagine the hens would have got over the little disturbance in a short time, and all would have gone on as usual in the course of a day or so. After this experience of your hen's idiosyncrasy it would be the best plan, if there is another brood coming along, to see that the cocks are well out of the hen's way during the process of rearing the young.

IS IT TOO LATE? (Unlucky).—If you could get a hen that is ready to begin nesting at once there is no reason why you should not try the cock with her. There is still time to pull off a brood with luck. You may treat the Yorkshire hen the same as advised to "Rainbow, Tottenham (1)" in this issue, and possibly with a little more patience she may do something yet.

YOUNG DYING (Matthews, Ilford).—It is difficult to even hazard a guess as to the cause of young dying from the details you give. It would have been helpful if you had said whether the young had food in the crop when they died, and the condition of the nest, or, at least, the state of the evacuations of the young before death. There is really little fault to find with your feeding, except that you should scarcely give a "few lettuce leaves" at once. One moderate sized leaf in the morning and another in the afternoon, or the equivalent in other green salads, would be quite sufficient for a brood at a week old. As the cocks were removed with the previous broods try leaving them with the hens the next time, and give the egg food in moderate quantities only each time you give fresh, begin about the fourth day to give green food as indicated above, and vary the lettuce with seedy chickweed and flowering groundsel, begin with egg food composed of equal parts egg and bread crumb, and gradually bring it by the time the young are a week old to equal parts each egg, bread crumb and crushed sponge cake. If the hen seems to slack in her duties at once add to the drinking water ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pin for one-half of each day until she resumes her duties properly. Otherwise continue your present treatment and I see no reason why you should not succeed in rearing the young when they get to this age.

NORWICH COCK MOULTING (Ches.).—There is nothing materially wrong with your treatment, but you might with advantage make your staple diet a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, instead of two parts canary as now. The bird was doubtless more susceptible to the recent weather changes than its companions. Treat it the same as advised to "E.N." Jan. 22 issue, which will apply wholly to your case.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MULE MOULTING (Great Scot.).—It is undoubtedly very early for your Linnet Mule to commence to moult, but sudden changes of weather appear sometimes to affect these bachelor birds in this way. You had better keep him in the same room, and feed him as you would during the moult, that is, give a little mixed seed with his staple food, and a spoonful of egg food twice a week, unless you intend to colour-feed him, when he will require it daily. The seed mixture you mention is quite a good one, but you might add to it a little sunflower seed. (2) If you intend to try to breed exhibition Mule, from your Finches you will require for the purpose some really good Canary hens; these should be Norwich birds and yellow in colour. With these yellow hens you stand a chance of breeding a good yellow Mule, besides one or two richly coloured buffs. From Buff hens you would get nothing but buff Mules. Select the two largest hens for the Goldfinches, the two smallest ones you can run with the Redpolls. If you have big hens for these you will probably get a majority of unfertile eggs, and yet you want them of fair size or your Mule will come out on the small side, and will probably be useless for exhibition purposes.

HAND-REARING THE NIGHTJAR (T. M.).—I have never heard of any one hand-rearing the Night-jar, but I see no reason why you should not attempt it. Your chief difficulty will be of course the food, as they are purely insect eaters. I do not think you can do better than proceed on the usual lines in hand-rearing small softbills, that is by using the very best brand of insectile food, and adding to it at first a small portion of hard-boiled egg. Take a small quantity and make moist with fresh new milk, and feed the bird every hour, giving only a very little at a time; later increase the time between each meal. In addition to this food you must supply insects. The small green fly will do admirably for the first few days, then small caterpillars and winged insects, taking the wings off the larger ones before giving to the birds. Keep clean and warm. If you succeed in bringing them up I see no reason why they should not be kept in a suitable aviary with other softbills. (2) I believe snipe have been kept in captivity among the Waders at the Zoo, I have had no actual experience of them myself, but I should think they would be rather difficult subjects to meat off, on account of their peculiar method of feeding.

ABOUT REDSTARTS (A. Rutter).—Your young Redstarts will moult later on, but they will not show their full beauty of plumage until they get their spring and summer dress. Respecting colour feeding, this is quite a matter of taste, and although it darkens the breast colour somewhat, and gives it a more even tone, some bird lovers prefer them in their natural plumage. The colour food used is the same as supplied to Canary breeders, and is

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should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Hullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 134, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

that generally advertised by dealers in our columns. This should be mixed with the soft food, commencing with a small portion, and gradually increasing it to the required strength. Feed well during the moult, adding fruit to the soft food, and allow a big cage, and the bath on suitable occasions.

WHAT BIRD? (Brython).—It is rather difficult to identify birds from a written description unless the sender is very careful in giving full particulars. For instance, you say nothing as to the size of the bird, which of course of the first importance. The British bird that I find fits the nearest to your description is the Chaffinch, but possibly this bird is well known to you. It may not be a British bird at all, but some foreign species that has managed to escape.

WHO IS THE FATHER? (H. Scottney).—We have had evidence from time to time of Mules breeding with a Canary, but in your case the fact of the hen running with a cock Canary for some time throws doubt upon the parentage. The cock you say was away from the hen 15 days, but this would not prevent him being the father. I have known the germ to be dormant longer than this before maturing. You say the Mule feeds the hen and young; this does not prove that he is the father, only that in all probability he mated with the hen, and therefore thinks the young are his. It is anyway a doubtful case, but you should not be long in doubt. If the Canaries are clear, then the young should be clear, or nearly so. If the Mule is the father, the young are almost certain to be dark in colour, and this should show in the dark colour of the skin, so that you should be able to give a shrewd guess as to their parentage before they feather, and as soon as they feather there should be no doubt. If they should prove to be Mules, perhaps you will kindly send me a card.

BUILDING AN AVIARY (A. C. Westlake).—Corrugated iron, used alone, is not a desirable covering. The objections to it are that it is cold in the winter and hot in summer, besides sweating in damp weather; but, of course, at the present time when all kinds of building materials are so dear, I can understand your wanting to use it, and you can do so in the following manner. Put up your framework for the aviary, cover it with common roofing felt, and over that fasten the corrugated iron. I would also advise you to so arrange your framework that you will be able to board up the interior when wood is to be procured at a reasonable price. A couple of coats of paint on the corrugated iron will preserve it and somewhat modify the extremes of heat and cold.

BIRDS DOING BADLY (C. H. M.).—The unusually cold weather is the cause of your muling pairs not doing well. Hens that fail to nest or build and not lay, are quite common this season. Good food, such as a spoonful of egg and biscuit, mixed seeds, and wild food, is the best remedy, together with exercise and a free use of the bath. You may manage to get a good brood yet. There is still time.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PARROT IMPROPERLY TREATED (W. C.).—Owing to the improper dietary the bird has become in a heated condition generally. Bathe its feet in warm water containing a little borax. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and continue this for a month at least. If it shows any signs of weakness owing to the change, etc., give a little cod liver oil emulsion thinly spread on the biscuit, and put half a teaspoonful of chemical food in the drinking water twice a week, on such days as you are not giving the magnesia. It can have, in addition to what you are now giving, nuts and a little plain cake; the supply of fruit should be liberal. Do not omit to supply regularly grit and cuttlebone, and keep a chunk of wood in the cage for it to exercise its mandibles upon. It will gradually recover tone as the improved treatment makes itself felt. Report progress about six weeks hence.

PULLING ITS FEATHERS (F. A. F.).—We must hope this lapse is only temporary. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, so long as the bowels do not be-

come abnormally loose. Give a liberal supply of fruit daily (most Parrots eat sweet apple freely), any kind it will take. Give it a seed mixture of sunflower, oats, and giant canary seed, mixing with it half a pint of monkey nuts to each quart of the mixture. If it gets at all run down or thin, then lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food, except when giving the magnesia. Supply regularly cuttlebone and grit, also keep a chunk of wood in the cage for it to exercise its mandibles upon. You can also supply dry crusts, biscuits, and a little plain cake. The green food is quite in order. Continue to use the quassia spray, as some of the skin parasites can only be discerned by the aid of a microscope. Report progress in a few weeks.

PECKS ITS TOE (F. W. S.).—You must bathe the foot in warm water to cleanse it, dry with a soft cloth, and then anoint with Friar's Balsam; you must do this every other day till a cure is effected, and oftener if necessary. It should be caught and treated whenever the toe is bleeding. Put one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days lightly colour the water with chemical food. Supply as much seeding and flowering grass as the bird will eat. I presume the bird has continual access to cuttlebone and grit; if not, keep up a supply.

BUDGERIGARS AND CATS, ETC. (Eperance).—As to cats, I am afraid the only remedy is to put another lot of netting over the open roof portion of your aviary, twelve inches above the existing roof, of course you must close in sides and ends as well (1 to 1½ inch mesh netting will be fine enough); this will leave a space of twelve inches between the two lots of netting, and even if cats sit there it will not frighten the birds—a few rows of fine barbed wire above, resting on the top lot of netting would make very uncomfortable sitting quarters for the cats. Put magnesia in the water at the least sign of constipation till it yields. Re-pets loose indoors, I am afraid the only suggestion I can make is that you have wire-netting on a light wood framing fixed across the brickwork of window opening, then your pets would be safe and the window could be opened with impunity, and the cost of it would be very trifling indeed. If you do not do this you must keep them caged. Avadavats are Waxbills (get our Nutshell). The present value of Zebra Finches is 15s., and I should want to see the bird before sending my money at the price you name. No birds are cheap now, and very few are on the market, and you'll have to wait your opportunity to purchase. Zebra Finches, Avadavats, or Gold-breasted Waxbills would meet your case, but you would have to tame them. Keep caged at first and gradually train them to go in and out—only feed in cage, they always go there then to feed and roost.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 134, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BUDGERIGAR WITH SWOLLEN EYE (Miss D. C.).—Apparently this bird has been in a draught; avoid such in the future. Catch the bird and give it two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak from the end of a quill, and before releasing the bird bathe its eye with a tepid, dilute rose water and zinc eye solution, repeating this every other day till full relief has been given; once the bowels have been well opened, cease giving the castor oil, but continue to bathe the eye till the swelling disappears. Give unstinted supplies of seeding and flowering grass, and good sound seeds (canary, white millet and millet sprays), also cuttlebone, grit and water. While the trouble lasts lightly colour the drinking water with chemical food. Do not permit any constipation, at the least sign of this give a mild laxative at once.

YOUNG GREY PARROT (Staffy).—Your diet is quite satisfactory. As regards your other query, you may chance and fare worse; as you probably know, an unacclimatized Grey Parrot is a risky purchase. She, or he, whistles and mimics, the dog, and in like manner it will ultimately mimic the human voice. You cannot fix an age period when they should talk, individuals vary so considerably. Continue your present training methods, though its first utterance is quite as likely to be some word or name it has heard in conversation as what you have striven to teach it. Keep it where it will hear plenty of talk, and will have a share in your home life, yet not in a position where it will be continually scared by hurried movements. Personally I should keep the bird, as you have had it over two months and it remains healthy; power of speech to a greater or lesser degree should come in due course.

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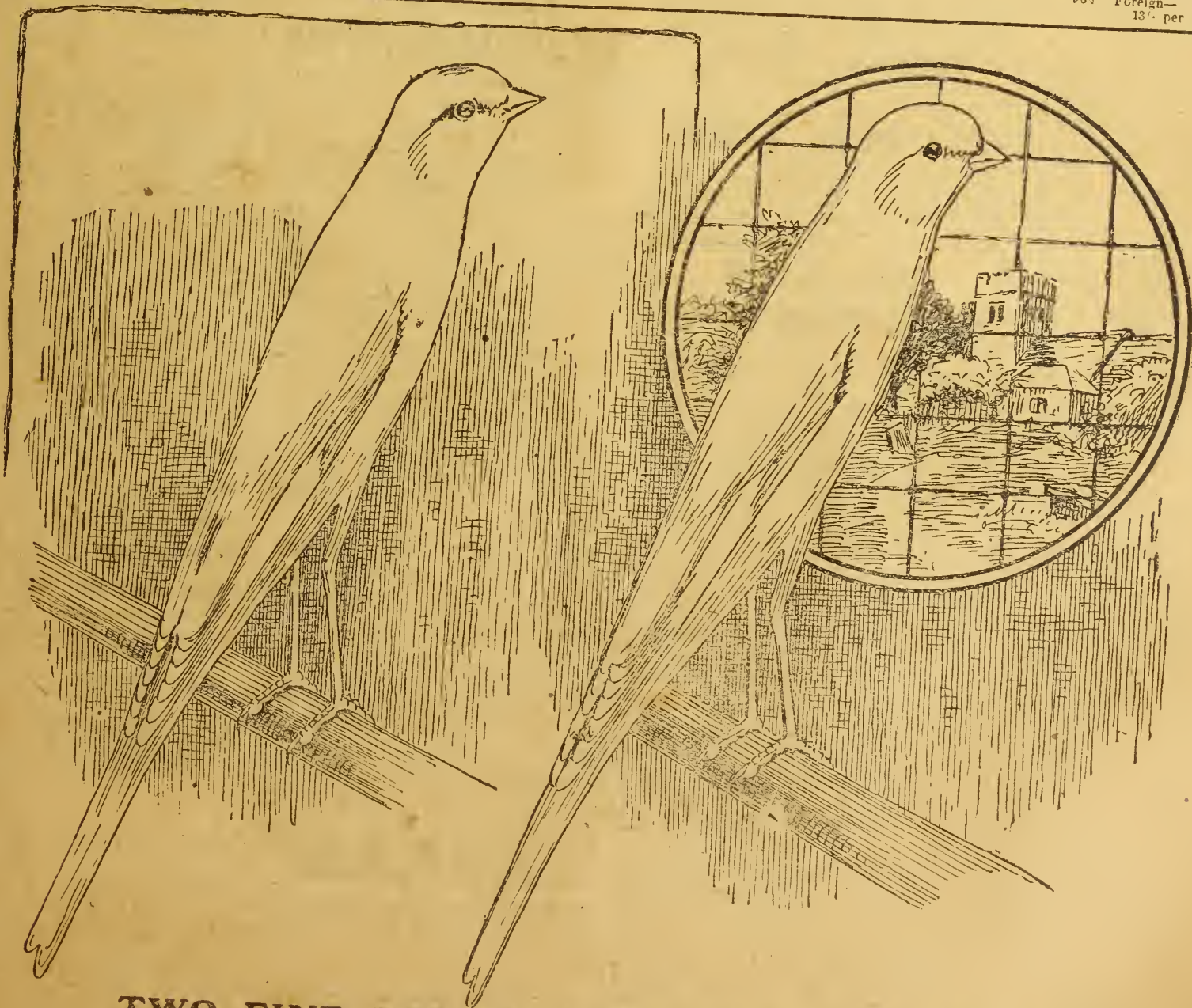
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PARROT CATCHING IN NEW ZEALAND.

THE New Zealand Kakapo, or Large Parrot, with all its credit for brains, allows itself to be caught in a very simple manner. In the dusk of the early dawn the Maoris, carrying tame Kakapos tied to long sticks, set off to hunt. These are the call-birds used to attract by their screams the large flocks of Kakapos flying overhead. While one Maori tethers the call-birds by the leg, and sets them screaming to the full extent of their lusty lungs, another cuts as many perches as there are men in the hunting party from the neighbouring bush. By means of flax bands these are lashed firmly to different parts of a little hut or where (in which the hunters secrete themselves), so as to act as perches for the unsuspecting birds. Each perch is so fixed that it can be drawn down into the where through the roof. On the perches are placed running nooses of flax, and when all is prepared, each Maori sits quietly within the where with his flax cord in his hand ready to pull at the right moment. The call-birds are then disturbed by means of a long stick, and presently a large flock of Parrots, hearing their cries, wheel down and settle with a great chuckling on the adjacent trees. One by one they settle on the perches of the where to hold converse with the call-birds, and when every perch is occupied a Maori gives the signal and the nooses are pulled. The hubbub of screaming and scolding as each perch with its captured Parrot is drawn down into the where can be best imagined.

"Kakapo" is the Maori name for the Ground, or Owl, Parrot of New Zealand, the word signifying Night Parrot. The bird is almost entirely nocturnal in its habits, and when it is not hiding in holes in trees or rocks, spends most of its time on the ground, hence its name the Ground Parrot. Its face is furnished with hairs and elongated feathers which give it something the appearance of an Owl, and these account for its name of the Owl Parrot. It is a brownish-green bird of the size of a Raven, and makes a most intelligent and affectionate pet in captivity, though it is said not to live long as a captive bird. It is somewhat curious to note that the note published above, and which has kindly been sent to us by a Canadian reader, states that large flocks "fly overhead," for it is pretty generally understood that the Kakapo is incapable of real flight, and that it is in danger of becoming extinct because of its incapacity for flight making it such an easy prey.—Editor CAGE BIRDS.

CLUB AND SOCIETY NOTICES.

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It must reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Aberdeen Amalgamated C.B.S.—July 7, Trades' Hall, Belmont Street, 8. To decide as to holding show; any other competent business; new members cordially invited.—R. J. Robertson.

Abertillery C.B.S.—July 8, Prince of Wales' Hotel, 6.30. Paying out prize money for F.F. show, and other important business.—Wm. Newell.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—July 13, New Meeting Room, Bodmin Street School, 8. Payment of N.F. show prize money, and discussion on colour feeding.—D. Havenhand.

Barry F. and F.S.—July 8, headquarters, 7.30.—H. P. Thomas.

Bolton Roller C.S.—July 11, Joiners' Arms, 7.30. Club business and return bowling match with Wigan.—Jos. Kishaw.

Bowling B.F.A.—July 8, Barley Mow Hotel, stage at 3. Members' show; judge, J. Bailey, Allerton.—J. Nicholl.

Bradford West C.B.A.—July 8, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Usual business.—F. P. Terry.

British Roller C.C.—July 11, Cock and Lion, Wigmore Street, London, W.—J. W. Norris.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 8, Flying Dutchman, 7.30. Electing stewards for members' show, July 15, and other business.—W. Helliwell.

Doncaster C.B.S.—July 8, Druids' Arms, Bentley, 7.30. Members who have not received a schedule for the second N.F. show please let me know.—A. H. Norman.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 11, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 7. Annual young bird show; judge, Mr. H. Norman.—W. Hodson.

East Ardley.—July 8, Black Swan. Members' show, staging 3; judge, Mr. J. Chambers, Leeds.—A. Walton.

East Ham F.S.—July 13, Central Liberal Club, opposite Town Hall, East Ham, 8 to 10.30. Balance sheet and report for half-year, etc.—W. A. Harwood.

Falkirk C.B.S.—July 8, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. To elect a Sec. in place of A. Rennie, who is joining the Army, and any other business.—John Moreland.

Garston B.B.A.—The raffle fixed for July 9 is unavoidably postponed till a later date. Members please rally to next meeting, July 19, to arrange date of raffle, and other important business.—R. T. Lonsdale.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—F. F. show, Grange Congregational Schools, All Saints' Road. Birds staged 2.30.—A. Firth. (Date not stated.—Ed.)

Gt. Horton O.S.—July 8, Station Hotel. Members' show; birds staged at 3 p.m.; judge, Mr. H. H. Towers; monthly meeting at 7.—B. Hainsworth.

Green Canary Association.—July 27. Patronage night; members please attend. Applications should be in before July 21; 4 Yorks. Green, 4 Nor., 4 Border. Full patronage, or any section as required. Subs. 5s., no asking for specials; will be pleased to give any information.—F. Handley, 23, Coventry Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 8, Colliery Hotel, 6.30. Entries for F.F. show, and other important business.—G. Vipond.

Keighley C.B.S.—July 11, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for show.—C. W. Town.

Larkhall C.B.A.—July 8, F.M.C.A. Halls, 7. Important business to be decided; so important that every member is requested to attend.—T. J. McGregor.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—July 12, Railway Hotel, 7.15. Mixed British show, 4d. a cage. Judge, Mr. W. Ordish. Birds staged at 7.30. Schedules and entry forms for N.F. show.—R. Charleson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—July 13, Oddham Hall; 8. Question night. July 15, Bunner's Cafe. Brownlow Hill, 2.30. N.F. show. Judges, Messrs. J. Abbott and R. Bratherton.—T. R. Jones.

London C.B.A.—July 13, Red Lion Hotel, 2, York Street, St. James', Piccadilly, W. 6. Young bird show and general meeting.—A. Wallington.

Morley C.B.S.—(Date not stated, Editor.) Shoulder of Mutton; Members' F.F. Show; birds staged 3.30. Judge, F. Fawcett, Guiseley.—B. Cook.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—July 12, Shields Cafe, Bigg Market, 8. N.F. show, 2 classes champions, 2 novices, ears and marked; orders for colour food received.—Robt. Havis.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Business important.—G. Mills.

Openshaw, Corton C.B.S.—July 12, 8.30. Room back of stage, Alhambra Theatre, Higher Openshaw. Gen. bus., schedule second nest, July 29; half-year subs. due.—A. W. Newton.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—N.F. show altered from the 15 to 29 July to suit members of both societies, as both South Moor and Pelton Fell happened to fall on the 15th. Special meeting, 8th July, 6.30, to select a judge.—J. Stanger.

Pontypool C.B.S.—July 15, Park Restnt. Hall, Commercial Street, 3. N.F. show, staged at 4. General meeting, July 22, headquarters, 7.—H. H. Vaughan.

Poplar C.B.S.—July 8, All Hallows Hall, Dunkeld Street, Poplar, 4. Young stock show. Judge Mr. J. Robson. Admission free. Fanciers welcome.—H. Prisman.

Rochdale O.C.—July 8, Club Room, Clarkes Place, 8.30.—Half-yearly meeting.—J. Butterworth.

Stratford, E. London F.S.—July 12, "Eagle," Chatham Road. Evening show in conjunction with Wansstead; 10 specials; four or more of any distinct variety form a class. Entries July 10 to A. Wasey, 18, Buxton Road, Stratford.

South Shields "Always Ready."—July 12, Hunt's Shop, Ocean Road, 7.30. Final arrangements for young bird show; new members invited.—Jas. W. Watson.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—July 8, Village School, Alexandria, 3. F.F. show. Judges: Canaries, R. H. Livingston; British, etc., A. Steel.—A. H. McLean.

Walkley C.B.S.—July 13, Mission Hall, Westmorland Street, 8. Table show in place of N.F. show prize money 3s., 2s., 1s.; 14 classes; 6d. cage.—C. Tomlinson.

Wallaseid Mid-Tyne Association.—July 12, Station Hotel, 7. Important N.F. show business and drawing up annual show schedule. New members joining will be able to compete at show.—G. Greenwell.

Wigan Roller Club.—July 8, Legs of Man Hotel, 6.30. Club business; arrangement for bowling Bolton Roller Club.—P. Greenall.

Wolverhampton N.P.S.—July 15, Duke of York. Postponed show; birds staged 8; annual Nest Feather.—W. Harrison.

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SHOWS.

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LEIGH C.B.S.

First Table Show of N.F. birds, June 23, with a good turn up of Nor. and Yorks. Messrs. R. Charleson and W. Ordish judged and their awards were well received. Nor. (20): 1, hc, Dawson; 2, Walkden; 3, vhc, Ordish; c, Collier. Yorks. (13): 1, hc, c, Spilby; 2, vhc, Charnock; 3, Walkden. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Walkden.—R. Charleson, Sec.

BLAENAVON C.B.S.

Young bird show, July 1, Crown Hotel. The room was all that could be desired. Palms and ferns were placed among the exhibits, thus setting the show off to advantage. Entries were not as good as we would like, especially in Norwich. G. Broome won silver rose bowl for most points (presented by Mr. W. May), also spl. best Bord.; C. S. Latham runner-up. R. Cooney won spl. for best Yorks. with a promising youngster of fine length. There was a good turn up of fanciers from the district, and the show was a financial success. Sixty-four birds faced the judge (Mr. J. Parfitt), and his awards appeared to give satisfaction.

Nor. (2): 1, Broome Bros.; 2, Gilbert. Cl. or Tkd. Yorks. (10): 1, spl., vhc, Cooney; 2, 3, c, Latham; 4, hc, Daniels. Mkd. (10): 1, vhc, Cooney; 2, 3, 4, Latham; hc, c, Daniels. Cl. or Tkd. Bord. (15): 1, c, Knapp; 2, 4, vhc, Broome; 3, hc, Lapworth. Mkd. (15): 1, spl. 2, 4, c, Broome; 3, vhc, Daniels; hc, Lapworth. Brit. (12): 1, Gilbert; 2, Knapp; 3, 4, c, Thomas; vhc, hc, Jones.—G. Broome, Hon. Sec.

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Champ. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, 4, hc, E. Dooley; 2, 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Taylor. Buff.: 1, Tansey; 2, 3, 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Green. York. Tkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, Tansey; 2, Taylor; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Dooley. Buff.: 1, 3, Wilkinson; 2, Taylor. Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, Turner; 2, Cook. Buff.: 1, Cook; 2, Green; 3, Turner. Tkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, 4, A. G. Smith; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, C. Green; hc, Mitchell. Buff.: 1, vhc, Cook; 2, c, Hayward; 3, 4, A. G. Smith; hc, Mitchell. Nor. Green Yell.: 1, Cook. Buff.: 1, 2, Hayward; 3, 4, Mitchell. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Goldbeck. Goldf. or Buff.: 1, 2, Fairhurst; 3, Shaw; 4, Green. Linnet: 1, Fairhurst; 3, Brown; 5, Mitchell. Greenf.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Shaw; 3, Turner; 4, Green. Siskin, etc.: 1, Fairhurst; 2, 4, Shaw; 3, vhc, Green; hc, Smith. Chaff. or Bramble: 1, 3, Turner; 2, Mitchell. A.O.V.: 1, Turner. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Turner. Mule or Hyb. 1916: 1, Smith; 2, Shaw. Amat. and Nov. Section—Lizard Gold: 1, 2, Millington. Silver: 1, 2, Moorby; 3, 4, Millington. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, Appleton; 2, Lane. Buff.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Lane. Tkd. Var. Yell.: 1, 2, 4, Lane; 3, Wilson; vhc, Johnson. Buff.: 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, Appleton; 3, Lane; 4, Johnson; hc, c, McTurrill. Nor. Yell.: 1, Lane. Buff.: 1, Lane. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Lane. Buff.: 1, 2, Lane. Mule: 1, Jones.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

Country Rambles. The second ramble of this season was held June 25, when an enjoyable half day was spent. Leaving Brighton at 2.10 for Falmer by train, we walked to the hills. Nests seemed scarce, or rather difficult to find, owing to the dense foliage. Yellow Buntings haunted us, but no find was recorded, and it was the same with the Linnets and Green-fiches. Reaching Plumpton V. several finds were made, with Blackbirds and Thrushes well to the front. Having enjoyed the fine view from the hill top the botanists amongst us commenced gathering a nosegay, and at the finish we all had "some." Then by way of Ditchling and Keymer we reached Hassocks, where we trained to Brighton, arriving home at 10 p.m., still ahead of darkness. The party included Messrs. W. Firth (Vice-Chair), J. Brown, H. T. Gibb, E. Loomes and Will H. Gibb (Sec.).

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MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES.

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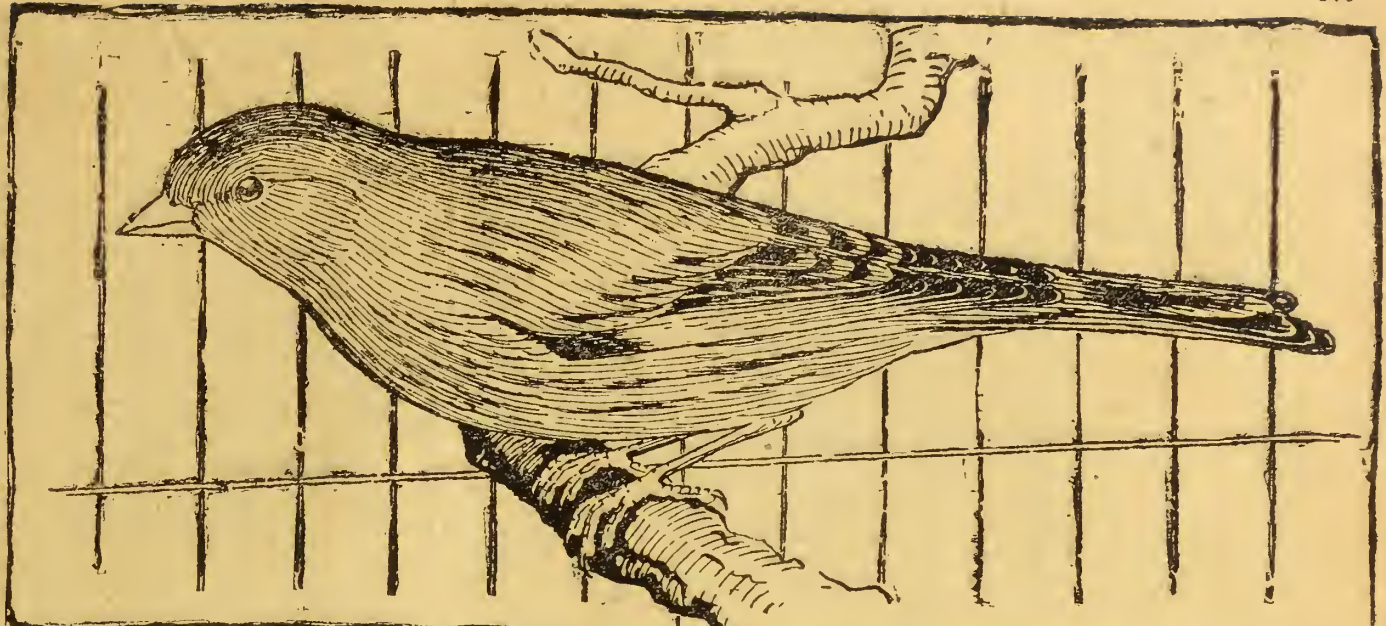
Champ. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, 4, hc, E. Dooley; 2, 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Taylor. Buff.: 1, Tansey; 2, 3, 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Green. York. Tkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, Tansey; 2, Taylor; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Dooley. Buff.: 1, 3, Wilkinson; 2, Taylor. Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, Turner; 2, Cook. Buff.: 1, Cook; 2, Green; 3, Turner. Tkd. or Var. Yell.: 1, 4, A. G. Smith; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, C. Green; hc, Mitchell. Buff.: 1, vhc, Cook; 2, c, Hayward; 3, 4, A. G. Smith; hc, Mitchell. Nor. Green Yell.: 1, Cook. Buff.: 1, 2, Hayward; 3, 4, Mitchell. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Goldbeck. Goldf. or Buff.: 1, 2, Fairhurst; 3, Shaw; 4, Green. Linnet: 1, Fairhurst; 3, Brown; 5, Mitchell. Greenf.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Shaw; 3, Turner; 4, Green. Siskin, etc.: 1, Fairhurst; 2, 4, Shaw; 3, vhc, Green; hc, Smith. Chaff. or Bramble: 1, 3, Turner; 2, Mitchell. A.O.V.: 1, Turner. Mule or Hyb.: 1, Turner. Mule or Hyb. 1916: 1, Smith; 2, Shaw. Amat. and Nov. Section—Lizard Gold: 1, 2, Millington. Silver: 1, 2, Moorby; 3, 4, Millington. Yorks. Cl. Yell.: 1, Appleton; 2, Lane. Buff.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Lane. Tkd. Var. Yell.: 1, 2, 4, Lane; 3, Wilson; vhc, Johnson. Buff.: 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, Appleton; 3, Lane; 4, Johnson; hc, c, McTurrill. Nor. Yell.: 1, Lane. Buff.: 1, Lane. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Lane. Buff.: 1, 2, Lane. Mule: 1, Jones.—J. Green, Hon. Sec.

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The LINNET-CANARY; a favourite cross with Hyb rid breeders. The bird depicted in the picture won 3rd prize at Clapham Show for Mr. C. G. Taylor, Cambridge.

The Ideal Yorkshire Green Canary. How to Produce It.

A Lecture delivered to the members of the Halifax O.S. by Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax.

I F is with very great pleasure that I offer an article upon that most pleasing and beautiful bird "The Yorkshire Green."

The Yorkshire Green is known by all experienced fanciers as the bird of colour. There are three kinds of Greens, the bronze colour or cinnamon green, the black or smutty colour green, and the bright dark grass green; the latter is the colour required.

In giving my experience of past years and my idea of a proper commencement with stock birds, and the proper pairing of them, I shall have to give an account of different experiments that I have tried, some with good and some with bad results.

Its Popularity Increasing.

The ideal Yorkshire Green is not so plentiful in this country as the clear Yorkshire bird, but I am pleased to say it is increasing gradually in popularity. One reason for the comparative scarcity is that it is not easily bred as might be thought, that is so far as an ideal bird is concerned; but when an ideal bird is really produced it compares more than favourably with the clear Yorkshire.

We have to-day Greens as good as any Clears, but these are confined to a few fanciers, though I think by the way the Greens are improving, including the Liverpool Green, in which especially there has been a marked improvement during the last few years, we shall soon get on a line with the clear and marked birds.

An important consideration is that a breeder of clear and marked birds should never be without a good Green in his room for the purpose of crossing into his stock. The Green bird is the foundation for producing colour and is extremely valuable if for this alone.

Proper Birds to Pair.

I would recommend getting a full-blooded bird, say a self yellow bird from two Greens, so as to start at the beginning. The novice should purchase this from a reliable Green breeder, and the purpose for which the bird is wanted should be explained to the breeder who, if he be a true fancier, will provide the best in his power.

The desirable cock bird having been obtained it should be paired to a clear hen bird from clear or ticked parents, it may be that not many marked birds are got from this mating, but such as are produced are very valuable, both for stock and show purposes, as there are now classes provided for them at our shows, though in past years these heavily marked birds have been in many cases discarded by breeders who did not know their value.

It is possible that from this cross might also be obtained a self or foul Cinnamon, these are exceedingly valuable, especially the hens, for quality of feather and ground colour. This ground colour is always found in a good show bird, no matter what its variety; in clears the ground colour will be of a pinky nature, and greens will have a dark greasy looking skin, providing they are in good health and condition.

The time when the stock birds are paired,

and the time immediately following are very important ones, for if the birds do not exactly "hit" in pairing up it is very disheartening to a beginner, although if he is a true fancier he will stick to it through thick and thin. This is the one way to become successful, we all have our ups and downs in any hobby, and fanciers will have to be prepared to meet with such as egg eaters, non-sitters, layers of soft eggs, clear eggs, no eggs at all, and hens that become egg bound, these will come everybody's way in one season or another, and we must take them as they come along.

Make a Good Beginning.

In making a start it is important to go as far as one's pocket will allow; a pair of good stock birds may be got from a reliable breeder at say from 25s. to 35s. per pair. One pair may consist of a self yellow cock and self buff hen, or foul marked wing or tail, but be sure they are bred from Greens and Green.

The cock must be extra good in colour, of good size and with plenty of stamina. On the hen's side you may allow a little for colour, but here you must be sure to have deep quality of feather and pencilling. For myself, I do not believe in the very big buff hens, big, sluggish, rough boned ones, for these mostly carry too much feather; a medium sized hen suits my taste if it has a good position. In selecting yellow hens, however, I like the big ones with the same properties, though I find they are difficult to breed.

For No. 2 pair get if possible a buff cock with a foul wing or tail; size, quality, and all round properties to be the same as in No. 1. This cock I would recommend pairing to a good big yellow Cinnamon hen, self or foul will do, make sure also that these birds are green and green bred.

Cinnamons the Foundation of Colour.

My reason for breeding with Cinnamon hens is to produce a green colour as the good Green is no use without it. These hens we call "Sports," and when your stock is paired together to produce the good green birds it is not very often these birds crop up in the produce, that is to say when you are breeding what we term "Green and Green."

The old maxim is that you will never breed a Cinnamon cock from the Green cross, as the Cinnamon birds will be hens, although I am proud to say I have bred them though in small numbers. The cock birds so bred, however, were, in my estimation, of no use for Green breeding; I have tried with them a few times, but always with bad results.

The hens I find are very valuable, the produce from a Cinnamon cock and a Green hen is too bronzy with no ground colour. I also find breeding green-yellow to yellow produces the same result.

I am a firm believer in double buffing for hen breeding, always providing that one has suitable buffs to pair together. I have never bred a yellow cock or a yellow hen in this way, and the buff cocks from this cross I find are of no use. In pairing these double buffs let them be snaky birds with good long flights not short-barrelled ones. Never mind

a hollow neck either in cock or hen, but see that they are short feathered birds. If you should breed a yellow cock from double buffing keep him by all means, he will be full of colour, but discard the yellow hens if you should get any. As I have already stated, I have never bred a yellow hen from this cross.

Now for No. 3 pair, in this you should have Belgian blood on one side, I prefer the cock bird to have this Belgian blood, as you get stronger and bigger young ones in this way than from the hen's side. Pair the Belgian cross bird to a big variegated or unevenly marked buff hen, especially well filled in in neck, one with plenty of length preferred. Yellow hens from this cross in my experience are too fine in bone and frame.

If possible get a half or quarter bred Belgian cross, but mind you get it from a reliable man with pure Belgian strain, and then you are on the right road to success, provided you have the luck to breed young ones. The lightest marked of the produce of this pair you must cross with No. 1 pair, and the heaviest marked to No. 2 pair.

Just a few words here as regards Belgian birds, there are many Belgian birds crossed with the Scotch Fancy, my advice is to get the straight backed ones, that is to say, those without dropped tails. Get straight legs, not V shaped, as in the Scotch Fancies. Never mind the feather at the front, but avoid feathered thighs. If you get the pure Belgian cross they will have good wing carriage and be very narrow birds.

When crossing Belgian blood into the stock I prefer as big a bird as possible. I find from the hen's side they are too fine in bone to gain size, and that is what we require, but I have bred good birds even in this way so you see there are exceptions in any case.

(To be continued.)

The Nest of the Long-tailed Tit.

THERE is a bird, a fairy rather, that conjures to such good purpose with its favourite building material of lichens, feathers, and the webs of spiders, as to turn out a labour of love that must be among the most beautiful bird homes in all the realm of Nature. This is the Long-tailed Titmouse. Twenty years, says a writer, have gone since, in the days when, alas! life seemed longer and art of less moment, I watched the building of such a palace, but the other day, at any rate, I came upon one all but finished high in a blackthorn. Within this snug retreat the hen lays a prodigious number of eggs, the clutch that we associate with partridges, and the wonder is that these pretty little creatures, which do not migrate, are not more plentiful later in the year when the leaf is off. It may be that some of the little eggs slip away out of reach and are never hatched. It may be that, in the struggle for existence, which begins ere the young are fledged, some drop out and die unnoticed in the hustle at mealtime. There must be some explanation of the comparative scarcity of a bird that should be as plentiful as it is prolific. If the patient watcher can approach the nest at day-break with the noiseless Indian tread attainable only in "sneakers," and with due caution not to tread on snapping twigs, he may find the little couple at home, their long tails apparently (since, with the bills, they stick out of the tiny front door) tucked, squirrel-fashion, over their backs.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

- Oct. 11-12.—Clapham C.B.A.—(T. J. Hise, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell.) J.R., J.F.
Oct. 20-21.—Liverpool O.S. (Green and Metcalfe; 68, Brunswick Road.) H.W.B., J.C.B., G.L., C.H.
Oct. 27-28.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.—(J. Green, 4, Johnson St., Bradford, Manchester.)
Nov. 1-2.—Cheltenham C.B.S. (A. L. Treasure, 14, Rotunda Terrace.)
Nov. 3-4.—Sheffield O.S.—(E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.)
Nov. 3-4.—Barrow Red Cross Show (D. McFarlane, 26, Lord Robert St., Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.)
Nov. 4-6.—Leicester Hand in Hand (Day and Roberts, 28, Francis St.).
Nov. 9.—Blaenavon C.B.S.—(G. Broome, 82, King St.) J.H.R.
Nov. 11.—Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—(A. E. Thorpe, 28, Park Grove, Levenshulme.)
Nov. 17-18.—Halifax O.S.—(J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley St., Battinson Rd.) C.A.H., H.W.B.
Nov. 24-25.—West Bromwich C.B.S.—(Collier and Cowley, 5, The Cedars, Highfield Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham.)
Nov. 29-30.—Southampton C.B.S.—(W. L. Page, 30, Bedford Place.) J.R.
Dec. 6-7.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.—(A. C. Shirley, 155, Hobnour Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.) H.N., J.H.R.

Scotland.

- Nov. 11.—Muirkirk O.S.—(J. S. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.)

Wales.

- Dec. 7.—Aberdare C.B.S.—(J. M. Shelby-James, 4, Stuart St.)

Ireland.

- Dec. 12.—Newtownards C.B.S.—(Wm. Montgomery, 62, Church St.)

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Twitterings.

The Wild Birds Protection Act has been extended in County Kildare, making it illegal to "kill or take" between Mar. 1 and Aug. 1 the Goldfinch, Linnet or Skylark.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S. are holding their F.F. Show on July 15, not 17, as stated in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. A. Smith, Secretary. Birds to be staged by 5. Mr. B. Simpson, Pye Bridge, judge.

The Young Stock Show of the London C.B.A., will be held at Headquarters, the Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., on July 13. There are 24 classes for Canaries, 2 Hybrid classes, 8 British, and 1 Foreign, and the show promises to be a very interesting one.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 11, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E. Judge, H. Norman. 14 classes: Champ. Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Brit. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule or Hybrid 1; Novice ditto. Fee, 1s. first cage, 6d. after; prizes on sliding scale. Entries close July 8 to W. Hodson, 99, Upland Road, E. Dulwich.
Tonbridge.—July 26, Castle Grounds. Judge, H. Cross. 12 classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 4. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 6s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close July 12 to C. Greenaway, 11, Gladstone-road.

The annual First Feather show of the Edinburgh C.B.S. will be held in Cairns' Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, on July 15. There are 11 classes for Canaries and 4 for Mules. The show opens at 3, and admission to non-exhibitors is twopence. Mr. J. Holmes, Edinburgh, will judge.

Societies wishing the patronage of the National British Bird and Mule Club for their forthcoming shows should apply for same to Mr. E. Stephens, "Torrington," Devonshire-road, Palmer's Green, N., on or before July 24, giving name of judge and classification.

The 9th Annual Members' Show of Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S. takes place to-day, July 8, at The Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill. There are 41 classes in all, 23 being for Canaries, 6 for Mules or Hybrids, 9 British and 3 Foreign, and the show should be well worthy of a visit. The admission fee is 3d.

May I make an appeal through CAGE BIRDS to all members of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S. to attend the next meeting, July 8, when arrangements for young stock show will be completed, writes Mr. A. Wright, sec. (pro tem)? All fanciers in the district will receive a hearty welcome. The meeting will take place at the new headquarters, the Dun Cow, Jorden Well, at 8, and I hope to meet a good muster.

The leading article in the July issue of "British Birds," Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, one shilling monthly, is the conclusion of "Some Breeding Habits of the Sparrow Hawk," with photographic illustrations by the author, Mr. J. H. Owen. The rest of the number, except for an obituary of the late Major F. W. Proctor, is taken up by "Notes," which as usual form an interesting part of the issue.

A GOOD POST VACANT.

AS announced last week, the position of Secretary to the CAGE BIRDS Organisation Committee has fallen vacant through the unavoidable resignation of the late secretary, and an opportunity now offers itself to someone with the capacity and energy to carry on the work. A thoroughly practicable scheme has been drawn up, and all is ready for an immediate start. The position is a good one at the commencement, and should improve as the scheme matures and gets into actual practice. Letters to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, stating the salary expected, will receive the attention of the committee at the next meeting.

On Wednesday next, July 12, bird lovers should not miss the show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., at the St. Marylebone Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W. The hall is within five minutes of Baker Street Station (Metropolitan), and Regent's Park (Bakerloo) Railway Station. There are 34 classes of birds, and these will include Canaries, Hybrids, British and foreign birds. The show is open from 2 till 9.30, and the sixpence charged for admission includes catalogue.—(Advt.)

OBITUARY.

Mr. JAS. RONALDSON (Belfast).

It is with feelings of regret, writes Mr. Robert Browne, Belfast, that I inform you of the death of Mr. James Ronaldson, of this city. He was secretary of the City of Belfast Ornithological Society, and took a very keen interest in everything pertaining to birds. His valuable experience in "running" of shows will be sadly missed. He was a great favourite with everybody, and all extend their sympathy to his widow and family, all the male members of which are at present doing their bit for King and country.

MR. J. LUCKHAM (London).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. G. F. Crawford, S. Bermondsey, that I inform you of the death of Mr. J. Luckham, hon. sec. of the South London Columbarian and Fanciers' Association. He was knocked down by a motor lorry in the Old Kent Road on Thursday morning last, and at 5 o'clock that afternoon, in Guy's Hospital, died from the injuries received. He was such a popular fancier that I am sure that the whole of London and the Provinces will join with the South London and Col. F.A. in tendering deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

A Pious Hope.

The collection of birds in the aviary at Victoria Park, Swansea, is to be dispersed, and poultry is to be cultivated in the aviary. The "Western Mail," Cardiff, says: "The idea is certainly a commendable one. If the corporation hens do no more than keep the hospital supplied with eggs that will be communal gain." It would seem to depend a bit on the size of the accommodation for the hens and the demands of the hospital.

Mr. H. G. Hannaford, a picture of whose successful variegated Yorkshire hen appears on our front page this week, writes that, although fanciers generally appear to have had somewhat of a bad season, he has done fairly well, having about 40 young birds from ten hens.

Fanciers residing within ten miles radius of Lochgelly, who wish to become members of the Lochgelly C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Grewar, must become members by the end of July in order to compete for the club's trophies. The fee of 2s. 6d. allows every one to compete for all trophies and members' specials at open and club shows.

Six Guineas: and "Thank You."

IN these times of stress it behoves each of us to do his utmost for the benefit of others without thinking too much of the cost to himself, and we hope we may say that CAGE BIRDS has "done its bit" throughout nearly two years of conditions such as have been bad enough to break the heart of anyone.

The hobby of bird-keeping appeals to people in every grade, from the humblest working man to the proud owner of wide-spread possessions. It extends even to Royalty, for the keeping of pet birds is one of the delights of our Queen, and of other members of the Royal Family, and all these people come under the heading of the much-abused word "fanciers."

It is for fanciers and by fanciers that CAGE BIRDS exists, and we are indebted to very many of these fanciers for their loyalty to their only weekly paper. Some of the most interesting and most instructive articles which have ever appeared in our columns have been published since the beginning of the war, and to the contributors we beg to tender our sincere thanks.

We now ask for a continuance of these favours, and invite one and all, whether "fanciers" or "aviculturists" (the terms have their separate meanings, but after all denote one and the same thing, *lovers of birds*), to let us have for publication for the general benefit their experiences with their pets.

In furtherance of this we offer a first prize of a guinea, and a second prize of half a guinea for the best and second best article in each of the four sections of bird-keeping, Canaries, British, Mules and Hybrids, and Foreign; eight prizes in all, amounting to £6 6s.

We know that there are many to whom the idea of competing for money prizes does not appeal; they are fortunately so placed that they do not want the money, and they would not care to be associated with a competition. To these favoured ones we would say: mark your contributions "Not for competition," if you so wish, but let us have them, nevertheless. The prizes will be given, someone will benefit by your generosity, and all will benefit by the reading of your experiences.

Others there are who have any amount of practical experience which would be of the utmost value to less experienced bird-keepers if they could know of it, but who are deterred from entering into a competition through a lack of literary ability. We have a word to say to these also. Let us have the information; we will put it into form, even if we have to re-write the whole from start to finish, and it will suffer nothing from your own inability to express yourself in academically correct phrases.

Articles may be sent at any time, the sooner the better, but the competition will close on Tuesday, August 1, and the prize-winners will be announced in our issue dated August 13. The Editor's decision as to the prize-winning articles must be accepted as final, and the right to publish any articles sent in, whether prize-winning efforts or not, is vested in CAGE BIRDS. Envelopes should be addressed "The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.," and should be endorsed "Competition."

Mr. George Foreman has been obliged, owing to ill-health, to resign his position as secretary and treasurer of the Ulster Ornithological Association, writes Mr. R. Browne, 28, Oldpark Road, Belfast, and I have been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Foreman's retirement has been greatly regretted, and all the members wish him a speedy recovery.

I regret to say, writes Mr. J. Patterson, Chirside, that our esteemed president, Mr. M. Jamieson, Hawick, has been unwell for some time, and is down at Spittal just now to see if the change will do him good. I know that you and all members of the B.F.C.C. and your readers in general will join me in wishing him a speedy return to his usual health and spirits.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

- FRED ARCHER, 92, Wellington-st., Oakes, Huddersfield, judge of cage birds, specialist in Hybrids and British birds.
J. C. BAINE, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
THOS. BENNETT, Judge of Cage Birds; life experience; terms moderate; 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford.
J. W. BRUCE, Goldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Gillingham, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. HOBBS, 35, Queen's Road, Northampton, having retired from business, can judge Canaries and cage birds, 40 years breeder and exhibitor. Terms moderate.
J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood St., Gt. Horton, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.
C. A. HOUSE, Biardene, Ilke, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviarist, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Marnham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
J. PATTERSON, Chirside, Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
C. E. SILK, The Aviarist, Unsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
JAMES STANGER, 59, Grange Terrace, Pelton Fell, Co. Durham, A.V., Spl., Nor. and Cr.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years' Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties; specialist Norwich, Cinn. and Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviarist, Hocknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Ecdeshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, Brit., For. Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.
W. YOUNG, 25, Grosvenor Road, New Brighton. Judge of Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

The Nest Feather Show of the Pontypool C.B.S. will be held at the Park Restaurant Hall, July 15. The judges are Messrs. R. Cleaves and J. Hillman, Abertillery.

Who Frew Dat Brick?

Commenting on the fact that at the Nest Feather Show of the Sheffield C.B.S. there was an increase of entries, the "Sheffield Independent" says that the opinion was expressed that that might in some measure be due to the fact that men had had more time to devote to the care of birds since the earlier closing of public houses.

A Canary Back from the War.

A convoy of wounded soldiers which arrived at Halifax this week brought an unexpected inmate of the war hospital in the form of a Canary belonging to a Canadian. It rested in a cage on the stretcher of its owner until the strange scene on the railway station platform stirred it to excitement, expressed in wild chirping. "It's all right, Dickie, I'm here," exclaimed its master in a cheerful voice, and immediately the bird seemed contented. The Canary accompanied the Canadian from the Dominion and has been with him both in this country and in France. — "Yorkshire Observer."

Mr. George Graves as an Ornithologist.

In the column of the "Evening News" for which "Quex Senior" is responsible the inimitable comedian, Mr. George Graves, is reported as having said, after explaining how busy he is just now with rehearsals: "So I never get any food at all," he said in his best fast-food-manner. "I haven't the time—but there it is, I don't mind—I don't mind, for my voice is now improving daily. Once I sang like a moulting Hedge Sparrow ejected from its mossy nest by a Cuckoo's baitiff. Now I have a voice like a Nightingale in full song, handed on a special diet of hemp-seed and groundsel." This is in Mr. Graves' best manner, but one needs to be also something of an ornithologist to appreciate the subtle humour of it. When a Hedge Sparrow is moulting, whatever might be doing by the "Cuckoo's baitiff," its employer, the Cuckoo, would have left our shores for its winter sojourn in Africa, and the Hedge Sparrow would long ago have vacated its "mossy nest" of root fibre, wool and hair. As if this were not enough, Mr. Graves rejoices in having a "voice like a Nightingale in full song, handed on a special diet of hemp-seed and groundsel." If to sing like a Nightingale that was being poisoned were the best Mr. Graves could do, we think he would not command the enthusiasm with which his audiences invariably greet him. He must have been "pulling the leg" of "Quex Senior."

THE ROLLER CANARY: ITS BREEDING AND REARING.

An instructive Paper given by Mr. H. G. Hill before the members of the Midland Roller Canary Club.

Telling particularly how to avoid the trouble of so-called "sweating" hens, the danger of too much egg-food at an improper time, and how to feed the young when they leave their parents.

OUR Hon. Secretary, Mr. Thomson, having invited me to give a paper on the "Roller," dealing with aspects of our hobby especially interesting to the novice members, I have pleasure in assenting to his wishes, not with any idea to pose as an authority, but in the hope that my own experiences, and the deductions I have made from them, may be useful to you.

I will not go over much-trodden ground again; I will conclude that you have kept your hens in roomy cages, and on a moderate diet through the winter; that you have selected hens which come from the nests of your best singing cocks, also considering their robustness and general health; the same with the cocks; and that now you have paired up your birds in the usual way, and are, like myself, anxiously awaiting results. You are wondering if you will be troubled with "sweating" hens, and "bad feeding" hens, and hens which don't feed at all. It is with such that I wish to deal chiefly in this section of my paper.

The Trouble of the "Sweating" Hen.

How does the trouble arise? If you do not know already, I'm afraid you soon will. Better, perhaps, if I give you a short sketch of your little hen-mother as she will appear in each of the stages of this annoying trouble.

First, then, she has gone well through the moult the previous season, ended the winter in good condition, and paired readily with the cock.

After the plain winter diet, you will have given her egg-food when paired; which she has eaten with avidity. About four days later she will look a little sick, and ruffled. "About to lay," you say; "that's the reason." Very good. A day or two later she lays. More egg-food till she has laid her last egg, then plain diet whilst sitting.

Now, about the time she looked sick and ruffled, you may have noticed that her bowel excrement was a little copious, loose, and yellowish. But, after commencing incubation, and back on plain diet the excrement becomes normal again, and the hen finishes the incubation period in excellent condition and health.

Perhaps on the thirteenth day you notice an empty shell on the cage bottom. The chicks are hatched. In goes a small half-teaspoonful of pure egg yolk. You keep to this for a day or so, then mix a little biscuit with the yolk, and later you get her on the ordinary egg-food which you give all your birds.

Let us go back to the first day. You put in the egg yolk, and an hour or so later find it all cleared up. In goes some more—soon vanishes. All's well, you think; she's eating the egg-food, and must be feeding the chicks. You watch her. Yes; up come the little beaks, and she feeds well, mothering them afterwards with fond care. "Good little hen, that!" you will say.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

About the third or fourth day you find the egg-food hasn't gone. You empty it away, and put in some fresh to tempt her. Two hours later, still there! You watch. She comes off the nest, hops on the egg-pan, takes one half-hearted nibble, and hops off. Next you will see her at the seed hopper. From that hour she shuns the egg-food, but continues feeding a little—a very little—on seed.

A day later you will begin to notice, with a sinking heart, a certain damp stickiness on the under feathers of the little mother-bird. Very little feeding that day; egg-food hardly touched. Next you see the down of the young plastered flat on their heads. Nest foul—stained yellow. Hen restless. Young gape for food which never, alas! comes their way. A morning or so later you will find her off the nest, calling pitifully, and the young dead—starved to death.

That is one case. In another the hen will "sweat" very little, if at all, but the feeding will stop in just the same gradual way, and death end your hopes. There are various degrees of this "sweating" and "starving" business. The question is, do they all spring from the same cause, and, if so, what is that cause? I believe they do all spring from one cause, and I believe I know what that cause is. I do not believe that this poor little hen is to blame—the blame rests, in a large measure, upon us, and not on her.

First let me say that to call this trouble "sweating" is grossly misleading, and wrong. The hen does not sweat, nor do the chicks. Nor does she starve them because she is callous and cruel. She does not warm them with her little body through the dark night, only to starve and kill them in the light of

day. Nor, if she were heartless, lacking in maternal instincts, would she have talked to them, mothered them, fed them in the early hours of their lives.

Why, then, does the nest of one hen die thus, whilst that of another hen, fed under exactly the same conditions, is reared into active and robust birds? I will do my best to explain according to the belief which my own observations have led me to. I have a firm conviction that the whole trouble is due to a deranged metabolism of the hen, and that this is due entirely to an over-indulgence in egg-food, or similar rich food.

The Secret of the Trouble.

Before going further, let us understand what the word metabolism means. Metabolism is a general term for the chemical changes of living matter. It means the whole chemical process entailed in the taking of food, digesting it, assimilating it, and converting it into flesh and blood and bone.

After the plain diet of winter your hen tastes egg-food when paired, and acquires a great appetite for the toothsome food. She sickens herself of it a little before laying; remember the sick and ruffled look, and the abnormal excrement, after the first few days. But during incubation and the plain seed again, she comes back to the normal condition. Then comes hatching time.

You will remember that the egg-yolk quickly disappeared. After two weeks' abstinence from the egg-food she has come back to it keenly. As fast as it goes you hear her more. She takes far more than she can feed to the chicks; the little beaks soon cease to gape, and she sits on them with the rest in her own crop.

Next day you slightly increase the supply, and it all goes—into the hen. About the third day she is in the condition of a boy who has eaten too much plum-pudding—she begins to suffer, sickens, gradually begins to loathe the egg-food.

That is why you begin to find it untouched about the third or fourth or fifth day. The hen has upset her stomach, to use a popular phrase. She begins to have flatulence, heartburn, looseness.

The whole digestive tract becomes overworked, causing acidity of the stomach, or crop, due to fermenting and partly-digested food. Hence the food she feeds from that crop to her young is acid, sour—literally poisoned food. Diarrhoea is set up in the chicks. She cannot clean away the thin and offensive evacuations, and the moisture of those discharges stains her feathers, fouls the young, and the trouble gets worse.

In the later stages the poor little hen takes no food herself, or extremely little; she loathes it, and it probably gives her pain. So, as she has none, the young can have none, and they slowly starve to death, and you say that hen was a bad mother!

She was a "sick" mother, that is all—so sick that at last she gave up in despair, very probably feeling that she'd like to be dead herself.

"But," you say here, "if it is the egg-food, why doesn't it upset all hens alike?" I answer that, just as some of us have strong stomachs and other delicate ones, so it is with our birds. Some hens will never feel any ill effects from a liberal supply of egg-food, others are thrown by it completely out of gear, so to say. Again, some hens are not so greedy after the egg-food as others, and therefore not so likely to gorge themselves.

Watch carefully the hen that hops eagerly from her nest and waits for you when she sees you coming with the egg-food; she is the one to fear.

How to Prevent It.

Is there a remedy? Of course, the hens must have egg-food. Is there a way of giving it that will avoid this trouble?

I can only tell you my own methods, since adopting which I have been very little troubled with "sweating" and "non-feeding" hens, so called, though I do get them occasionally even now. This is what I do:

I do not take the hen off egg-food whilst she is sitting; she gets just a little—only a few crumbs—every day. This makes her less greedy after the egg-food when it is supplied at hatching time—much less so than if she were kept away from it during the sitting time. Then, when the chicks are hatched I give her only a very little for the first few days—just enough to keep the chicks going, and no more.

Briefly, I keep her slightly on the "lean and hungry" side, keen on her food, and so,



The Yellow Bunting is the familiar bird whose cheery song has been rendered into the words, "A little bit of bread and no ch—e—se." Our picture is a portrait of the specimen exhibited by Mr. H. Simmonds, Vauxhall, London, winner of many prizes at members' shows, and 2nd at the London and P.O.S. Show the only time shown in an open class.

by increasing the egg-food a little every day, gradually accustom her system to the richer food diet.

I make it a rule, too, that there shall be several hours every day when the hen does not have access to egg-food at all, even when feeding a growing brood. I give egg-food at ten in the morning, removing it at mid-day, and giving mixed seeds. Egg-food again at five. Last thing at night crushed hemp, which is left in cages all night to form the first next-day meal.

You will wish to know what results have I had from this method. Well, I had a hen that sweated badly all last season, and this year she had reared one nest, and is now feeding her second nest, without a sign of flagging, treated as above.

I would impress upon you that this trouble is not due to the hen being a "bad" hen, but a delicate one. And I have got very bad sweating hens, which starved their young, into excellent mothers by carefully dieting them and dealing out their egg-food with a sparing hand. I do not believe that there are five hens in every hundred born which would willingly let their young ones starve. Nor do I believe in the "nervous" hen which lets her young starve.

Shy; but Watchful.

I breed from some hens in my study, in which I work all day, and sometimes far into the night, and though some of the shyest will never come off their broods while I am in the room, yet they rear them. If I leave the room for only five minutes, when I come back the egg-pan is empty, and the chicks are full. If we only knew our business in the Canary breeding line as well as our little hens know theirs we should have to complain far less of "bad mothers."

"But," you will remark here, "lens that have never sweated yet let their chicks die." I answer that by reminding you that just as some babies are born into the world to die, in spite of all the loving care of mothers—and doctors too—so are some Canary babies; birds just strong enough to hatch, but not to live long.

And if they grow weaker and at last refuse to gape for food, what can the little mother do? They are the weaklings of Nature—just a little stronger than those you find dead in the shell, which, in turn, lived a little longer than the dead germs you find in "addled" eggs.

To put the foregoing remarks into a nutshell; try to select hens of strong digestion as your breeding hens, and even then keep them accustomed to egg-food. Don't starve them for weeks, then dote it out with a lavish hand. The temptation to go in for a "good, square meal" is one we ourselves might fall to had we been on prison diet for a fortnight, and then taken out to supper at the Savoy.

Remember that if you get over the first week, and the hen's digestion is not impaired, there is little to fear. If she goes off the egg-food a little then, there are the hens

and mixed seeds to fall back upon, and the chicks will thrive on them then. But if you upset her in the early days she won't feed on anything, perhaps because the young are not strong enough then to demand their food with the same irresistible entreaty and force as they acquire later on.

Now we will imagine that you have rounded this corner, and at the age of three weeks mated the hen again, and that the young, after being fed in the nursery through the wires, are doing for themselves.

I may say that I work on a regular system here. At the age of twenty days my young birds are bundled out of the nest, whether they want to or not, and divided off. If they are able to just stick on the perches they have to go all at the same age into the nursery; I believe they are better there, as soon as they can perch, than in the foul nest, where the hen, coming into the building fever again, begins to pluck them. They will be a month old before the hen sits again, and at that age should do for themselves.

I divide them off from the hen a full day before putting the cock back to her, as then she gets used to feeding them through the wires without him to worry her. Then whether the cock feeds or not, they go on all right.

Young Birds and Egg Food.

Now they go to the flights. Well, I have impressed upon you to be sparing with the egg-food with your hens; I now turn round and ask you to be liberal in dealing it out to the young in the flights. I cannot justify this advice better than by relating my own experiences.

The first year I bred Rollers I got fifty young, reared up to three or four months old, and then I lost quite half of them. "Going light" was the trouble; the birds went emaciated and "thick," and finally died.

I had gone by the sixpenny books, which tell you to get your young birds, when seven weeks old, gradually on to "hard seed." I did so, giving them, as per book advice, a little egg-food two or three times a week, and a little hemp crushed on alternate days.

Well, they died; and I sat down to think. It worried me for about a week, and then the sixpenny book went into the dust-bin, and I hope some poor scavenger hasn't found it and tried to rear Canaries by it himself.

The first thing that occurred to me was that a young Canary of seven weeks is about like a growing lad of fourteen. Suppose you cut down that boy of fourteen to bread-and-water, with a bit of butter, or meat, twice or so a week. What would happen? Especially bearing in mind that he had, up to that age, been fed on the most nourishing food?

Most likely he'd "go light"! He would be got on to "hard seed," so to say, at the very age when he wanted to develop frame, and "make up" all round. So with the young Canary.

(To be continued.)

ON THE PROFITABLE BREEDING OF CANARIES.

THE COLONY SYSTEM VERSUS THE CAGE SYSTEM.

SIR,—I should just like to say a word on the above, which I consider has opened up a very important question to fanciers as to which is the best system. Last year I tried the cage system; I had one cock and hen in a good sized outdoor breeding cage, and from this pair I produced 17 young. This year I am trying the colony system with eight hens and four cocks, and consider up to date I am doing very well. I have 31 strong, healthy youngsters on the perch; away in another aviary I have also another two sitting on five eggs each, and nine young I have lost. This latter is accounted for mostly by the hens going to nest again too soon and neglecting the young. The cage system, I think, is undoubtedly the best, for you get a better percentage of young, but for the "busy man" the colony system is the easiest, and if you keep the birds in a well-ventilated light outdoor aviary the birds should be strong and healthy. I have never had any trouble with my birds, and a healthier lot you could not find, and the outdoor breeding makes the birds hardy. I am putting up another outdoor bird room ready for next season to hold about 15 breeding cages, so as to enable me to give both systems a good trial. I may say that all through last winter my birds were out of doors, and many a morning I had to break the ice out of their drinking vessel. They were strong and well, and had no artificial heat of any kind; I consider Canary breeding a most fascinating and profitable hobby.

WM. HY KETTLE.

THE VIEWS OF MR. J. TOMLINSON

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REGARDING the outside nesting receptacles advised for an "aviary cage," useful detachable boxes are those made to hang perpendicularly on either or both ends of the cage. A set of nests somewhat similar in construction—only in miniature—to those one may see in or attached to the outside of poultry houses are provided, and each compartment should be fitted with a separate door large enough to admit the ordinary earthenware nestpan.

The entrance holes in the end of the "aviary cage" are made on a level with the top of the nest-pan. In case these entrance holes do not admit of sufficient light, a hole of about one inch in diameter is made in each nesting compartment, and the aperture is guarded by the insertion of a few wires.

If one questions why I have wandered from the point at issue, it is for the reason that whatever system of breeding is recommended there will be those to whom the opposite scheme will have its attractions, and here is a cage large enough for one pair of birds, or one cock and three or four hens. It is suitable for a moulting cage either for youngsters, or a stock cage for the hens. Further one of these match cases is easily convertible into a cabinet to hold a dozen wire song cages—a description of this cabinet appeared some time ago in these columns.

Writing of one's own preference, I have a "sneaking regard" for breeding cages (using those having four compartments) and keeping the cocks as much as possible out of the breeding room. Hens, that is Roller hens, generally sit quieter, brood their youngsters longer, and will not come forward so soon for another clutch of eggs, where there is little or no singing to be heard.

This may be regarded as an advantage or a disadvantage according to the breeder's objective. Where one is breeding solely for the market, it is to his advantage to obtain the largest quantity of birds in the shortest space of time, and so get his birds away before the other breeder has finished breeding. Where the cock is left with the hens the third brood would be getting on before the single hen had finished her second round.

Having the object in view of keeping the breeding hens as quiet as possible, I use one cock to two or three hens, three as a rule. Each hen is allowed a separate compartment of the breeding cage, which already is provided with a lined nest pan and a little building material.

The cock is kept out of the breeding room until the approximate time for his introduction to the breeding cage, one is not long in becoming experienced in this. He is then

placed with the first of his hens that appears to be in the most forward condition. Should she not respond to his singing in a few moments, he is run with No. 2, and No. 3 hen if necessary.

If there is "nothing doing," a couple of days elapse and the same procedure is gone through, and so on successive days until one hen responds. Should this be No. 1 hen, then on the following day, he is run with No. 2 or 3, and if neither of them are ready he is put with No. 1 again, and so the game goes on until each hen has laid her second or third eggs. In no case does copulation take place more than once in one day, and to one hen only.

Vigorous cocks will work with three hens on this method; I have had an aged cock put three hens to nest, visiting each hen every third day, and fertilising fourteen of the fifteen eggs laid. The method is quite simple in practice, and it will be found in a room where the cock's song is not often heard, that so soon as a cock commences to sing, nearly every hen in a forward condition in the room will show a desire for the cock's attentions; and these can be noted for the cock's early introduction.

Still another method that I have found to answer well, especially when genial weather conditions prevail, is to run one cock with three hens in a breeding cage, with the compartments removed, until each one has gone to nest. Then like a thief in the night, steal their cock away from them, and replace each slide, reserving each hen a compartment to herself.

Of the two methods I like the first one, for whatever may be the quality of the song of the cocks a breeder does not desire it to become any worse. It is the best he has got, and the method of running the cock with one hen just a few moments is the best way of preserving whatever song qualities it may have.

Long spells in the breeding cage, and the extra diet to be found therein have the reverse tendency. Further economy in the breeding cage system is found in the food bill, for the hen or hens have only what the breeder desires. Feather pluckers are easily detected. It is easier to administer medicine should such be required.

Another item might be added, the youngsters only hear that song which is desired by the breeder. I don't attach much importance to this, as "anything foreign" heard in the breeding room is usually soon forgotten, or over-ruled by the constant tuition from the bird or birds of their own strain of song.

This subject has arisen out of a desire to capture the German Canary trade, and a few words are sufficient to explain it, as we know it. The breeding on a large scale of a variety of Canary that has very little recommendation other than its singing abilities, and the majority imported into the country have not even that asset.

This is the third rater, a class of bird that the Englishman cannot or will not cater for. The Canary food bill must have been lighter in Germany, for we could not compete in the production of cheap singers even before the war. The fact is more prominent to-day, and I don't believe our fanciers have altered their opinions in the matter of breeding "rubbish." It has had its purpose, I must admit, for the cheap singer has been the means of inspiring many fanciers here for the better class of bird.

The second class bird, say at 15s. or thereabouts, should be safe enough in our own breeders' hands in our "cast-offs." The first class bird, the exhibition type, is the class the importation of which has been in the hands of very few indeed. They have usually been privately imported, or the customer on this side has gone across to Germany for them, buying privately from the breeders' rooms or from the shows.

I have previously related how one of our breeders visiting Germany offered £5 for the worst singer amongst a breeding stock of 14 cocks. A level lot of birds indeed when £5 will not suffice for one when the breeder had thirteen more. It is quite probable that they were the result of years of labour, a labour of love if you will, and some very deep thinking, and for such the price offered is by no means large.

The man "outside" knows little about the routine of the importations of this A1 type of singer, so much in demand to improve our "singing qualities." Yet the sun is setting, on the day when the German exporter can make



A specimen which, though ideally marked on the wings, loses in value because of the foul mark on its head, and the "ticks" on eye and cheek.

AN UNEVEN-MARKED YORKSHIRE CANARY.

this country a dumping ground for anything with feathers on, providing it has a new tour.

If this should meet the eye of one of these German breeders, let me say that one of the latest tours they sent to us has proved itself generally the same with us as it had done with them; to the sorrow of many of us. I have "preached" and written often against the uncertain ultimate value of this tour, and have warned novices against the purchase of a new tour with nothing else to recommend it.

I am not biased against it, far from it, as I have found some good ones, yet I believe it will be better for our novices' pockets, if they will leave it alone. I take no credit for writing about it, yet it is very pleasing to notice that in some quarters the tide is gradually, very gradually, turning against so much variety. It is much too early yet to predict whether we shall follow the fashion of the German breeders, and have one section for Hollow Roll birds and another for the Glucke birds.

A Well-known Breeder Will Not Have the Colony System.

SIR,—As requested by you I give my views re the colony as compared with the breeding-cage system. To my mind CAGE BIRDS and its contemporaries can do much towards solving the problem of capturing the trade from Germany. All we shopkeepers know that we must keep the article in demand, not the one we would like to sell. The same holds good with birds; unless the bird-loving public who buy and keep birds for song and pleasure are brought to realise that they are doing their country harm by buying those so-called "musical boxes," I am afraid as long as there is a demand the supply will be forthcoming. Therefore let the Press educate the buying public that one good healthy home-bred bird is worth a dozen Germans, both as a pleasant companion and pet. What is more to the point, he has the song which nature intended him to use in his natural way, and this is much more pleasing to the ear than the song of the artificially trained birds. A fit comparison would be the human voice, and the same heard through a gramophone. Once the buyers are taught to think between the one and the other, home-bred birds will always be in demand as they live much longer, and are not so much trouble to keep in health and song.

I am a firm believer in the single breeding cage with movable partitions, and, what is more, I must have them of the best material, well-fitted, and well-finished. A beginner may start somewhat cheaply with home-made boxes converted into the appearance of cages, but what of his troubles with insect and other pests? A few extra shillings are well spent in the start, for then you have cages that will last, and give you pleasure for years.

After a lifetime spent among birds, I stick to the method of one cock to each hen, as far as possible, and I find they do much better when thus paired for the season. If they were at liberty in their natural haunts they would pair in this way, and polygamy would be unknown. My point of view is that when left together both cock and hen take their own responsibilities, and in most cases carry out their domestic duties better than some of the fathers and mothers in our own households. Many a quarrel is caused through a cock bird being taken from the hen, and run with another one. The hen reasons in her own mind that this is not right, and plainly tells him so when he is returned to her.

Another point, if songsters are what we are requiring, then we stand to breed far more cock birds from this method than we would when the cock is used with four or more hens; this has been proved in more ways than one in the animal world. Some hens do well enough when sharing the attentions of their mate with others, but others resent it to the last, and no one can say that they are wrong. We cannot do better than in following nature closely, and we cannot find in any of her laws that such a method was ever intended. There is a story about a certain city father, whose duty made him visit the cemetery every now and again. One very fine morning in spring the foreman said to him "Such a fine morning will bring everything out of the ground." The city father answered "It has d— little need. I have three wives lying here, and the fourth at the gate, and if they all meet I am in for trouble." It is likewise with the colony system to my mind."

J. PATTERSON.

SIR,—I have read with deep interest the many letters on the above subject, and I send you my experience in case it may be of interest.

A few years ago I decided to go in for breeding Roller Canaries. I purchased from a well-known cup winner six hens at 10s. each, a cock at £3, and another at £2. I commenced to breed in small cages 18in. by 16in. by 9in., and I have found this method far more satisfactory than breeding in an aviary.

I have one aviary 9ft. by 9ft. by 2ft. 6in. wide, which I use for my young stock. Last year I turned into it six hens and two cocks; the latter fought so much that I was obliged to take one out and three of the hens. Then the trouble commenced with the remaining hens wanting each other's nests, two laying in one nest, etc.; in short, just the experience of Mr. Henry Neve and Mr. Crawhall in last week's letters.

This year I have been breeding in small cages as above, putting up six pairs on April

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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Rough and Ready, But Still Profitable.

Other than in a breeding cage, I have personally no experience, but in my travels I

HOW TO CAPTURE THE GERMAN CANARY TRADE.

A DEFINITE PROPOSITION.

Any scheme which shall work efficiently throughout the British Isles must, of necessity, involve big considerations, and consequently very careful calculations, and although it is not yet possible to give any details of the scheme before the Committee, we may go so far as to state that it combines the

Therefore, whilst cage breeding is necessary where birds from a show point of view are bred, I suggest that nothing so elaborate or expensive need be sought where the breeding of merely song birds is pursued, and were this point duly emphasised I feel sure it would break down a good deal of fancied prejudice against initial expenses.

E. W. ALLSOPP.

There were present at the meeting Messrs. H. J. Fulljames, Vice-Chairman (in the chair), J. C. Birch (Queen's Park and District C.B.A.), G. C. Crabb (President L.P.O.S.), H. W. Gutierrez (British Roller C. Club), J. Jeffrey (Metropolitan C.B.A.), H. J. Kybert (Fast Ham C.B.S.), E. C. Last (Crystal Palace and Penge C.B.S.), W. H. Vale (Clapham C.B.A.), and the organising secretary.

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Correspondence.

Young Thrushes Feeding Young Thrushes.

W. WARRINGTON.

The Unwanted Crows.

A "Gentle" Tale.

By the way, one doesn't often come across a talking Raven nowadays, but the one at our local Zoological Gardens has quite a number of phrases. He has one of the deepest bass voices I have ever heard, and many a visitor starts back in surprise when it suddenly says, "Get away to your work."

Three Albino Skylarks in One Nest.

W. BRYANT.

How to Beat the Germans.

The above remarks will partly reply to Mr. Ramsden. As regards my figures not fitting the case, I must point out that I used the first figures that entered my mind, not as any definite value or trade price, but merely to illustrate the point that patriotism should not be counted upon in a real trade competition into which this may develop. The German must be met and competed with both in price and quality. To argue that English breeders cannot, or will not, do what German breeders have done, and *will do again*, if allowed the opportunity, is simply to "throw up the sponge."

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

(Correspondence continued on next page.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 383.)

Canary Mules to Order.

SIR.—Meeting Mr. James last week, and visiting his stock, I saw the following Mules: Goldfinch-Canary, Linnet-Canary, Greenfinch-Canary, Siskin-Canary and Redpoll-Canary. Mr. James has not only succeeded in breeding these five crosses this season, but is also confident in having a topper of each variety. Is this a record for one season? Mule breeding seems to come second nature to this fancier, and he told me he could have obtained close on a hundred this season if he had let them go to nest and hatch their eggs. Can anyone top this? W. H. GIBB.

A Precocious Youngster.

SIR.—I am sorry to disappoint Mr. Tombs, who wishes to know if his three-weeks-old Canary has achieved a record. There is nothing very unusual in the fact that his baby bird has displayed its vocal talent at so early an age of its career. I use the word "talent," advisedly, because, as in the case of human songsters, a capacity to sing well in mature age is often exhibited in the infantile age. You may call it precocity if you like, but not uncommon precocity. As a matter of fact, a fledgling which warbles softly at the age of three weeks may generally be depended upon to mature to a more than average songster. Perhaps Mr. Tombs may have comfort in that fact. The writer has on several occasions had experiences such as that described by your correspondent, more especially when breeding common songsters as distinct from fancy birds. —Yours faithfully, X.

CAGE BIRDS in Canada.

SIR.—I have received my weekly copy of CAGE BIRDS, and notice the answer to my query re six eggs in five days from Border hen. Please accept my thanks. I notice that you have found it necessary to charge a trifle more for CAGE BIRDS weekly, and under the existing circumstances I don't see where anyone interested could have nerve enough to kick. It costs us a bit more to get it sent to Canada, but we should worry.

I think CAGE BIRDS a great help to anyone interested in feathered pets, and it is well worth fourpence a copy. I never lose any time, when my journal comes, to get right to reading its contents and inwardly digest same; so long live your valuable paper. I am herewith enclosing a clipping on the catching of Parrots in New Zealand, which I cut from one of our morning papers, as I thought it may interest you or your readers.

WALLACE C. JONES.

Two Kinds of Virginian Cardinal.

Mr. H. D. Astley Replies to Mr. Teschemaker.

SIR.—May I write just a few lines to express my thanks for your footnote to the letter written by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker in your last week's issue? As for the letter itself, I need only say that I am sorry for anyone who, after more than three years have passed, should continue to foster such a spirit of "strafing." I am well aware of my deficiencies as editor of the "Avicultural Magazine," but I undertook the work because the Council of the Avicultural Society asked me to do so, and for three and a half years I have done it, receiving in return the thanks of that society, and nothing else.

I am only too pleased to encourage all classes of the bird-loving community to contribute to the pages of the magazine, and I have never (with the one exception) received an uncourteous word from anyone. I have twice invited Mr. Teschemaker to write again, not for the moment imagining that because I, as editor, objected to a Black Redstart being called a black 'start, he would continually preserve a store of bad feeling, a good deal of which one sees doled out in his letter; a letter which speaks for itself, as I think your readers will agree. He does not know me, and as far as I am aware, has never seen me.

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It is not true that I take no interest in "common" birds, for with the exception of the House Sparrow, I have the greatest love for all birds, and those rarer ones which I possess are greatly appreciated by anyone who wishes to see them, including people of all classes, from the more opulent aviculturists to those who inhabit cottages in the neighbourhood. But our British birds are hard to beat. As a songster I have never heard anything more beautiful than the fluting of the "common" Blackbird, neither as a cage pet is there any bird more charming than is our Bullfinch, or indeed, more handsome.

HUBERT D. ASTLEY.

SIR.—May I crave the indulgence of a little space in your absolutely indispensable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to protest with all the effort I can call to my aid, against the deplorable outburst that appears above Mr. Teschemaker's name. How an aviculturist of his reputation and attainments could stoop to personal attack on a gentleman who, simply for the love of aviculture, devotes much time to editing a magazine is beyond my comprehension. Mr. Teschemaker says that literature is not one of Mr. Astley's strong points; apparently manners stand in the same category with Mr. Teschemaker. The letter is a gross libel on a gentleman who possesses the old-fashioned courtesy now apparently fast disappearing; more is the pity. I don't doubt that Mr. Teschemaker was (I notice it is the past tense) a public schoolmaster, but why drag it in unless he feels he is thereby displaying his superiority over his humbler brethren? If he advocated coining words and unpardonable abbreviations when a master, one can well understand how it is he was and no longer is. But perhaps (horrid thought!) he was not an English master, but taught mathematics, science, Latin, Greek, or some modern language, such as German.

Let me say that I know Mr. Astley very intimately, just so far as avicultural matters go. I have always found him to possess all those qualities which one usually associates with a gentleman. I can assure Mr. Teschemaker that he is quite as interested in common birds as he is in rare foreign birds. Only last month he procured a pair of the common Black Redstart from me. Naturally he prefers rarities, but who does not? Is there no beam in your eye, Mr. Teschemaker? Why is it that neither the "Avicultural Magazine" nor "Bird Notes" are favoured with your delightful and instructive articles now? Can it be that the Editor of "B.N." has also offended, and, if so, can it possibly be that the fault lies after all nearer home than you thought? POLONIUS.

[These letters contain nothing to further the question as to there being two kinds of Virginian Cardinal, but as they are in direct reply to the personal part of Mr. Teschemaker's letter of last week we have thought it only fair to publish them.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

Cinnamon Canaries.

SIR.—It is gratifying to find that your correspondent of last week has secured satisfactory proof that the so-called "khaki" Canaries are no new creation. The variety has, in fact, been well known for hundreds of years, literally, so we may well drop the novel description in order to avoid any confusion among new recruits to the Fancy.

If Miss Hamilton could get Part XI. of "Our Canaries" she would find the breed fully dealt with, and also its peculiarities in reproducing its own colour; and Parts III., IV., and VIII. contain coloured plates of the variety. As regards the points she wishes information upon: Briefly, two birds of cinnamon colour or cinnamon variegated will breed progeny of the same colour. The colour may occur as a sport, as would be the case in Miss Hamilton's experience, if the original stock had no cinnamon blood at all in the strain, but this is a most difficult thing to decide in these days, because a cinnamon taint may exist in the blood without any external signs revealing it, especially to a novice. From cinnamon hens mated with cocks which had no cinnamon blood at all she would obtain no cinnamon colour, as cinnamon colour, more or less, is necessary in the male parent to transfer it to the progeny. Certainly, breeders know how to produce the colour at will. The book named above conveys all this information. As a variety, I do not suppose the Cinnamon hen is any more ready to breed Mules than a non-cinnamon hen, but a dash of cinnamon blood in a hen is certainly a good thing if one aims at breeding light-coloured Mules.

No particular name, as a breed, could be given to such a class of Canaries as that described, other than common or cross-bred birds, unless, indeed, the stock had descended without crossing from some particular breed, say, Norwich or Roller, in which case I should describe them as Cinnamon Norwich or Roller, as the case may be.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.



A GREEN BORDER FANCY CANARY.

A breed which is gaining in popularity, especially in the North of England and over the Border.

German Gingerbread Nesting Boxes.

A PAGE of the "Star Weekly" of Toronto has kindly been sent us by a Canadian reader, Mr. Wallace C. Jones. This contains an illustrated account of the bird sanctuary which has been established by Mr. J. A. Harvey on a twenty-five acre plot on the borders of Lake Ontario, and from it we take the following cutting:—

It is of peculiar interest just now to learn that artificial birds' nests were mostly imported from Germany until the interruption to trade occasioned by this present war. Mr. Harvey, finding he could not get a supply of nests of the approved kind, set to work to make them himself, and later had workmen make them after his own specifications. The over-elaborate gingerbread "houses" that Germany used to send out here have been found inferior to some of the simple, natural-looking nests and bird houses Mr. Harvey has himself devised. A roll of birch bark fixed to a section of a pine or cedar slab has been found as popular as the most elaborate imported bird houses, with a gable roof like a Swiss chalet. A couple of feet of a cedar log bored for a bird's nest looks as natural as the forest itself when fixed to a trunk of a tree. Bird houses made of little bits of slab-board with the bark left on make pretty little houses, and ones that fit in with the rustic surroundings of a pergola, a summer house, a gate-post, an arbour, a viney, a verandah, or a sleeping porch. Wild birds will become domesticated with great sauciness under the circumstances of a house with modern conveniences, so long as it is natural-looking and not garnished with impossible paint.

Starlings and Fruit.

The vast increase of the Starling in various districts, and its appearance in modern times in many parts of the kingdom where anciently it was unknown, are, of course, things familiar to all those who take an interest in British birds and their habits. But even now many people awaken very slowly to the destructiveness of Starlings during the fruit season, or to the fact that their legions must, sooner or later, require thinning. The amount of damage done by these birds to fruit crops, especially in cherry orchards, is enormous. Starlings undoubtedly are useful in devouring caterpillars, wire worms, sheep ticks, and other insects, but their ravages upon fruit crops, it is to be feared, quite counterbalance any benefits they may confer on the farmer in that way. More than fifty years ago Canon Tristram, while exploring the Northern Sahara, discovered that the common Starling was as great a pest in that part of Africa as it now is at home. "Myriads of Starlings,"

he says in his book, "The Great Sahara," "visit the date forests in winter and do incalculable damage to the ripe fruit. They are snared and destroyed by thousands, being prized for food. In spring not a straggler remains in Africa." The Starling, by the way, is by no means bad eating, and a titling from the immense legions that now throng Britain ought to be very acceptable to many of our poor folk.

The Other Point of View.

Two years ago, says the "Estates Gazette," when the turnip crop in the North, particularly in Cumberland, was threatened by the ravages of the larvæ of the diamond-back moth, the Starling came to the rescue, and cleared field after field of the pest. The same kind of thing seems to have occurred at Ashted Woods, where the oak trees were almost stripped of their foliage by caterpillars. Starlings flocked to the scene in their multitudes and fed on the insects to such good purpose that they entirely cleared the trees of the noxious visitors; acting while experts were considering measures of a preventive nature against a repetition of the mischief. It is undoubtedly the case that Starlings are undergoing a modification of their food habits, and reports indicate that these birds are capable of doing by no means inconsiderable damage to crops. But it must be remembered that it is essentially an insect-eating bird, as the formation of the bill will show, and no better proof of the Starling's economic usefulness in relation to forestry is needed than the incident just referred to. Any harm that is done by Starlings and other birds to growing crops is often caused through a scarcity of natural foods, and it is hoped that this year our avian inhabitants will make some amends by helping farmers and horticulturists to rid the land of some of the insect pests that are now becoming so troublesome. According to the zoologist's report to the Royal Agricultural Society there are indications that this season is likely to be a rather bad one for attacks of insect pests. Among those brought to notice by inquiries are apple-sucker, winter moth, red spider, various kinds of aphids, and apple blossom weevil. Injury to foliage, and later to fruit, by bugs of the family capsidae has attracted a good deal of attention of recent years, and in some localities these insects are now very active on the leaves. Among farm crop pests, turnip-fly, onion-fly, and cabbage-root maggot have been inquired about, and the sainfoin midge, which was so troublesome last year, is under investigation.

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THE RAVEN IN NATURE AND IN CAPTIVITY.

By "LICHEN GREY."

The Corby, up in his lonely cliff, is crouching, in sorrow, his lane;
For his mate is lying stark an' stiff, doon-by,
at the welter-gate stane;
But brawly he kens that he manna greet, fu' lang o'er his sorrowfu' fate,
But maun get a new wife to tak' her seat on the eggs, or it's ower late:
An' the morrow's morn, ere peep o' light, te the distant hills he'll ha' flown.
An' be back at his nest afore the nicht, wi' anither te ca' his own.

CORBY is a name commonly applied to the Raven in North Britain, though elsewhere, perhaps, more generally bestowed upon the Crow; and the weird croaking which constitutes his ordinary cry can scarcely be expressed better than as crouching.

The picture drawn in the lines above quoted, is in every respect true to nature, for it is marvellous how soon a bird, which has been so unfortunate as to lose its mate, will find another to help carry on the all important duties of housekeeping; and it is scarcely less interesting to note the fact that the newcomer is always ready to take up the work at the point at which it was relinquished by his or her predecessor.

A Willing Stepmother.

I have satisfied myself, by close observation on many occasions, that a new hen will incubate eggs which she finds in the nest on her first introduction to it as assiduously as though they had been her own; and the attention of step-parents of either sex, to adopted young ones, is not excelled even by the parent itself.

Whence the new partners come, in such cases of emergency, must always strike us as something of a puzzle, but it goes to prove that there are always a certain number of non-breeding birds about and that their haunts are known to the settled nouseholders in the avine world.

The vocal powers of the Raven are very considerable, and although the male does not "sing" to his mate, in the usually accepted sense of that term, he has a variety of metallic, and not unpleasant notes, to which he gives vent at the approach of spring. In captivity a Raven may be easily taught to "talk," and to imitate the human voice very closely.

In nature there is, perhaps, no bird whose notes, and the expressive inflections of whose voice, are more calculated to impress us with the conviction that birds are able to talk to one another. Nay! a tame Raven would sometimes even appear capable of holding converse with man himself, not to mention the lower animals. He will cackle with the poultry, or bark with the dog, and he will so closely imitate the voice of the latter's master that poor Carlo may be sent home in fancied disgrace, or despatched on fruitless errands, and it would almost seem from the aptitude with which they are used, as if the bird understood the full meaning of the words and expressions he had picked up.

The Raven and Mr. Gladstone.

One rather amusing instance of the reasoning faculties of a Raven occurred during the late Mr. Gladstone's Mid-Lothian campaign. Political feeling was at its height, and a meeting, which was being held under Liberal auspices in a village assembly room, was nearly broken up in the excitement following upon a sepulchral voice which shouted, "Damn old Gladstone," in the middle of the chairman's speech. Order was scarcely restored even when it was discovered whence the interruption proceeded, by the Raven mounting the back of a chair in an empty "fiddler's gallery," and after repeating his original offence, solemnly declaring, "I'm a joker—bow, wow, wow."

Once an abundant bird throughout Britain, the Raven is now almost banished to the mountainous parts of Scotland, the North of England and Wales, and even where most plentiful can scarcely be called common. In

a few places, particularly round the rock-bound coasts of Devon and Cornwall, an odd pair or two, and sometimes their offspring, may yet be met with, but the day has gone by when the Raven was to be found nesting upon the spires of churches, and similar stations, in the neighbourhood of human habitation.

Its nesting sites are now almost confined to the most inaccessible cliffs, and even there the eggs or young are too frequently destroyed. The old birds are, however, very wary, and generally manage to keep out of harm's way; and though their offspring may be taken regularly, year after year, they cling tenaciously to the old site and have been known to return to it for a very long period.

Should one or other of them fall a victim, perhaps to the poisoned bait of some game-keeper, his or her place, as we have seen, is quickly filled, and ever should both of the original pair be destroyed, it is remarkable how often the identical site may be occupied by another pair of the birds.

It is in this way, no doubt, that the idea

—exemplified by the old saying, "The Raven never dies"—has got about, for though the birds do undoubtedly live to a very long age, "never" is a very long time. Perhaps those birds which turn up from time to time to take the place of those killed, may themselves have been reared there in days long departed; but in that case where have they spent the intervening years, and how come they to know that the old site is untenanted? It seems almost impossible to suppose that in the interval they should not have established themselves elsewhere, but if that were so, why should the new home be deserted in favour of the old?

The only other hypothesis would seem to be either that the birds do not breed at all until an eligible site for a nest becomes vacant, or that, though forced by circumstances to emigrate to other lands, they still keep up communication with the old country, and are ready to take up residence in the ancestral home as soon as the death of a parent shall have made room for them.

But if that were so, should we not be forced to concede a power of reasoning, and a sort of unwritten code of the laws of succession, to birds, which might jar against all preconceived ideas? Be it so! We cannot, in the present state of our knowledge, follow the argument much farther one way or another.

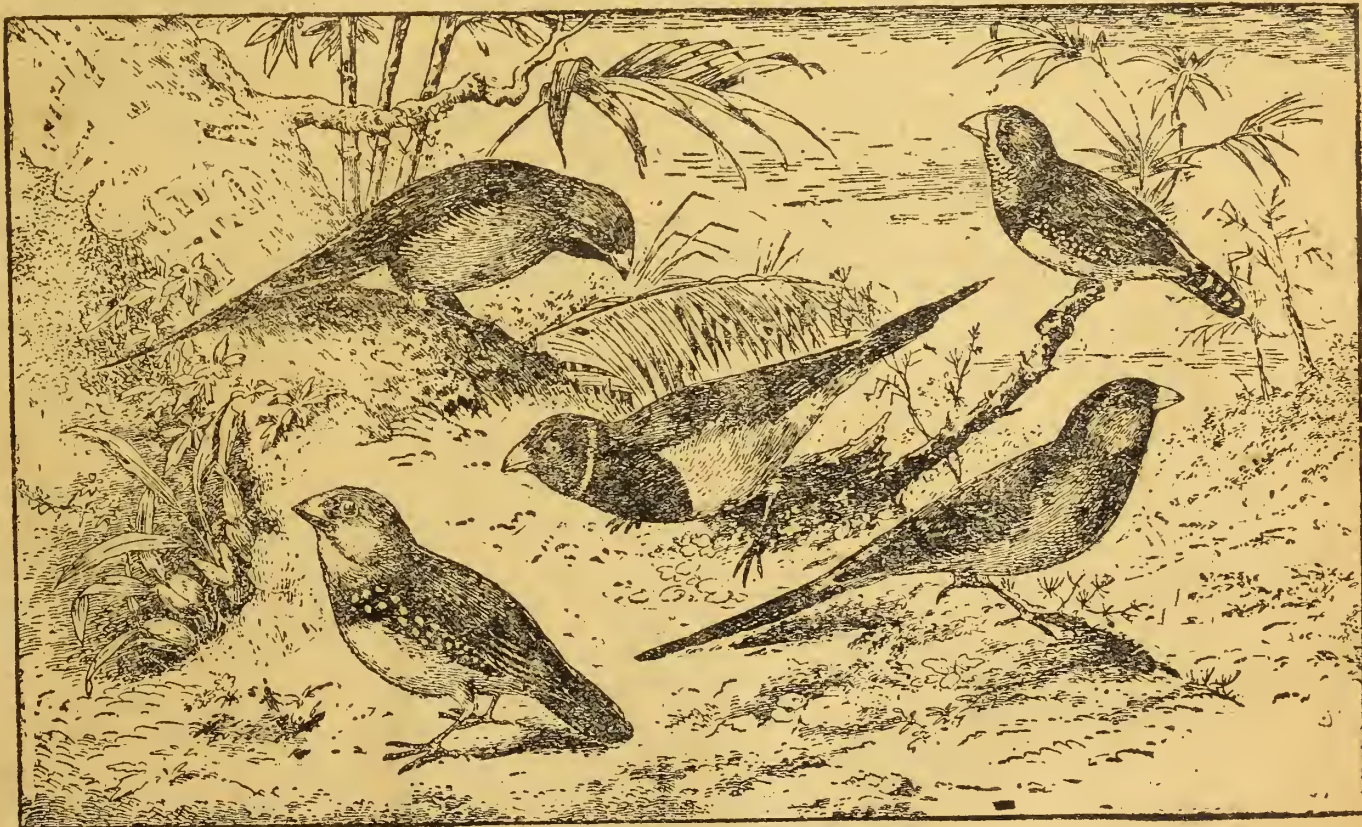
A dog or a horse undoubtedly understands much that is said to it by its master, or those who know it well; and who has not sometimes felt that a "dumb animal" would speak to us if its tongue could but frame the words to which its sense of feeling would

give utterance? And if a quadruped be credited with this power, why should we draw the line at a bird?

At any rate, everyone who has had much experience of Ravens, either tame or wild, will readily admit that if there is any bird which equals him in reasoning power (whatever that may mean) and adaptability, there is certainly none that excels him; and if the lower animals should be destined ever to hold direct communication with man, that there is no more likely channel, through which the tide of knowledge may eventually run, than the weird and mystic bird that forms the subject of this essay.

Far distant then, let us hope, may be the day when the last of our native Ravens shall have been banished from our midst; and all honour to those kindly landowners, who, even at the cost of some slight damage to game or stock, still suffer the birds to occupy an ancestral home in some secluded corner of their domains—a home to which the occupiers might perhaps trace a line of direct descent far beyond that of even the ruler in the castle himself, and whose occupation in all probability antedates the arrival of even ancestral man upon the scene.

As for the feeding of a Raven in captivity, there is no difficulty whatever about this. The bird is practically omnivorous, and will thrive on any kitchen scraps that may be available. Pieces of meat cooked or uncooked, the offal left when preparing a fowl or a rabbit for the table, a dead Sparrow or other small bird, or a mouse, nothing comes amiss to it.



A GROUP OF INTERESTING FOREIGN BIRDS.

Long-tailed Grass Finch.

Gouldian Finch.

Zebra Finch.

Diamond Sparrow.

Violet-eared Waxbill.

An Innocent Deception.

A Leg Set; Trouble Averted, and a Bird's Life Saved.

By J. C. WILMOT (Bedford).

THERE was a sharp rat-tat-tat at the door, and when the door was opened there stood an excited panting servant maid with a cage in her hand, and a Canary with a broken leg lying at the bottom of the cage. "Oh if you please sir," she exclaimed, "mistress has sent this bird to ask you if you will kill it." After examining it, I said I should not kill it, but would set its leg.

I found the fracture was not a very serious one, so after placing it in position and putting on a splint, with the assistance of my better half, bound up the leg, put something soft at the bottom of the cage, placed some seed and water in a position for the bird to reach it without much trouble, and then took it to my bird room where it could lay without being disturbed.

An hour or two passed and the mistress herself called, "Why, Mr. Wilmot," she exclaimed, "my maid tells me that you have set my bird's leg, I knew that you were

clever at doctoring birds, but I had no idea that you could set a bird's leg." "I asked your maid," I replied, "if she thought you would like to be killed if you happened to break your leg, and she said she did not think you would." I said "neither would this little bird, so instead of killing it I decided to set its leg." "I am exceedingly obliged to you," she said, "for the bird is a great pet, and I know my husband when he comes home will be very cross about it, as he had warned us several times about hanging the bird where we did, but we took no notice, and now it has been knocked down, and the poor little dick has its leg broken." Now I happened to know something of this gentleman's temper, and at such times his language was such that would not be admitted to the pages of CAGE BIRDS, so I suggested a way out of the difficulty. "Suppose, Madam," I said, "I put one of my Canaries in your cage until your bird is better, I can find one I have no doubt very much like yours, and you can take it home and your husband will never know the difference unless you tell him." "Splendid," she exclaimed; so my bird was taken away and hung up in the sitting room.

The following day the newcomer, feeling quite at home in its new surroundings, commenced to sing. Now it happened that my bird was a superior singer to theirs, and as it poured forth its melodious notes the husband looked up at the cage and said, "That bird has improved in song lately, Missus,"

"Yes it has indeed," she replied, not wishing to reveal the secret, and so it went on for about a fortnight, the newcomer charming the family with its melody. Then the old bird was taken home, apparently none the worse for its accident, in fact it was impossible to tell which of the legs had been broken. I often saw the same lady afterwards and asked her if she had told her husband about the broken leg and its sequel, when she invariably replied: "No, it would spoil it to let the cat out of the bag."

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THREE INTERESTING SOFT BILLS.

By "TYRONE."

ANYONE walking on the Sussex Downs, especially near Eastbourne, must have noticed the dainty little birds posted watchfully on large stones or clods of earth, from which, on the approach of a strange human being, they flit to a similar point of vantage a little further away. They have a habit of flitting their wings and tails in a manner that shows a white patch on the back, which is concealed when the bird is motionless.

These little birds are Wheatears, and the colours of the cock when in spring plumage are a beautiful blending of black and white, and soft blue-grey. His wings, the tip of his tail, and his ear coverts are black; the forehead and patch on the back is pure white; while the back is bluish-grey, and the breast a pale buff colour. When he is out of plumage, during the autumn and winter, he very much resembles his mate, who is browner in colouring, with buff markings.

In Advance of Spring Time.

Wheatears come to England in the early spring, arriving sometimes as soon as the beginning of March, and some have even been seen before February was gone; and they leave us again some time during October.

Soon after they arrive all their energies are directed to the important business of nest-building, and for this the favourite sites are either a hole in the ground (perhaps a deserted rabbit burrow), or a snug-cranny among rocks, or even a spot out in the open field, sheltered only by a clod of earth.

The nest is very snugly and softly lined, and generally contains five or six pale blue eggs. There are usually two broods reared; one may expect to find young birds in the nests in May and July. But the Wheatear's nest is very carefully hidden, and is difficult to find.

Wheatears are insectivorous birds, and in a wild state feed on various insects, such as larvae, butterflies, small flies, and beetles, grasshoppers, spiders and small snails.

They should never be caged unless their owner knows something of their habits and is prepared to feed and house them suitably, for they are not easy birds to keep in captivity. Many adult Wheatears can never be accustomed to cage life, and these should be released. Young birds reared from the nest, or captured very young, will be more easily reconciled; but if adults are taken at all they should be caged in autumn when the moult is over.

The Cage for a Wheatear.

They should be kept in a large cage, with a canvas top to prevent injury to their heads if they attempt to fly upwards. The cage should have three perches, the highest being in the middle, and of course the food and water vessels should be inside the cage. In addition to the perches the Wheatear will probably be glad to have a good-sized stone to rest on, such as he would be likely to choose if he were at liberty.

The wild-caught birds should, at first, be given a very liberal supply of live insects until they are accustomed to eating the artificial insectivorous food; and here mealworms and house black beetles come in very handy when spiders and "wild" insects are scarce.

A Wheatear may safely be given twenty-five mealworms a day at first, but when he is thoroughly accustomed to the artificial food the number may gradually be reduced to five or six. But at all times he will be the better for having plenty of spiders and live insects of various kinds, and these are especially necessary if the bird is kept through the moult; but be careful that the insects are not taken from poisonous plants or shrubs.

Wheatears are not usually great bathers, but all birds are more healthy for bathing in suitable weather. As almost all of these birds migrate to warmer countries for the winter, (although it seems generally admitted that a few stragglers remain), Wheatears in captivity will need to be kept fairly warm in winter, and the temperature should not be allowed to fall for long below 50 degrees.

The cocks have a gay little song, which generally improves in captivity, and if the bird is suitably fed he will sing almost all the year round. Both cock and hen have a sharp alarm note that sounds like "Chat," which probably gives rise to their local names of "Clod Chat," "Fallow Chat," etc.

Wheatears are very likely to injure their claws when they are kept in cages. This is probably done by catching them in the wires, as the claws are very much curved. They also get sore feet, and therefore the perches should be covered with something soft.

There is a good deal of difference in the size of Wheatears, some birds being considerably larger than others, though similar in colouring, and therefore some people think there are

two varieties; but this seems to be doubtful. The smaller birds are about 5½ inches long.

The Whinchat is another interesting summer migrant which is common in many parts of England, though its quieter colouring does not attract so much attention as the more decided markings of the Wheatear. And yet it is decidedly a pretty bird, the prevailing brown of its plumage being relieved by distinguishing markings.

The cock has a white mark passing from the bill over the eyes, and a little white on the throat, wings, and base of tail; on the cheeks there is a black mark, and the breast is fawn colour, shading almost to white; the back is specially brown, and the wings dark brown. The hen is, as usual, duller in colouring than the cock, and the marks above her eyes are buff instead of white; the young birds are like her. In winter the cock loses his more ornamental markings, and resembles his wife and children.

The Coming of the Whinchats.

Whinchats generally arrive in England in April, and leave again in September or early in October, when many of them go to parts of Africa, or even as far as India. In England they frequent commons, meadow land, and railway embankments, where they are very fond of perching on the top twigs of hedges, hawthorn, or furze bushes.

When harvest time comes they visit the harvest fields, and may be seen sitting or hanging on the sheaves, and it is probably from this habit that in some parts of the country they are called "Barleyeats." They may also be seen sometimes in the autumn searching among the roots and cabbages for caterpillars and small insects.

These little birds seem often to roost among the tangled undergrowth of gorse bushes. Just as dusk is falling they are sometimes very busy catching some favourite food insect in the manner of a Flycatcher, darting from a favourite perch to catch its prey, and returning to the perch to eat it and await another.

Their food consists of various insects, small worms, beetles, small flies, caterpillars, spiders, etc., and wireworm found on fallows in the spring.

The Whinchat has a pretty little song—cheerful and sweet, and low in tone. It frequently sings while it is hovering in the air. When its nest is threatened by any danger it has also an anxious note—a sound like "peep."

It builds one nest in the season, and this is laod among the heather, in the middle of a furze bush, or among the grass of the middle of a field or near the hedge.

The nest is generally made in a little cavity in the ground, the outside is made of dry grass, moss, and a few odd straws, and the inside of rootlets and horsehair. There are generally from four to six eggs.

The Whinchat is a difficult bird to keep in a cage, but it is an attractive bird, and worth the trouble it gives. If young birds are hand-reared they may be fed on the usual mixture of hard-boiled yolk of egg and crushed sweet biscuits, with ant eggs (so called), and mealworms, killed and cut into small pieces.

Mealworms are most useful in meeting off wild-caught birds, and so are house black beetles, of which Whinchats are very fond. Some of the insects may be killed and mixed with the artificial food; in picking these out the bird gets used to the taste of the insectivorous food, and when he is quite accustomed to eating this he can do with fewer insects. But if the mealworms are withheld too soon the bird will very likely "go light" after all.

The food and water vessels for all these birds should be inside the cage, and they should be made of glass or china, as these are easier to keep thoroughly clean. To avoid terrifying the bird by putting the hand inside the cage, it is a good plan to have the food and water holders made to slip in through holes in the front, which should be at each end of the cage and well away from the perches.

A Resident Softbill.

The Stonechat is not a summer migrant, but is one of the few soft-billed birds that remain with us through the winter, though doubtless some individuals of the species migrate. Stonechats are very widely distributed, being found in many parts of Europe and Asia, and even in South Africa there are birds which strongly resemble them.

In England the Stonechat is generally found on commons and dry heaths where there is plenty of furze and brambles, and in September it may be seen in numbers on the stretches of grass which run along the edge of the cliffs of the Norfolk coast. On commons it may often be seen sitting on the highest branch of a furze or bramble bush, from which position it will dart towards the ground after an

insect, returning to the perch it left just as the Spotted Flycatcher does.

If you try to get close to this bird it has a way of dropping gently to the ground as if to hide behind the bush it was perched on, but when you have crept quietly up the bird has disappeared; it slipped away unobserved, and is very likely again watching you from the top of a bush a few yards farther away.

The Stonechat is decidedly a handsome bird, although he has no brilliant colouring. His head and throat are glossy black, and round his neck is a white collar; his breast is a warm brown, and when he flies he shows a conspicuous white patch on his back just above his tail. In the winter the head and throat are brown, and the white collar is duller in colour. The hen's colouring is duller, with less white.

The Stonechat's nest is most carefully hidden; it is generally placed on the ground—usually under a gorse bush. The nest is made of dry grass and moss, and lined with hair and feathers. There are generally four or five eggs, which are pale greenish-blue in colour, with spots on the larger end of reddish-brown. The colouring of the eggs varies very much.

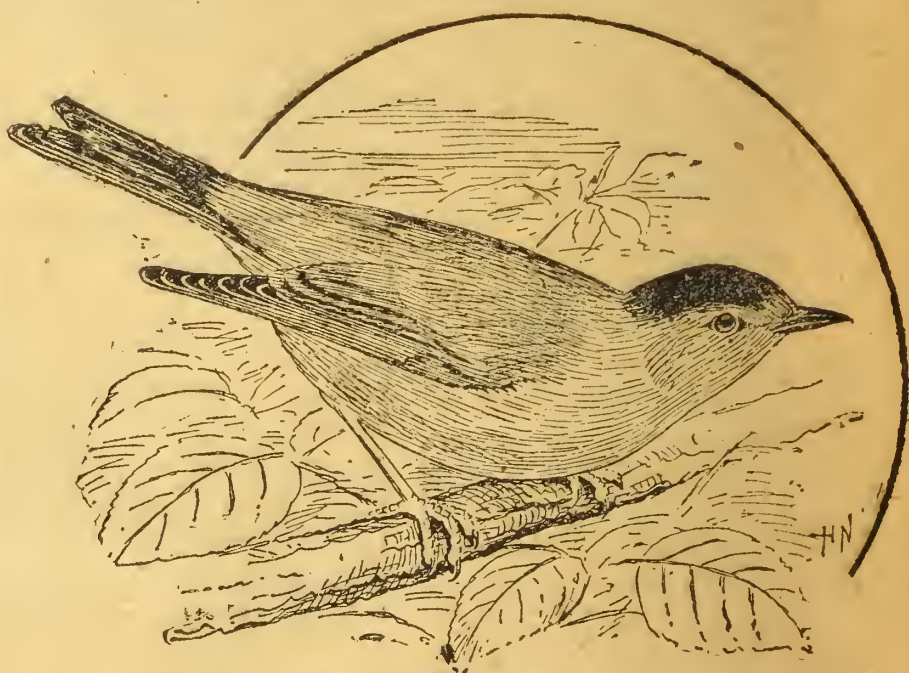
The song of the Stonechat is sweet, but not very loud, though if the bird is carefully fed

its song improves in captivity. When wild he may sometimes be seen fluttering in the air while he sings, as the Whinchat does, though more often he chooses to perch on a projecting branch.

When wild, Stonechats live on insects and their larvae and worms, and in captivity they always need plenty of insects, particularly in autumn during the moult. Young birds taken from the nest may be reared as suggested for Whinchats, but if you want to meat off adult Stonechats you will need a very large supply of live insects.

All the Chats should be kept in box cages, by which is meant those wired only in front. Coconut fibre makes a very good covering for the tray, especially if it be damped and then well pressed down. It is dangerous to the bird if it gets mixed with the food and is swallowed.

Although these birds spend the winter in England when at liberty, they must not be left out of doors all the year round, even in a large aviary, for cold and damp will kill them when in captivity. They should be brought indoors before the cold weather comes, and kept in a temperature of not less than 50 degrees.



THE BLACKCAP.

A competitor with the Nightingale for the Championship of British songsters. The bird here illustrated won 1st prize at the show of the City and Suburban A.C.B. for Mrs. Broomfield, London, S.W.

The Pros and Cons of Inbreeding.

By SUB ROSA.

IF one must judge from the advocates of inbreeding, it is not only the royal road, but the only road to success. I know of several fanciers and writers who swear by it—writers whose names are, or have been, something to conjure with in those sections of the Fancy they happen to be connected with. Yet there is overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

Speaking of the Norwich Canary, I know for an absolute fact that the best Norwich bred in this country for a number of years have been bred without any regard to inbreeding. In fact, several have been bred—birds in the front rank—from absolutely new blood.

Pedigree v. Inbreeding.

The most successful fanciers that I know buy on face value, but if they didn't know the bird came from a good stud they would not purchase. But that is not inbreeding, but pedigree; a very dissimilar factor.

I am not going to say that inbreeding will not produce good Norwich; it must do if purchased the right way, but there is less chance of keeping up size in a variety where it is essential.

Fanciers cannot afford to overlook the fact that there is going on continually an almost imperceptible change in the type of our birds. Anyone can notice it from time to time. New fashions keep on setting in. Fanciers and judges have their whims. Sometimes it is a craze for this, and sometimes for that. We have it in every section of the Fancy, and it always has been, and always will be so, as long as men have the capacity to argue and to differ in their opinions. It one must keep pace with the fashions one must now and again introduce a bird that will improve his stock in the direction the existing fashion tends.

Inbreeding is more likely to be successful

in varieties like Borders, especially in even marks, and more especially again in a variety like the Lizard, where markings play an important part. But if I were to be thinking of inbreeding with Norwich, I should not think of starting with birds which were not perfect, or almost perfect, and I should want birds from the show bench. Also, they would have to be teeming with health, for it is a saying full of truth that you can't expect a healthy branch from a rotten tree.

I should want at least three pairs, and the outlay to purchase birds suitable for my purpose could not be less than £25 to £30. Then one could hope for some measure of success for a few years without introducing new blood.

Now it is much cheaper to proceed in the other way. Birds that are not show birds may be purchased more cheaply. For instance, one can buy a big stock cock, with perhaps just a trifle too much feather, for half the price of a bird suitable for the show bench, and a hen to match him needn't run into a big figure.

But three pairs such as I describe would not do for inbreeding, because one would be inbreeding faults. Good birds can undoubtedly be bred by either method, but to argue that inbreeding is the only way to success is neither safe nor wise, and the fancier who in this way builds castles in the air may find himself sadly disappointed, especially if he happens on an unlucky moment to keep an unhealthy bird.

A Plea for more Selling Classes.

I have often thought that it would pay societies to introduce more selling classes into their schedule. The system which appears to be most in vogue is for two classes to be provided of 12s. 6d. and £1. Now you cannot expect a good stock bird for 12s. 6d.; fanciers won't part with them at the price.

Again, all varieties are mixed up, which is all against fanciers' patronising those classes, and if societies would only open out and put on two sale classes each for Norwich and Yorkshire, and put the Any Other Varieties in a separate class, I think they would get more support. Also, I would introduce a sale class of £2, where fanciers could expect to buy something decent for stock purposes. Five claims from this class would pay the prize money.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, two words a penny.

BARNESLEY.

Dove Inn Linnet sing, July 2, 4 min. time. Two novices were to the front in F. Norman, 2 min. 55 sec., and G. B. Jones, 2 min. 23 sec.; 3, Hardman, 2 min. 6 sec. The Lark contests seem to be a failure as only four birds turned up to sing.—J. Hardman, Sec.

PONTEFRAC.

Linnet contest, Woodman Inn, Horsfield, July 1; 24 birds entered for 4 minutes time singing. 1, 2, Beard; 3, Scotson. Open sing, July 2; 25 birds for 3 minutes time singing. 1, 2, Beard; 3, Wainright.—J. Beard, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest, July 1st, Black Horse, for championship of county of Durham; 46 birds sang. Judge, Fairless, East Howle; time-keeper, Dixon, Durham. 1, cup, champion, Grame, Gateshead; 2, gold medal, Kendrick, Broom Park; 3, 5, Cobler, Leadgate; 4, Reed, West Auckland; 6, Wilford. Meeting will be held July 15, at 6.—McKinley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Glassmakers' Arms, Saville Green, Linnet contest July 2; 31 birds sang for four prizes. 1, 3, Hirst; 2, Butler; 4, Richardsou. Judges, C. Biss, W. Lacy; time-keeper, E. Stanhope.—W. Lacy, Sec.

Leeds Quality Linnet Singing Club, Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, July 2; 20 birds sang, and some very good singing. 1, Hargreaves; 2, Temple; 3, Booth. Judges: B. Dearlove and B. Ridgehard; time-keeper, W. Dunn.—J. Wright, Sec.

Leeds Linnet and Canary F.A., Albion Hotel, Saville Green, York Road, open contest for quality Linnet singing, July 1; 16 birds sang. 1, Bott; 2, B. Smith; 3, T. Ward. Judges, Howarth and O'Brien. July 2; 22 sang. 1, Hollingworth; 2, Stead; 3, B. Smith; 4, Sissons; 5, T. Ward. Judges, Harcastle, Naylor, Grant.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Globe Inn Linnet Club members' contest, July 1, for time and quality; 23 birds entered; quality: 1, J. Statham; 2, 3, Payne; time: 1, J. Murphy; 2, Donnelly; 3, F. Murphy; time: J. Murphy, E. Statham; judges, T. Statham, J. Jones. Next contest open to all for time and quality, July 22. R. Disley, Sec.

Clarence Hotel Linnet Club, Linnet singing contest, July 1; 16 of the best birds in Leeds sang and some very good singing was heard: 1, 2, shared, Wigfield and Chippingdale; 3, Wigfield. Judges, T. C. Summers, P. Madden. July 2, 26 birds: 1, 2, shared, Butterfield and Callaghan; 3, Wigfield. Judge, T. C. Summers; time-keeper, A. Butterfield.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

TRANSFERRING YOUNG (S.).—No, there is no objection whatever to taking a brood of only one or two young from one hen and giving them to another hen with a small brood in order to make up an average-sized brood, and at the same time allow one of the hens to begin nesting again without loss of time. As you say, the hens do not appear to object to such arrangement, and probably do not care a rap. The only thing to bear in mind is to be careful not to mix up broods of greatly varying ages, but to keep them as near as you can the same age, and in any case not to place young, say a week old, with others two or three days old. You will find it help to make things go more smoothly if you make the changes in the evening, so that the hens have the increase to start feeding the first thing in the morning, when they are naturally most keen and active. This method of transference of very small broods is by no means uncommon among fanciers, and the only reason there can be for not adopting it is when one has doubts about the feeding qualities of any of the hens, when it is always wise to allow hens with small broods to go on with them in order to provide for the contingency of any one of the hens refusing to feed, when they might be useful to fall back upon as foster-parents; but this is a consideration from which you seem to enjoy a fortunate immunity. Your ideas of breeding up a hardy strain, possessed with full normal instincts, is certainly a very sound one.

ALWAYS CRUMPED UP (Tonypandy Novice).—The probability is that your out-door aviary is too cold during such a season as we have had so far for the bird, which may have come from much more comfortable quarters when you purchased it. Remove it to a comfortable place indoors, but you

need not overheat it, and treat as follows for a week or two, and if not then well, please write again and repeat particulars, when I will advise you further. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give twice in each week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and gold of pleasure. Give a spray of green food daily, varying this item now there is so much to choose from. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three consecutive days, and every second day after for the rest of a week; and after the first week give instead in the water five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a fortnight.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Batty's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

MIXING EGG AND COLOUR FOR STOCK (A. A. W.).—If you add no moisture of any kind except the oil when mixing the food to stock in bulk, and are careful to keep it in a cool dry place, you need have no fear whatever about its fermenting or deteriorating in any way. On the contrary, it will improve by allowing the colour time to penetrate thoroughly into the biscuit food, as these proprietary biscuit foods, being necessarily dried rather hard, generally require a little time to absorb the colour evenly all through, and for this reason it is advantageous to mix them to stand a little. If necessary, a few drops of moisture may be added to the quantity of food as and when required for immediate use, but none should be added to the bulk which has to stand. Given these precautions you have no need to worry.

FALSE MOULT, &c. (D.S.).—If the bird has been kept under only fairly average conditions of health and hygiene, I am afraid it must be a congenitally weak specimen to be in the condition you describe at so early an age. Try what a month of the following treatment will do for it, and if not well in that time please write again and I will advise you further. Repeat full particulars when writing again. Keep it in a fairly warm place, but do not hang it in a window, neither by night nor day. At either time the fluctuations of temperature are quite too violent in such a position for the well-being of the bird. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give separately a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day in alternate weeks, and twice a week on other days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, white millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give a morsel of green salad daily. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three consecutive days, and every second day for the remainder of the week. After this give five drops each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, tincture of lobelia, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for two or three weeks as may seem necessary; and during the first of these weeks add twelve drops of chemical food to the water on the alternate days between giving the squills mixture.

PAINT AND SAND (N. C. M.).—(1) Provided only that you allow the cages to stand a sufficient time for the paint to dry and harden before introducing the birds, it is not in the least detrimental to paint the insides of cages. Any good oil paint or what is known in the trade as "flattening" may be used, or the enamel paints sold in tins, such as Aspinah's. The point is to allow them to dry thoroughly before the birds are put in the cages.

(2) Yes, clean sharp river sand is quite suitable for cages. In this case the only essential point is to be sure the sand is gathered from an unpolluted river or stream.

DIVERS OPINIONS (Dumping).—Your friend is on the whole correct in his opinion that the "bobbing" or "dumping" you refer to is very often a question of improper dietary. It is almost invariably a symptom of excessive constipation, and is best treated by a proper proportion of laxatives, such as green salads or fruit, in the diet. It may, as you say, pass off without any kind of treatment, but that does not prove that when it has been allowed to develop, proper treatment, to which it will yield much more quickly than leaving it to follow its own course, is not the best. A fair supply of succulent green salad daily when it can be obtained in a fit condition for use is the best, because the most natural, remedy. But when this cannot be obtained, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice added to the drinking water daily until the droppings assume a rather moist condition, and the bobbing has ceased, is a good and simple remedy.

MOULTING AND LAYING (W. W. C.).—Treat the bird for the moulting the same as advised to "E.N." Jan. 22 issue. As regards the laying, you need not worry about this—a casual egg now and again, or even a full clutch laid now is not likely to affect the fertility at the proper breeding season. You might see reply to "H.T.E., King's Cross," in same issue, on the subject.

STILL SLACK (Norwich IF).—See that the bird is still kept under favourable and healthy conditions as outlined in last reply. Give now a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this give just a pinch of the seed mixture advised in last reply every third day, and on the intervening days give first a morsel of banana, carrot, or sweet apple, ringing the changes on these if you wish to increase variety, and next half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Every second day add to each two table-spoonfuls of drinking water a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and add 6 drops of dilute sulphuric acid if necessary, but if the symptoms have dis-

appeared in less than that time you may stop all phuric acid. Continue this treatment for 3 or 4 drugs earlier. The above dietary may be continued until two or three weeks after the bird seems to have quite recovered.

CASTING FEATHERS (G. A. Shaw).—Possibly keeping the birds in a recess near the window in the kitchen is the cause of them being still in a moulting condition and out of song. Certainly, they should not be casting feathers now, but it is no more than what might be expected if they are exposed to rapid extremes of heat and cold, which such a position suggests, or even if they are subjected to direct draughts from the window. See that these exciting causes are removed, or if they cannot be avoided in their present position, remove the birds to a more temperate and equable place. Every second day give, in addition to the present dietary, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Also make a little of the paste advised to "Shun" in our issue of Feb. 26, and keep a cube stuck between the wires for the birds to peck at when they like. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and add 20 drops of this mixture to the drinking water two days in every three. Continue this treatment until the feathers cease dropping.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MANAGING MULING PAIR (A. M. C.).—It is unfortunate that your Finch should have destroyed two of the eggs, but this is not unusual, for few of them can be trusted. The hen will get on very well without him until she is ready to go to nest again, then you can run him in for an hour or so daily until she has laid a couple of eggs; or it will be sufficient if you see them mate two or three times. So few Finches assist in the rearing of the young that most breeders take them away entirely, merely using them to fertilize the eggs. There is scarcely any waste of time in this, as young Hybrids leave the nest rather earlier than Canaries. Hemp seed is not absolutely necessary in the rearing of birds. If the hen will eat sunflower you could allow her to have it, but I would advise you to crack it for her.

BREEDING WITH HAND-REARED LINNET (C. E. B.).—If your young Linnet is a cock bird he should be in full song now and ready to breed. The best partner for him is a young Norwich Canary—a healthy bird of good size. If you have a suitable hen in your room, run her in with the Linnet at once. Use an ordinary breeding cage for them. Give them a nest pan or box, and supply them with building materials, such as short lengths of grass, moss and cow hair. It is just possible your Linnet is in breeding condition, although perhaps not a particularly stout songster. Add a little lightly cracked hemp to his seed fare, and give a spoonful of egg food every other day.

BULLFINCH WITH DIARRHŒA (Tweedum).—If a bird has continual diarrhœa, even in a slight form, there is something wrong to account for it. The causes of the trouble are bad seed, that is, seed badly harvested or stored, water with some impurity in it, and sudden changes in climatic conditions. Taking the seed first, I would advise you to buy each kind separately, and then make your own mixture. Examine them by taste and smell, and before using rub them in a damp cloth. Your mixture had better consist of the following: Two parts each of canary and teazle, and one part of summer rape. This for staple food. Others had better be sunflower and maw seeds. Your wild food should consist of seeding grass, chickweed, and shepherd's purse. See that they all have plenty of seed pods on them. A little soaked seed might be given twice a week. Give boiled water to drink or freshly made tea and skim milk; half of each. To this could be added half a teaspoonful of prepared chalk and two drops of laudanum. If

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Horabills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Siskin," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Mould British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

he is strong and healthy I would advise an aperient of Glauber's salts and syrup of rhubarb. As much salts as will cover a threepenny piece and three drops of the rhubarb in one ounce of water. Repeat two days later. Watch him carefully, cleaning out the cage daily, and supplying clean perches. See that he has good sound grit or sharp sand. When he improves get an oz. of crystals of citrate of iron from the chemist and dissolve daily in two table-spoonfuls of drinking water as much as will lie on a threepenny piece. This in itself is a good corrective for looseness of bowels, and also a good tonic.

BIRDS FOR AVIARIES (Oakwood).—I presume you simply want your aviaries filled with song birds, not to have them with the intention of breeding. Your three aviaries being all of the same size, 5 ft. by 2 ft. by 2 ft., in one of them I would advise you to have half a dozen Finches, either cock birds or in pairs. If you have cock birds, the following would be a suitable collection: Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Twite, Goldfinch, and Greenfinch. Another aviary could be filled with Buntings, all of which are hardy and easily kept. The following would be a good list: Yellow Cirl, Reed, Meadow, Ortolan, and the Corn or Common Bunting. You may not be able to get all these, but, anyway, you would have no difficulty in securing a pair of each of the first three, and they would make quite an interesting collection. Your third aviary could be used for a few Softbills or for a mixed lot; if the former, get a Pied and a Grey Wagtail, a Blackcap Warbler, and a Nuttall or even a Hedge Sparrow, but do not be tempted to turn in a Robin or any of the Tits, they do not always agree in confinement with other birds. All these birds are hardy and fairly easy to manage, for

although the Blackcap is a migrant I have kept him in an outside aviary all the year round.

TROUBLE WITH SKYLARK (Lover of Skylarks).—You should have sent us an account of the illness of your Lark with all particulars of feeding and general treatment; it is possible we may have then assisted you to effect a cure. Birds in confinement cannot always remain in perfect health and song, and there are times when to be quiet is natural to them. Your holding the feet in water would not have given it a chill—Larks in a wild state are frequently wet-footed. Perhaps your feeding was rather heavy, and he may require an aperient and a change. Have you our Nutshell booklet on the Skylark? Our manager would send you a copy post free for 2d.

BREEDING LINNET MULES (Young Novice).—You omitted to send us your name and address with your letter; perhaps you will kindly forward these on a postcard. It would be waste of time attempting to breed from your Linnet while he is in the moult. You had better pair your hen Canary to something else to save disappointment, and the sooner you do so the better. With such sudden changes of temperature as we have lately been experiencing, the birds are liable at any time to drop into the moult, and if your hen did so your chance of breeding is gone for this season. If you have no other British Finch, run her with a Canary; the young hens you get will be useful for Mule breeding next year.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

AVADAVATS, ETC. (Esperance).—I am afraid there are very few Avadavats in England at the present time—in pre-war times they averaged about 3s. 6d. per pair, but 7s. 6d., or much more, per pair is sure to be asked at present. As regards cage, an all wire one will meet the case, so long as you do not place it where a current of air or draught can blow through it. Do not limit them to an ordinary wire canary cage, have nothing smaller than a canary breeder, very nice all wire oblong cages are made about this size. Instead of the coconut shell put in a small rush nest, these have wire which can be hooked over cage's wires. If you get half-a-dozen small split rings (similar to those on umbrella elastic fastenings), and put two on a wire of the cage in suitable positions, the main stem of small twigs can be passed through them, and two rings to each twig will keep them in position; if there is a certain amount of rock or swing about the twigs, well, all the more natural. The cage need not be in front of window, but just to one side of it, and that the side farthest from the door. I do not think the sweet plaintive little lay of the Avadavat would disturb anyone, not even an invalid.

INDIAN GREEN PARROT (Squish).—Your diet is fairly satisfactory, but in addition to the "Parrot mixture" keep a tin of mixed canary and white millet seed (in equal parts) in the cage, to which it can then help itself at will. It should never have egg food, but cuttlebone, grit, and a chunk

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of wood are essentials which should ever be in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. They are hardy birds and do not need any coddling, but they must not be subjected to draught, neither must they be kept in a stuffy, stagnant corner of a room—there is generally one such corner in every room. As regards talking, if it is a youngish bird it should do so; as soon as it is fairly tame keep it where it hears plenty of talking, whistling, and other sounds, and teach it by the constant repetition of such words, etc. as you wish it to repeat, this combined with petting, talking to it endearingly when you are attending to its wants, etc., will ultimately bring out such capacities as it possesses in this direction.

NEST MATERIAL FOR RED-BILLED WEAVERS (J.W.B.).—All that the birds require is hay or fresh long grass. I cannot hold out much hope of your having breeding luck with Weavers in a cage, though such is not impossible. If any young should be hatched out, then besides the usual dietary, you must keep up a liberal supply of live insects, such as well scoured gentles, live ant's eggs, small mealworms, smooth caterpillars, and flies, etc., as for the first week the parent birds almost entirely feed their progeny on live insect. Unless fresh green food should also be supplied at this time. However, even if they should not breed, they will interest you by having a number of their interesting nests, if you fix up twigs in the cage for them to attach their domed houses to.

WHAT PARROT? (Saxton).—I cannot attempt to name this for you, till you give me some idea of its size, and state whether it is a long or short-tailed species, either by comparing it with some well-known British bird, or giving me the measurement in inches, from top of head to tip of tail, as it stands on the perch.

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Mr. E. M. Southern.—Bird was suffering from advanced liver disease, so can quite understand matters. There was no rupture, the undue prominence of the vent being brought about by the enlargement of the liver displacing the intestines.

Miss E. M. Ormsby.—Roller Canary succumbed to ptomaine poisoning.

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